The Grand Trial

Before the entire Universe

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Rebellion in heaven

There was a time when Satan was in harmony with God, and it was his joy to execute the divine commands. His heart was filled with love and joy in serving his Creator, until he began to think that his wisdom was not derived from God, but was inherent in himself, and that he was as worthy as was God to receive honor and power. ST Sept. 18, 1893

Sin originated with him who, next to Christ, had been most honored of God and who stood highest in power and glory among the inhabitants of heaven. Before his fall, Lucifer was first of the covering cherubs, holy and undefiled. DD 1

Satan's secret ambition

It was pride that caused the fall of Satan. His heart was lifted up because of his beauty. All his wisdom and glory were the gift of God; but the very gift bestowed ...was perverted to wrong use in exalting himself... At that time no pride had been before manifested, and the results of evil had not been made manifest.... Satan originated this terrible evil, and its result was that Satan desired and sought to take the place of the only-begotten Son of God. It was because he could not have the place of Christ that Satan revolted in heaven. ST 2-5-1894

Little by little Satan came to indulge the desire for self-exaltation. The Scripture says: "Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty..." "Thou hast said in thine heart... I will exalt my throne above the stars of God... I will be like the Most High." Though all his glory was from God, this mighty angel came to regard it as pertaining to himself. 4BC 1162

It was <u>pride</u> and <u>ambition</u> that prompted Lucifer ...to seek the overthrow of the order which had been established in heaven. PP 403

Satan wants to be First

Satan determined to be first in the councils of heaven, and equal with God. 1SM 222

Lucifer in heaven desired to be first in power and authority; he wanted to be God, to have the rulership of heaven... FLB 67

Satan draws homage to himself

Little by little Satan... ventured to <u>covet homage due alone to the Creator</u>. Instead of seeking to make God supreme in the affections and allegiance of all created beings, it was his endeavor to secure their service and loyalty to himself. And coveting the glory with which the infinite Father has invested His Son, this prince of angels aspired to power that was the prerogative of Christ alone. 4BC 1162

...little by little, he (Satan) began to <u>seek his own honor</u>, and to employ his powers to attract attention and win praise to himself. He also gradually led the angels over whom he ruled <u>to do him service</u>, instead of devoting all their powers to the service of their Creator. 4SP 317

Sin originated in <u>self-seeking</u>. Lucifer, the covering cherub, <u>desired to be first in heaven</u>. He sought to gain control of heavenly beings, to <u>draw them away from their Creator</u>, and to win their homage to himself. DA 21

<u>Satan was envious of Christ</u>, and <u>gradually assumed command which devolved on Christ alone</u>. 1SP 17

Satan works under deception

Satan had, at first, <u>concealed his work</u> under a specious profession of loyalty to God. He claimed to be seeking to promote the honor of God, the stability of His government, and the good of all the inhabitants of heaven. While <u>instilling discontent into the minds of the angels</u> under him, he had artfully made it appear that he was seeking to remove dissatisfaction. When he urged that changes be made in the order and laws of God's government, it was under the pretense that these were necessary in order to preserve harmony in heaven. GC 497

He (Satan) had sought to falsify the word of God and had misrepresented His plan of government before the angels... GC 498

The <u>discord which his own course had caused in heaven, Satan charged upon the law and government of God</u>. All evil he declared to be the result of the <u>divine administration</u>. He claimed that it was his own object to improve upon the statutes of Jehovah. GC 498

Satan Plants seeds of criticism

Satan ...began his work of rebellion with the angels under his command, seeking to diffuse among them the spirit of <u>discontent</u>. 1SM 222

Lucifer ...gained the sympathy of some of his associates by <u>suggesting thoughts of criticism</u> regarding the government of God. This evil seed was scattered in a most seducing manner... 4BC 1143

Angels had never seen sin before

Satan had been so highly honored, and all his acts were so clothed with mystery, that it was difficult to disclose to the angels the true nature of his work. <u>Until fully developed, sin would not appear the evil thing it was</u>. Heretofore it had had no place in the universe of God, and holy beings had no conception of its nature and malignity. They could not discern the terrible consequences that would result from setting aside the divine law. GC 497

Angels couldn't fully see Satan's plan and character

Opposition to the law of God had its beginning in the courts of heaven, with Lucifer... And he worked in so <u>deceptive</u> a way that many of the angels were won to his allegiance before his purposes were fully known. <u>Even the loyal angels could not fully discern his character</u>, nor see to what his work was leading. 7BC 972

This condition of things had existed a long period of time before Satan was unmasked and the evil ones expelled. 4BC 1143

Satan Envies Christ

<u>Satan was envious and jealous of Jesus Christ</u>.... Christ had been taken into the special counsel of God in regard to his plans, while Satan was unacquainted with them. 1SP 18

