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Three Angels

1. The First Angel Preaches the Gospel.

Revelation 14:6–7, NIV84 - ⁶ Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal <u>gospel</u> [GK: $\varepsilon \vartheta \alpha \gamma \gamma \epsilon \lambda \iota ov$, eu-on-GEL-i-on, $\varepsilon \vartheta$ means "good"; $\alpha \gamma \gamma \epsilon \lambda \iota ov$ means "news" or "message" (like in "angel"), it's "the good news" or "the gospel" of Jesus Christ] to proclaim to those who <u>live</u> [lit., "have lived"] on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. ⁷ He said in a loud voice, "<u>Fear God</u> and <u>give him glory</u>, because the hour of his judgment has come. <u>Worship him</u> who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

- **Fear** Gk: $\varphi \circ \beta \dot{\epsilon} \omega$, *pho-BA-o*, means "a deep, fearful reverence" for Holy God.
- **Glory** Gk: δόξα, *dox-a*, means "to offer honor, praise, and greatness" to Holy God.
- **Worship** Gk: προσκυνέω, *pros-key-NAA-o*, which gives us our word "prostrate" lit., means "to fall down as a sign" before God.

A Thought about "Fearing God" in the coming elections:

2. The Second Angel Pronounces Judgment.

Revelation 14:8, NIV84 - ⁸ A second angel followed and said, "<u>Fallen! Fallen</u> [this indicates that Babylon's judgment is absolutely certain!] <u>is</u> <u>Babylon the Great</u> ["Babylon" basically represents an *earthly philosophy* everything that stands opposed to Holy God—it is the Antichrist's worldwide political, economic and religious empire], *which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries* [i.e., *spiritual prostitution* of the Antichrist's false religion]."

3. The Third Angel Promises Damnation.

Revelation 14:9–11, NIV84 -⁹ A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: "If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand, ¹⁰ he, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. <u>He will be tormented with burning sulfur in</u> <u>the presence</u> [Note: The word, "presence" does not actually appear in the Greek; it is a complex adverbial preposition that references "the sovereignty"] <u>of the holy</u> <u>angels and of the Lamb</u>. [Note: The heavenly host and Lamb of God will stand as a constant reminder to the lost sinner that they did not have to arrive at this horrible place. Thought Jesus will not actually be in hell; His sovereignty will be clearly understood.] ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever. There is <u>no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his</u> <u>image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name</u>."

A. <u>The Plea</u>don't follow the antichrist.

v. 9 - "...if anyone worships the beast..."

B. The Punishment—eternal punishment.

vv. 10-11 - "...he will be tormented with burning...[and there will be] no rest day or night."

C. <u>The Preference</u>—follow the *real Christ!*

vv. 12-13 - "...obey God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus...[for these will one day] rest from their labor."

Romans 10:9–10, NIV84 -⁹ That <u>if you confess with your mouth,</u> <u>"Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from</u> <u>the dead, you will be saved</u>. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Ephesians 2:8–9, NIV84 -⁸ For it is by grace <u>you have been saved,</u> <u>through faith</u>—and this not from yourselves, <u>it is the gift of God</u>—⁹ <u>not by works</u>, so that no one can boast.