

# THE VICTORY OVER THE BEAST

## Spiritual Health & Immunity to Last-day Deceptions

Sample seminar

Friday – Saturday, July 1 & 2, 2005

### The Seventh-day Adventist Tabernacle

264 W. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek, Michigan

Friday Evening – 7:00 p.m.

#### Singing in the Courtroom

The Good News about the Judgment

- Living with joy in the judgment hour.
- Contract vs. covenant salvation.
- The transforming power of worship
- The blasphemy by the beast.

Sabbath Afternoon – 3:30 p.m.

#### Finding the Beast in Unknown Places

When the Beast Comes to Your Church

- Detecting the beast 'virus' in your own life.
- Seeing yourself in heaven's cartoons.
- Using the methods of the beast to do the work of the Lamb.
- Overcoming the image, name, and number of the beast.

#### The Victory over the Beast

The Power of Your Testimony of Jesus

- The Biblical meaning of 666.
- Replacing lies with truth.
- The three angels messages as God's medicine for your life today.
- The protection of the covenant and the cross of Christ.

Sabbath Morning – 10:45 a.m.

#### The Mark of the Beast

How to Protect Yourself Against  
Satan's Identity Theft

- The Lamb vs. the beast.
- The subtlety of sin as identity theft.
- Discover your true identity.
- The sufficiency of Jesus Christ for everything.



The speaker is Dr. Ervin K. Thomsen, a Seventh-day Adventist pastor for 36 years. Educated in Denmark and England, he is a graduate of Andrews University

where he received the Doctor of Ministry degree. Serving as a pastor of churches in Michigan, Arizona and California, he has specialized in the study of the Book of Revelation and has preached and taught on the three angels messages (Revelation 14:6-12) in churches and conventions. You will be blessed and encouraged by this positive, practical and Christ-centered approach to the Book of Revelation. He is at the current time the Speaker/Director of *Healing Stream Ministries*, and is the pastor of the Gulfhaven SDA Church in Houston, TX.

*"...free to all a healing stream flows from Calvary's mountain."*

**The best protection against the beast is  
the genuine worship of the Lamb.**

To bring this life-changing seminar to your local church or group,  
please contact [info@streamofhealing.org](mailto:info@streamofhealing.org)

The seminar is approved by the Center for Continuing Education for Ministry of the SDA Theological Seminary, Andrews University, for CEUs for Adventist pastors.

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#### The purposes of the seminar are...

- to take the three angels' message as God's medicine for our own lives before giving the messages to others.
- to uplift the sufficiency of Jesus Christ and His cross.
- to bring positive assurance of salvation.
- to enable Christians to have a genuine, contagious and joyful testimony of Jesus.
- to detect the deceptions of the enemy especially designed for church members.
- to enhance genuine love and fellowship in the local church through the removal of bitterness and unforgiveness.
- to produce spiritually healthy congregations as the best preparation for evangelism and church growth.

#### The seminar has been presented at...

- Northern California Campmeeting - 2003
- Central California Campmeeting - 1989
- Arizona Campmeeting - 1991
- Campus Hill Church, Loma Linda, 2004
- Southern California Prayer Summit - 2004
- Loma Linda Broadcasting Network - LLBN
- Adventist Media Center – Westpoint of Evangelism, 2004 & 2005.
- Andrews University, SEEDS 2005
- Tucson Desert Valley SDA Church, AZ, 2004
- Battle Creek Tabernacle, MI - 2005
- The Quiet Hour - 2004
- Laurel Heights, San Antonio - 2007,
- Ukiah, CA - 2005
- Houston Reliant Center – 2007
- North New Zealand Campmeeting – 2008
- Ozark Campmeeting, June 2008

#### What others have said...

*"Provides helpful insights into the meaning of the three angels messages. Listeners to these presentations will be blessed and encouraged."* - Robert W. Olson, former Director, E.G. White Estate

*"A most practical and Christ-centered approach to the Book of Revelation."* - Edwin E. Reynolds, Ph. D., School of Religion, Southern Adventist University.

*"Biblically sound, brings positive assurance of salvation, intensely practical."* - Herman Bauman, retired President, Arizona Conference of SDA.