Lucifer was envious and jealous of Jesus Christ. ...his heart was filled with envy and hatred.... Why should Christ thus be honored before himself? FLB 67

Satan ...had been ambitious for the more exalted honors which God had bestowed upon His Son. He became envious of Christ, and represented to the angels ...that he should be exalted equal in honor with Christ. Con 9

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Satan wants to be God

Satan ...desired to exalt himself above God, and to convince the hosts of heaven that his wisdom was superior to that of the Omnipotent. ST, November 14, 1895 par. 8}

Dethrone God

Satan, ...is the leader of the <u>rebellion against God</u>. From the first it has been his object to <u>dethrone God</u>, by <u>breaking down the rules of his government</u>. ST, December 23, 1886

The Father calls an Assembly

Gives honor to His Son

The great Creator assembled the heavenly host, that he might in the presence of all the angels confer special honor upon his Son.... The Father then made known that it was ordained by himself that Christ, his Son, should be equal with himself; so that wherever was the presence of his Son, it was as his own presence. The word of the Son was to be obeyed as readily as the word of the Father. His Son he had invested with authority to command the heavenly host. Especially was his Son to work in union with himself in the anticipated creation of the earth... His Son would carry out his will and his purposes, but would do nothing of himself alone. The Father's will would be fulfilled in him. 1SP 17

God works to reveal what is in Satan's heart

God desired that a change take place, and that the <u>work of Satan be brought out in its genuine</u> <u>aspect</u>. 4BC 1143

Satan assembles the Angels

Satan... left the immediate presence of the Father, dissatisfied, and filled with envy against Jesus Christ. Concealing his real purposes, he assembled the angelic host. He introduced his subject, which was himself. As one aggrieved, he related the preference God had given Jesus to the neglect of himself. He told them that henceforth all the sweet <u>liberty the angels had enjoyed was at an end</u>. For had not a <u>ruler been appointed</u> over them, to whom they from henceforth must <u>yield servile honor</u>? He stated to them that he had called them together to assure them that he no longer would submit to this <u>invasion of his rights</u> and theirs; that never would he again bow down to Christ; that he would take the honor upon himself which should have been conferred upon him, and would be the commander of all who would submit to follow him and obey his voice. 1SP 18-19

Loyal Angels warn Satan

Angels that were loyal and true ...sought to convince Satan that no less honor was his now than before the Father had proclaimed the honor which he had conferred upon his Son. They clearly

set forth that Jesus was the Son of God, existing with him before the angels were created; and that he had ever stood at the right hand of God, and his mild, loving authority had not heretofore been questioned; and that he had given no commands but what it was joy for the heavenly host to execute. 1SP 19

Rebellion in Heaven

...Satan was successful in his effort to excite rebellion.... Great numbers signified their purpose to accept Satan as their leader and chief commander. As he saw his advances were met with success, he flattered himself that he should yet have all the angels on his side, and that he would be equal with God himself, and his voice of authority would be heard in commanding the entire host of Heaven. 1SP 20

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Satan obtained sympathizers. Angels in heaven joined him in his rebellion... Con 9

When Satan had succeeded in winning many angels to his side, he took his cause to God, representing that it was the desire of the angels that he occupy the position that Christ held. 1SM 222

It was the highest crime to rebel against the government of God. All Heaven seemed in commotion. The angels were marshaled in companies, each division with a higher commanding angel at their head. Satan was warring against the law of God, because ambitious to exalt himself, and <u>unwilling to submit to the authority of Gods' Son</u>, Heaven's great commander. 1SP 22

Satan's Accusations / Charges against God

All the heavenly host were summoned to appear before the Father, to have each case determined. Satan unblushingly made known his dissatisfaction... 1SP 22

Accusations against God's Law

God's law need to change

Satan had declared that the <u>law of God was faulty</u>, and that the good of the universe demanded a change in its requirements. Messenger, June 7, 1893

Satan claims: God's government needs to change

Satan insisted that God had not dealt with him justly. He criticized God's plan of government. He declared the divine law to be arbitrary, detrimental to the interests of the heavenly universe, and in need of change. CTr 289

Satan claimed Angels need no law

Satan grew bold in his rebellion, and expressed his <u>contempt of the Creator's law</u>. This Satan could not bear. ...and that to <u>abolish law was one great object</u> of his standing as he did. 1SP 22

Satan ...claimed that angels needed no law; but should be left free to follow their own will, which would ever guide them right... 1SP 22

Satan ...claimed that ...law was a restriction of their liberty, and that to abolish law was one great object of his standing as he did. The condition of the angels he thought needed improvement. 1SP 22

