

# Book of Revelation – The First Angel’s Message, Part I (3AM Series--Revelation 14:6, 7)

Series REV-34

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## REVELATION 14

*Synopsis:* Though we have spent nearly the whole book (up until this point) with a focus toward these messages and have spent many lessons, including review segments coming to a more complete understanding of these messages in relation to the 7 Churches / Seals / & Trumpets; yet there is more the Lord would have us grasp, experience and share in the cleansing process during this Day of Atonement as it concerns these most important messages.

**The theme of greatest importance is the third angel’s message**, embracing the messages of the first and second angels. All should understand the truths contained in these messages and demonstrate them in daily life, for this is essential to salvation. We shall have to study earnestly, prayerfully, in order to understand these grand truths; and our power to learn and comprehend will be **taxed to the utmost**.— Letter 97, 1902. Ev 196

Note the line above “we shall have to study earnestly, prayerfully, in order to understand these grand truths...” God would have us incorporate these three angel’s messages into our daily lives, for they are needful for our entire restoration.

### In Part I

Rev 14:6 – 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.

Remember to think simply. There are multitudes who if they read these messages of Revelation 14 would think there are actual angels giving the messages. What would you say to them with a Scripture verse or two that would show them it is God’s people giving these messages?

The statement above in the box tells us that the third message embraces the first two messages. It is the **gospel** which is the foundation of these messages. And if someone asks you to define or explain it, what would you say? i.e. what is the gospel?

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[Give at least two Scriptures in support]

As we've come to understand from our march through the book of Revelation, we've learned that the Three Angels' messages are given by the seven churches of Rev 2-3 who overcome during the Investigative Judgment (during the seven seals). They are then given trumpets to blow and the messages they blow are the messages of Rev 14. We begin by looking at the First Angel's message.

### EVERLASTING GOSPEL (Rev 14:6)

In a prior lesson, we looked at this phrase, "everlasting gospel" and found it to be unique in the Bible. The word 'everlasting' is stated more than 90 times in the Bible. Note these important phrase which accompany the word--everlasting:

- Everlasting \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 9:16)      Everlasting \_\_\_\_\_ (Lev 16:34)
- Everlasting \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 17:8)      Everlasting \_\_\_\_\_ (Deut 33:27)
- Everlasting \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 21:3)      Everlasting \_\_\_\_\_ (Jer 33:3)
- Everlasting \_\_\_\_\_ (Ex 40:15)      Everlasting \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps 119:142)

A close reading of verse 6 indicates that this 'everlasting gospel' is good news to who? To all who believe. Romans 1:16,17 tells us that "in it the righteousness of God is revealed." This opens to our understanding His character of love and how He thinks, feels, and behaves toward us as **sinners**. Thus, God is righteous in the way He relates to us. [For more on this theme of 'righteousness', in respect to God's everlasting love revealed in Christ [{click here}](#).]

"God has demonstrated in Christ that He is **relationally faithful** to all others at **any and all cost** to Himself. All who believe the good news will worship Him with **awe**, **magnify the beauty** of His character, and stand before Him with confidence in the judgment." - *TG*

### FEAR GOD (vs.7)

What it means to "fear God" is a matter we need to understand personally from the Bible, before we can share the correct meaning with others. Fear can be used in a negative sense in Scripture, but also a positive sense. The passage here in Rev 14:7 is obvious in a positive sense. The "fear God" proclamation of the first angel may mean "be afraid" or "be awestruck." Both are possible emotional responses to God. It all depends on whether the individual person having the encounter senses guilt or innocence before God. If we see it as God's mercy and goodness (Ps 22:23; 25:14; 31:19; 130:4), we then have a healthy picture of Him and what it means to 'fear God.'

In Rev 6, we did a segment on the Three Angel's message, where we went over all seven parts, with the possible Scripture passages you could look up to give meaning to each of these areas. I have included that link to that video [here](#) for your convenience. {The segment which corresponds with this lesson is only about 15 minutes if any of you want to watch it or you can refer to your notes from that time.}

Scriptures to show support for this second part of the third angel's message, what it means to 'fear God':

## GIVE GLORY TO HIM (vs.7)

The word “glory” (doxa) literally means to declare a high opinion, judgment, or view of a person. In this case, we are called upon to give glory to God in the light of the gospel. The glory of God is His good character (Exodus 33:18-19). To give glory to God is to proclaim, in word and deed, the beautiful reality of His goodness, confessing that our “righteousness and sanctification and redemption” are all from the Lord and not of our own manufacturing (1 Cor 1:30-31; Matt 5:16). {Feel free to refer back to the video referenced above.}

Scriptures to show support for this third part of the third angel’s message, what it means to ‘give Him glory’:

We will continue with the other two parts of the first angel’s message next week. May the Lord continue to lead us into more truths and seek Him continually for purification and cleansing as we progress through this most essential chapter.