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For Today

What is Our Greatest Debt?

One of the most puzzling texts in the Bible, from an Adventist perspective, is the passage in Matthew 25, where Jesus is pronouncing judgment on the sheep and the goats. "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me'" (Matt. 25:34-36, NIV).

Notice what is absent. The saved people, the remnant, are praised for what? There is no mention of how many Bible studies given, how many people baptized. No one is commended for faithfulness in giving tithes and offerings. Church attendance is absent. There is nothing about keeping the Sabbath. In fact, there is nothing there that we cherish as Adventists concerning what makes us so special.

Jesus is telling us that the right relationship with God will result in the right relationship with others. And when we have the right relationship with others then we will want to help, support, and encourage, the most disadvantaged in society.

Paul describes the kind of people living in the last days. "And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here." (Rom. 13:11-12, NIV). This is an end-time text. The second coming is very close, says Paul. In fact, the whole New Testament lived in the expectation of Jesus returning in their day.

Notice that he begins this passage with these words, "And do this." What is "this"? He tells us in the verses just before. "Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not covet,' and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law" (verses 8-10, NIV).

What is our greatest debt? To love one another. Love is the fulfillment of the law.



Happy Sabbath!

Do not work
for food that
spoils, but for
food that
endures to
eternal life,
which the
Son of Man
will give you.
On him God
the Father has
placed his seal
of approval.

John 6:27



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Sabbath, November 9, 2019

Sabbath Worship

Rejoicing in God's Presence, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome Wally Remitz

Opening Song

Adults Sabbath School, Sanctuary, 9:50–10:40 a.m. Robert Steele

Welcome and Announcements, 10:45 a.m.

Hymn of the Month, "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus" Hymn 535

God's Family in Worship, 11 a.m.

Preparing our hearts for worship. Leaders and congregation kneel in prayer.

Opening Hymn, "Standing on the Promises" Hymn 518

Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 1:3-4

Prayer and Praise

Congregation Hymn *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

Call for Morning Offering Annual Sacrifice Offering/Global Missions

Doxology, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn 694

Children's Story Susie Thieme

Special Music Guest Musician Andy Rising

Sermon "The Nature of God" Pastor Jason Worf

Closing Hymn, "Jesus Loves Me" Hymn 190

Benediction

Postlude

... as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2 Peter 1:3-4 (NKJV)



Welcome

We are glad that you came to worship Jesus with us today! Our prayer is that through Bible study, prayer, and song, you will experience God's presence and blessing. Please stay and fellowship with us at the potluck meal following church service. Everyone is invited!

Announcements

Upcoming: November 16, Pastor Denny Evans
November 23, Olaf Betat
November 30, Wayne Carrigan

Today's Offering: What can you give up for one week to support mission work? What if you take a week's savings of money you would have spent on something you don't really need and help Global Mission pioneers to start churches in new areas among unreached people groups, putting Christ's method of ministry into practice.

Next Clark Fork Church Board Meeting: Sunday, November 10, 10 a.m. to noon. Topics: Strategy and Calendar Setting.

"Thoughts from the Mount of Blessings," Chapter 2 continued, Bible Study on Tuesday, from 6 p.m. at Beth Duffey's house.

Upper Columbia Academy Choralists/Strings Concert: at Sandpoint Junior Academy, Friday, Nov 15, from 7 p.m.

Adventist Child Protection Screening Compliance: Required for all Church Board Members and those volunteering for Sabbath School and other activities with children. Get copy of procedure from Beth. **Deadline Dec. 31.**

Christmas Cookies Event: We will assemble and distribute cookie plates on Sunday, December 8.

Clark Fork Church Christmas Program: Sabbath Service, December 14.

Updated Clark Fork church website: <https://www.clarkforkadventist.org/>. Read about our new Pastor Warf! See the article about our church history.

Prayer Circle: Call Janet Remitz with your requests. 406-847-5526.

Prayers requested today: new visions for our church from the Lord
Bulletin information deadline Wednesday noon to Beth.



Clark Fork, Sunset tonight: 4:14 p.m.

Next Friday night: 4:06 p.m.