*"Solid answers to help you live a more joyful and productive Christian life. These original, Biblical and gospel-centered presentations will make a real difference in many lives."* - Kenneth E. Richards, former Associate Speaker, Voice of Prophecy.

*"Amazing and significant insights into Scripture, truly good news."* - Jim Ayars, Pastor – Ventura SDA Church, CA.

*"I discovered Jesus is sufficient for all my needs."* - D.J., Arcata, CA.

*"I praise the Lord I was able to attend...my spirit feels lifted...fear is gone."* – K.P., Salinas, CA.

*"...refreshing applications of the three angels' messages"* – Beatrice S. Neall, Ph.D., Professor Emerita of Religion, Union College.

## WHAT IF HOSPITALS WERE LIKE SOME CHURCHES?

The three angels messages (Revelation 14:6-12) serve not only as warnings of last-day deceptions and prophetic way-marks on our journey toward the second coming of Jesus Christ, but they can also serve as an experiential model for the traits of spiritually healthy churches.

**Consider first this comparison between hospitals and churches:**

### Would you want to be admitted to a hospital where...

- patients were shamed by the staff and other patients for being sick or injured?
- well patients received preferential treatment?
- the sicker you got the less care you received?
- where sick patients were 'discharged'?
- the staff spent most of their time discussing medical science.
- the administration spent a great deal of time convincing patients that the hospital was 'accredited'?
- the main event was the admissions procedure – after that you were mostly ignored by the staff and encouraged to make it on your own.
- the only treatments you received for your disease were reading assignments in medical textbooks?
- the staff did not particularly care about staying updated on the latest discoveries in medical science?
- the only procedures allowed were those practiced decades ago?

### Would you want to belong to a church where...

- members were shamed for their sins (and dysfunctions) by the leaders and other members?
- where good people received preferential treatment?
- the more sinful you were the less help you received?
- where sinners were routinely shunned or 'disfellow-shipped'?
- the members spent most of their time discussing correct doctrine?
- the members spent a great deal of time and energy asserting that they were the true church?
- the main event was the baptismal service – after that you were mostly ignored by the church member and encouraged to make it on your own.
- the main treatment you received for your problems was instruction about correct doctrine?
- the leaders were not well-informed about modern issues and had stopped searching the Scriptures.
- only those approaches to ministry, worship and evangelism used decades ago were acceptable.

## What is Spiritual Health?

- The willingness to acknowledge sin and wrong knowing that God will not shame us.
- Confession of our helplessness and powerlessness as we recognize sin as a fatal disease.
- The willingness to receive salvation as a free gift; non-resistance to God's healing love.
- Building our self-worth, not on our performance + others' opinions, but on what God says about us.
- Loving God with all our heart, mind and soul and trusting in Jesus Christ for everything.

### The Path to Spiritual Health is... (Rev. 14:6-11)

- to detect in our own lives the experiential traits of the prophetic symbols of 'Babylon' and the 'beast' – looking for love and personal significance in all the wrong places (idolatry); the abuse of love and of power; anger, force, fear, threats, intimidation, manipulation, control, pride, self-sufficiency, the need to impress etc.
- to accept *the everlasting gospel* – to receive all the benefits of Christ's redemptive work for us through salvation by grace (covenant salvation). Reject salvation as a do-it-yourself project (contract-salvation).
- *to fear God* – because the fear of God removes all other fears.
- *to give glory to Him* – because to glory in Christ's redemption is God's cure for the 'cancer' of pride. God is most glorified when we are most satisfied in Him.
- *to worship Him* – as we serve God with our praises and the needs of people with His sufficiency
- *to let worship become our witness* as we with joy share our testimonies of our personal contentment in our all-sufficient God. Through such testimonies we magnify God and contagiously attract others to Him.

### The Evidences of Spiritual Health are...

(Rev. 14:12)

- *the patience of the saints* – willingness to wait on the Lord, without running ahead of Him, to overcome trials; a super-abiding in Christ, accepting difficult situations without giving God a deadline to remove them.
- *the commandments of God* – to love God with all our heart and others as ourselves.
- *the faith of Jesus* – to depend on Christ's covenant faithfulness and trust Him for everything.

**Spiritual health is to know that  
our God is BIG enough  
to handle anything.**

This truth saves us from the life-damaging consequences of trying to play god.