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It's my burden to inform you the urgency of the hour. Remember the first angel's message: "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Rev 14:6-7.

From Scripture, when that angel with the writer's inkhorn by his side is commanded by God to begin the sealing, we know the judgment has begun. Ezekiel 9:4 tells us the command is, "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof."

"These sighing, crying ones had been holding forth the words of life; they had reproved, counseled, and entreated. Some who had been dishonoring God repented and humbled their hearts before Him. But the glory of the Lord had departed from Israel. . . ." 5T 210.

Dear ones, I believe it's possible the judgment of the living has already begun. The question I must ask you is, "Are you ready? Are you ready for the judgment of the living?"

"I saw that the remnant were not prepared for what is coming upon the earth. Stupidity, like lethargy, seemed to hang upon the minds of most of those who profess to believe that we are having the last message. My accompanying angel cried out with awful solemnity, 'Get ready! get ready! get ready! for the fierce anger of the Lord is soon to come. His wrath is to be poured out, unmixed with mercy, and ye are not ready.'" EW 119.

Friends, I believe with all my heart and soul that God's people are facing the final hour of probation. We many have only months before we see the Sunday laws come into effect. Remember, "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." 1 Thes 5:3.

The whole world is crying "peace and safety." The governments are all scrambling to put business operations on a more secure basis, but the Lord's messenger says all is in vain (Read 9T 13.) "The end is near and every city is to be turned upside down every way. There will be confusion in every city. Everything that can be shaken is to be shaken and we do not know what will come next. The judgments will be according to the wickedness of the people and the light of truth that they have had." 1MR 248 (1902); LDE 111.

The world's banking system is near collapse. The Lord's messenger has told us that the end will come as an overwhelming surprise. (Read 8T 28.) We are also told, "When probation ends, it will come suddenly, unexpectedly—at a time when we are least expecting it. But we can have a clean record in heaven today, and know that God accepts us; and finally, if faithful, we shall be gathered into the kingdom of heaven (MS 95, 1906)." 7BC 989.

We are facing today the greatest crisis in the history of the great controversy. There is only one great crisis that can compare to the crisis that now exists. That was in Noah's day.

Jesus said in Matthew 22:14, "Many are called, few are chosen." Dear friends, God wants to choose each one of us, but He can choose only those who are willing to be made willing to obey on every point without compromise. "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call

the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it." Isa. 58:13-14.

"True obedience is the outworking of a principle within. It springs from the love of righteousness, the love of the law of God. The essence of all righteousness is loyalty to our Redeemer. This will lead us to do right because it is right—because right doing is pleasing to God." COL 97.

This experience in right doing brings joy and happiness in our love for Christ and His sacrifice. "When self is merged in Christ, love springs forth spontaneously. The completeness of Christian character is attained when the impulse to help and bless others springs constantly from within—when the sunshine of heaven fills the heart and is revealed in the countenance." COL 384. This experience is the key to the pearly gates and eternal life. Without it, we are lost.

My dear friends, get ready, get ready, get ready!

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