

HEALING STREAM MINISTRIES presents...

THE UNDILUTED, FULL STRENGTH, THREE ANGELS' MESSAGES

with enough power to...

- cleanse from all sin
- set us free from all bondage
- break all the power of the enemy over us
- restore us to total spiritual health
- develop immunity to all last-day deceptions

1 – The Attractiveness of the Three Angels Messages

Abut fifty years ago a popular bestseller appeared by the title, *How to Win Friends and Influence People*. While not endorsing all the principles in this book (some border on manipulation of people), it nevertheless contained much valuable material on how to establish mutually positive and satisfying relationships with other people. The author spoke about the tremendous power of affirming words. But are those the kind of words you find in the three angels' messages? Would you be able to attract people to our wonderful God by using words such as...

*loud voice...fear...judgment...wine of wrath...fallen...fornication...
indignation...wrath of God...fire...brimstone...smoke...torment...
no rest day or night...*

Question: If the Book of Revelation is a trustworthy "revelation of Jesus Christ" (Revelation 1:1) then why did John under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit use such words? If you give people the "straight" message by using these exact words, how many would you win to Christ? Remember that Revelation was first written to Christians because Christians who knew the Scriptures [the Old Testament] would therein have the tools to decode this book. Any Roman citizen who might stumble across a manuscript of this book would consider it as pure nonsense and gobbly-gook. To make sense of Revelation you must first decode it, and the best decoders are those who personally know the Encoder, Jesus Christ, and have a living relationship with Him through the Scriptures. And remember, decoding does not mean diluting. Decoding is what enables you to give the message in its full strength.

The key to unraveling this dilemma is found in the everlasting gospel of the first angel's message. The gospel is really good news, because it tells us that God has loved us with an everlasting love even before the world began. In the words of Tony Campolo, God has carried your picture in his wallet before the beginning of time. God did not start loving you when Jesus died for you. As a matter of fact, both the Father and the Son love you with an immense, passionate love. The Father so loved that "He gave His only begotten Son" (John 3:16), and the Son so loved that "He gave Himself" (Galatians 2:20). There never was a time when They did not love you. The first angel's message is about this good news, and about our responses to such undeserved, unearned, and unconditional love. God wants us to so revel in this

unfathomable love that we will be able to comprehend “*what is the width and length and depth and height – to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge*” (Ephesians 3:18,19).

It is only when you see these above-mentioned words against the backdrop of this great love that you will understand the reasons for the many seemingly negative, and even repelling words, of the 2nd and 3rd angels messages. You see - God is a jealous God. His jealousy is not that that He personally fears the competition from other gods [because there are no other gods], but it is because His heart burns with an intense passion for His people when they seek to fill their cups and find their significance from sources that will only damage and hurt them. So when God in the 2nd angel’s message declares that Babylon, a harlot, is fallen, He is speaking of sin in terms of the unfaithfulness of His very own people who forsake Him, their heavenly husband, to look for love in all the wrong places. God even predicted that this would happen when in Moses’ farewell speech to the people of Israel He said, “*and this people will rise and play the harlot with the gods of the foreigners of the land...*” (Deuteronomy 31:16) and thus “*they provoked Him to jealousy*” (Deuteronomy 32:16).

All the seemingly severe expressions in both the 2nd and the 3rd angels’ message are words that come from the heart of a loving and jealous God, whose infinite heart of love experiences the most wrenching anguish when we stray away from Him to fill our needs from fountains that do not satisfy but only damage our lives. No one knows more about these life-damaging consequences of serving the beast (any substitute for the Lamb), than does the Father and the Son. When the text speaks about worshippers of the beast being “tormented in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb” (Revelation 14:11), this is an appeal to consider the drama of Calvary’s cross where both the Father and the Son endured the suffering of the wrath of their own jealous love for sinners. When the Son, in the presence of the Father and the holy angels, cried out “*why have you forsaken me?*” – He echoed in those words God’s intense, jealous and pursuing love described in Hosea 11:8 “*How can I give you up, Ephraim?*” When you understand God’s love for sinners as a jealous love, you will then be able to give the undiluted three angels’ message in ways that will attract and win others to Jesus!

There is really only one way to decode those seemingly negative words of the three angels messages. Only those who personally have been affected by the jealous love of God can share with others the true meaning of the three angels messages – full strength – without any dilution. The attractiveness of this infinite and jealous love is what will powerfully draw others to Jesus Christ.