



**THE TRUE NATURE OF  
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The servant of the Lord wrote frequently of the great shaking that was to come. We should observe that the shaking is the work of the Lord. The sieve and the fan are in His hand. The purging work is not in the hands of men. “Whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into His garner.”

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“And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall beat off [separate chaff from wheat] from the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye house of Israel.”

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“The signs reveal that the time is near when the Lord will manifest that His fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor.” “...the clean work that God is about to make . . .” “. . . The Lord is about to turn and overturn in the institutions called by His name.”  
Matt.3:12; Isa.27:12; 5T.80; IT.190; TM.  
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The straight testimony, heresies, testing truth, and the Sunday test may be used by the Lord in the work, but the real nature of the great shaking is the investigative judgment.

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Only the judgment can separate the wheat from the tares, the chaff from the wheat, the gold from the dross, the wise from the foolish, the false from the true. That this sifting process is the work of the judgment may be seen from the following:

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"The time of judgment is a most solemn period, when the Lord gathers His own from among the tares. Those who have been members of the same family are separated. A mark is placed upon the righteous. The one shall be taken. His name shall stand in the book of life, while those with whom he associated shall have the mark of eternal separation from God."

TM.234-5.

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The true nature of the shaking presented in EW. 269-271 may be discerned in the light of the antitypical day of judgment.

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Anciently, the Jews assembled around the sanctuary with agonizing prayer that they be not cut off from Israel. Here are God's people fulfilling the antitype for the real work of judgment:

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“I saw some, with strong faith and agonizing cries, pleading with God . Their countenances were pale and marked with deep anxiety, expressive of their internal struggle. large drops of perspiration fell from their foreheads... continued their earnest cries . . . Some, I saw, did not participate . . . The angels of God left these . . . and I lost sight of them.”

EW. 269-270.

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After passing through this agonizing Day of Atonement experience, the end time prophetess to the world describes the victory at the judgment:

“the company of guardian angels around them had been doubled . and they were clothed with an armor from their head to their feet . They moved in exact order, like a company of soldiers. They had obtained the victory . . . Evil angels . . . have no power over them . . . . I heard those clothed with the armor speak forth the truth with great power . . . . ` It is the latter rain, the refreshing from the presence of the Lord, the loud cry of the third angel.”

EW. 271.

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Thus, the latter rain follows the commencement of the judgment of the living. This may be seen especially when the above passage is compared with 5T .473-475 .5T. 80-82 brings the judgment very prominently into the shaking:

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“... the gold will be separated from the dross in the church. Chaff like a cloud will be born away on the wind . . . All who assume the ornaments of the sanctuary, but are not clothed with Christ's righteousness, will appear in the shame of their own nakedness. When trees without fruit are cut down as cumberers of the ground...”

ST. 81 .

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All the figures employed in the above passage are in reference to the judgment. This same passage then goes on to mention that the latter rain/loud cry follows this work of judgment. That only those who have the seal of God will remain from the shaking to give the loud cry is evident from the following passages:

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“...the sinners in Zion will be sifted out-the chaff separated from the precious wheat . This is a terrible ordeal . . . .None but those who have been overcoming by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony will be found with the loyal and true, without spot or stain of sin, without guile in their mouths. [Sealed-Rev.4: 5.]  
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“Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads-it is not any seal or mark which can be seen, but a settling into the truth both intellectually and spiritually. just as soon as God's people are sealed, and prepared for the shaking, it will come.”

The Faith I Live By .287.

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Here are the inspired descriptions of the judgment, and the relation that God's true people sustain to that judgment:

“For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.”

Lev. 23:29.

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“Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast,  
Gather the people call a solemn assembly:  
sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders  
Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep  
between the porch and the altar, and let them  
say, Spare Thy people, O Lord...”

Joel 2 : 15-17

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“The deepest interest manifested among men in the decisions of earthly tribunals but faintly represents the interest evinced in the heavenly courts when the names entered in the book of life come up in review before the judge of all the earth . . . Satan accuses them before God as transgressors.”

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“The great deceiver has sought to lead them into scepticism, to cause them to lose confidence in God, to separate themselves from His love, and to break His law. Now he points to the record of their lives, to the defects of character, the unlikeness to Christ, which has dishonoured their Redeemer, to all the sins that he has tempted them to commit, and because of these he claims them as subjects.”

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“Jesus does not excuse their sins, but shows their penitence and faith, and, claiming for them forgiveness, He lifts His wounded hands before the Father, and the holy angels, saying, I know them by name, I have graven them on the palms of My hands.”

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“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise. “And to the accuser of His people He declares, ‘The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan ; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?’” Zech.3:2. Christ will clothe His faithful ones with His own righteousness, that He may present them to His Father ‘a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing.’ Their names stand enrolled in the book of life ...”

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5T 473-5 is very similar to GC. 483-4. But it is even more descriptive and enlightening, especially as the end time prophetess is dealing with the experience of the living.

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5T 473-5

“Their only hope is in the mercy of God; their only defence will be prayer. As Joshua was pleading before the Angel, so the remnant church, with brokenness of heart and earnest faith, will plead for pardon and deliverance through Jesus their Advocate. They are fully conscious of the sinfulness of their lives. they see their weakness and unworthiness, and as they look upon themselves they are ready to despair.”

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5T 473-5

“The tempter stands by to accuse them, as he stood by to resist Joshua. He points to their filthy garments, their defective characters . . . . As the people of God afflict their souls before Him, pleading for purity of heart, the command is given, 'Take away the filthy garments from them, and the encouraging words are spoken, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.’”

