

## Rebellion and Redemption

### #7 - Jesus' Teachings and the Great Controversy

Matt. 11:29; Rom. 4:1–6; Matt. 13:3–8, 18–23; Matt. 7:21–27; James 2:17; Matt. 7:1–5.

#### Memory Verse - **Hand Out Scriptures to read**

**Matthew 11:28 (NKJV)** *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

#### Many Kinds of Rest

**Matthew 11:29, (NKJV)** *“Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls”*.

**Jeremiah 6:16 (NKJV)** *Thus says the Lord: “Stand in the ways and see, And ask for the old paths, where the good way is, And walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.’*

**\*Genesis 2:2 (NKJV)** *Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.*

**Exodus 31:16–17 (NKJV)** *Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. <sup>17</sup> It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.’ ”*

**Leviticus 16:31 (NKJV)** *It is a sabbath of solemn rest for you, and you shall afflict your souls. It is a statute forever.*

**Exodus 23:10–12 (NKJV)** *“Six years you shall sow your land and gather in its produce, <sup>11</sup> but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave, the beasts of the field may eat. In like manner you shall do with your vineyard and your olive grove. <sup>12</sup> Six days you shall do your work, and on the seventh day you shall rest, that your ox and your donkey may rest, and the son of your female servant and the stranger may be refreshed.*

#### Rest From War

**Deuteronomy 25:19 (NKJV)** *Therefore it shall be, when the Lord your God has given you rest from your enemies all around, in the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance, that you will blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. You shall not forget.*

**2 Chronicles 14:6 (NKJV)** *And he built fortified cities in Judah, for the land had rest; he had no war in those years, because the Lord had given him rest.*

**Jeremiah 30:10 (NKJV)** *‘Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob,’ says the Lord, ‘Nor be dismayed, O Israel; For behold, I will save you from afar, And your seed from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet, And no one shall make him afraid.*

#### Rest In Marriage

**Ruth 1:9 (NKJV)** *The Lord grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband.” So she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.*

#### Rest In Peace; Death

**Job 3:11–18 (NKJV)** *“Why did I not die at birth? Why did I not perish when I came from the womb? <sup>12</sup> Why did the knees receive me? Or why the breasts, that I should nurse? <sup>13</sup> For now I would have lain still and been quiet, I would have been asleep; Then I would have been at rest ...<sup>16</sup> Or why was I not hidden like a stillborn child, Like infants who never saw light? <sup>17</sup> There the wicked cease from troubling, And there the weary are at rest. <sup>18</sup> There the prisoners rest together; They do not hear the voice of the oppressor.*

**\*Revelation 14:11 (NKJV)** *And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”*

#### Planting and Harvesting

**Matthew 13:3, 4 (NKJV)** *Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: “Behold, a sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them.*

“Satan and his angels are in the assemblies where the gospel is preached. While angels of heaven endeavor to impress hearts with the word of God, the enemy is on the alert to make the word of no effect. With an earnestness equaled only by his malice, he tries to thwart the work of the Spirit of God. While Christ is drawing the soul by His love, Satan tries to turn away the attention of the one who is moved to seek the Savior.”—Christ’s Object Lessons, p. 44.

**Judges 15:4, 5 (NKJV)** *Then Samson went and caught three hundred foxes; and he took torches, turned the foxes tail to tail, and put a torch between each pair of tails. When he had set the torches on fire, he let the foxes go into the standing grain of the Philistines, and burned up both the shocks and the standing grain, as well as the vineyards and olive groves.*

**Matthew 13:24–25** Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, *The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: <sup>25</sup> But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.*

### Building on Rock

**Matthew 7:24–27** (NKJV) <sup>24</sup> “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: <sup>25</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: <sup>27</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

**What is the central message of the parable? Doing James 2:17** (NKJV) Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

**1 John 2:17** And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

\***Matthew 7:21,22** “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

**Matthew 21:28–31** (NKJV) “But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go, work today in my vineyard.’ <sup>29</sup> He answered and said, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he regretted it and went. <sup>30</sup> Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. <sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said to Him, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you.

**Luke 11:27, 28** (NKJV) And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!” But He said, “More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

### Do Not Judge

**Matthew 7:1–5** (NKJV) “Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup> For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. <sup>3</sup> And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye’; and look, a plank is in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

**Romans 2:3** (NKJV) And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?

**Romans 14:10** (NKJV) But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

**John 7:24** (NKJV) *Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.*”

**1 Corinthians 2:15** (NKJV) But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.

\***1 Corinthians 6:3** (NKJV) Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?

**Luke 6:37–38** (NKJV) “Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”

**Revelation 12:10** (NKJV) Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

“ ‘Judge not, that ye be not judged.’ Do not think yourself better than other men, and set yourself up as their judge. Since you cannot discern motive, you are incapable of judging another. In criticizing him, you are passing sentence upon yourself; for you show that you are a participant with Satan, the accuser of the brethren. The Lord says, ‘Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.’ This is our work.”—E. G. White, *Desire of Ages*, p. 314.

### “I Am With You Always”

**Matthew 28:20** (NKJV) *teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*” Amen. **Romans 8:39** to separate us from the love of God

**Genesis 26:24** (NKJV) And the Lord appeared to him the same night and said, “I am the God of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I am with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants for My servant Abraham’s sake.”

**Acts 18:10** (NKJV) *for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city.*”