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5T 473-5

“The spotless robe of Christ’s righteousness is placed upon the tried, tempted, yet faithful children of God. The despised remnant are clothed in glorious apparel, nevermore to be defiled by the corruptions of the world. Their names are retained in the Lamb's book of life, enrolled among the faithful of all ages. Now they are eternally secure from the tempter's devices. Holy angels, unseen, were passing to and fro, placing upon them the seal of the living God.”

5T.473-5

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The same scene of soul affliction is depicted in IT.179-83.

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1T. 179-83

“Some, with strong faith and agonizing cries, were pleading with God. Their countenances were pale, and marked with deep anxiety, expressive of their internal struggle. Firmness and great earnestness were expressed in their countenances, while large drops of perspiration fell from their foreheads. Now and then their faces would light up with the marks of God's approbation, and again the same solemn, earnest, anxious look would settle upon them.”

(Comments Joel 2 : 15-17.)

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Some Important Observations About the Judgment.

1. Although God's people have put away all sin, they do not stand perfect in themselves at the judgment.
2. God's people realize their defectiveness in the time of the judgment.

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3. For this reason they afflict their souls and confess their utter unworthiness.
4. The only thing (besides Jesus) that recommends them to mercy at the judgment is a broken and a contrite spirit.

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5. When Jesus stands for His people in the judgment, He does not point to their perfection, but to their penitence and faith, and broken and contrite hearts . He stands in the presence of God for them . He presents His own spilt blood and His own perfect life on their behalf.

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6. He then makes a special cleansing for His people so that He can seal them with His robes of eternal righteousness. This is the cleansing of the most holy place which is called **THE FINAL ATONEMENT** or the **SPECIAL ATONEMENT**. (Lev.16:30; Mal.3:1-3; EW.251; EW.253; GC.421-2, 480.)

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## The Nature of the Final Atonement

1. It is a special cleansing reserved for the day of judgment. In the Levitical type, this special atonement was not available through the “daily” service of the sanctuary. No matter how faithfully a Jew availed himself of the provisions of the “daily” ministry, he was still in the need of the special cleansing of the “yearly” service.

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“For on that day [Day of Atonement and judgment] shall the priest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the Lord.” Lev.16:30

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Even so, Christ entered the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary in 1844 (Dan.8:14) to provide this special cleansing for God's people.

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“And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi [God's people], and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.” Mal.3:3 (GC.425-6).

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2. The cleansing provided in the special atonement is not a cleansing from the guilt of sins. Every candidate for the final atonement must send every sin beforehand to judgment. It is a cleansing from the record of sin.

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2a. In the sanctuary in heaven: “In the books of heaven our lives are as accurately traced as in the picture on the plate of the photographer.” “God has a perfect photograph of every man's character.” 7BC.987; 5BC.1085. Thus “He shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary.” Lev.16:33; Heb.9:23. GC.421-2,483, 485.

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2b. In the sanctuary of the soul: The real records of sin are in the soul temple. (TM. 447 ; DA 302.) The books of heaven are merely the photograph of the real records that sin has left in the character . Thus Satan " points to the record of their lives, to the defects of character . . . "

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During the judgment, God's true people “are fully conscious of the sinfulness of their lives . . . as they look upon themselves they are ready to despair . . . He [Satan] points to their filthy garments, their defective characters . . .”

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When Jesus stands for His people in the judgment, He says, “Take away the filthy garments [the record of sin],” and He clothes His people with His own spotless perfection of character for eternity. They are sealed.

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Thus the blotting out of sins is not merely a cleansing of the books in heaven from the records of sin . Sin is blotted from the mind.” “. . . in the final atonement the sins of the truly penitent are to be blotted from the records of heaven, no more to be remembered or come into mind . . . .”

PP 358.

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“On that day shall the priest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the Lord.” Lev.16:30. EW. 251 .

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3. The cleansing provided in the final atonement is of a permanent nature. Those who enter into the atonement of the most holy place “shall go no more out.” Rev.3:8,12. “The despised remnant are clothe in glorious apparel nevermore to be defiled by the corruptions of the world.”

5T. 475

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“... their characters will remain pure and spotless for eternity.” 5T.216.

The Lord has set before us the blessings of this eternal union with Himself by calling this experience the marriage; Christ now calls His people: “All things are ready, come unto the marriage.” Matt. 22:4.

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4. The work of the final atonement involves a work of investigative judgment. The purpose of the judgment is “to determine who, through repentance of sin and faith in Christ, are entitled to the benefits of His atonement.” GC . 422, 480 .

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“The investigative judgment is clearly represented as taking place before the marriage.” GC. 428.

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In the judgment, those who are found to have –

- a. availed themselves of the provisions of Christ's continual ministry - pardon, regeneration, abiding in Christ daily, etc . (the wedding garment) GC . 483:

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In the judgment, those who are found to have –

- b. come to the sanctuary to afflict their souls and plead for the special atonement (GC.430-1; EW.269-70) will be partakers of the mighty blessing of the judgment – the cleansing of the final atonement, complete and eternal deliverance from sin and Satan, and the full presence of Jesus in the outpouring of the latter rain from the presence of the Lord. Acts 3:19.

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The final atonement is the blessing of the most holy place. It is the heritage of the Remnant church. It awaits our demand and reception.

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Those who are removing the final atonement from the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary will leave the second apartment of the sanctuary as empty and as barren as the “man of sin” left the first apartment in the history of the early church. For such there will be no latter rain, but the hopelessness and despair of ever attaining to the seal of God by their own cunning devisings .