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Satan had been at war with the government of God since he first rebelled. Con 33

Man cannot keep the Law God made

(Satan claims) ... God had made a law which men could not keep. FLB 114

Satan thinks his ways are better than God's

The warfare against God's law commenced in heaven. Satan was determined to <u>bring God to</u> <u>his ideas, his way, to force Him to change the law of His government</u>. 12MR 37

Satan wished to change the government of God, to <u>fix his own seal to the rules of God's kingdom.</u> CTr 208

Satan... claimed that it was his own object to improve upon the statutes of Jehovah. GC 498

Satan claims: his wisdom is superior to God's

Satan could present no defined reasons as to why he wished the law of God changed or abolished. He simply declared his conviction that the angels would be better off without the

law... <u>He desired to exalt himself above God</u>, and to convince the hosts of heaven that <u>his</u> wisdom was superior to that of the Omnipotent. ST, November 14, 1895

Satan's attack is on God's Authority

In attacking the law, he (Satan) thought to *overthrow* the <u>authority of its Author</u>, and gain for himself the supreme allegiance. Messenger, June 7, 1893

Satan blames God for the rebellion in heaven

The discord which his own course had caused in heaven, <u>Satan charged upon the law and</u> government of <u>God</u>. All evil he declared to be the <u>result of the divine administration</u>. GC 498

The aim of the great rebel has ever been to justify himself, and to <u>prove the divine government</u> <u>responsible for the rebellion</u>. 4SP 485

Accuses God of being the Author of Evil

Satan... charged God with being the author of all evil. ST, December 4, 1893

Satan claims God is tyrannical

Throughout his rebellion he has sought to represent God as an unjust, tyrannical being. HP 146

God is unjust / His law faulty

From the first... Satan had sought to prove that <u>God was unjust</u>, that His law was faulty, and that the good of the universe required it to be changed. PP 69

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Satan's Motive / Object

Satan's object is to Overthrow God's Government

Satan had declared that the law of God was faulty, and that the good of the universe demanded a change in its requirement. In attacking the law, he thought to overthrow the authority of its Author, and gain for himself the supreme allegiance. ST 2-13-1893

Build up His own kingdom -- sit in the seat of God

Satan's agents are constantly working under his direction to <u>establish his authority</u> and build up his kingdom in opposition to the government of God. GC88 507

Satan's aim is to overthrow the Author of the law

From the first.... Satan had sought to prove that God was unjust, that His law was faulty, and that the good of the universe required it to be changed. In attacking the law, <u>he aimed to</u> overthrow the authority of its Author. PP 69

War in heaven

All the heavenly host were summoned to appear before the Father, to have each case determined.... God informed Satan that ...he had proved himself unworthy a place in Heaven. Then Satan exultingly pointed to his sympathizers, comprising nearly one half of all the angels, and exclaimed, These are with me! Will you expel these also, and make such a void in Heaven? He then declared that he was prepared to resist the authority of Christ, and to defend his place in Heaven by force of might, strength against strength. 1SP 22

The great God could at once have hurled this arch deceiver from Heaven; but this was not his purpose. He would give the rebellious an equal chance to measure strength and might with his own Son and his loyal angels. 1SP 21

Every angel chooses his own side

In this battle every angel would choose his own side, and be manifested to all. It would not have been safe to suffer any who united with Satan in his rebellion to continue to occupy Heaven. They had learned the lesson of genuine rebellion against the unchangeable law of God; and this is incurable. If God had exercised his power to punish this chief rebel, <u>disaffected angels would not have been manifested</u>; hence God took another course; for he would manifest distinctly to all the heavenly host his justice and his judgment. 1SP 21

Satan and his angels are condemned leave heaven

God declared that the rebellious should remain in Heaven no longer. 1SP 22

The Father decides the case of Satan, and declares that he must be turned out of heaven for his daring rebellion, and that all those who united with him in his rebellion should be turned out with him. 3SG 38

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Then there was war in Heaven. The Son of God, the Prince of Heaven, and his loyal angels, engaged in conflict with the arch rebel and those who united with him. The Son of God and true, loyal angels prevailed; and Satan and his sympathizers were expelled from Heaven. All the heavenly host acknowledged and adored the God of justice. Not a taint of rebellion was left in Heaven. All was again peaceful and harmonious as before. 1SP 22

Creation of Man

Angels in Heaven mourned the fate of those who had been their companions in happiness and bliss. Their loss was felt in Heaven. The Father consulted Jesus in regard to at once carrying out their purpose to <u>make man to inhabit the earth</u>. He would place man upon probation to test his loyalty, before he could be rendered eternally secure. 1SP 23

In the Image of God

Perfect, Holy & Sinless

When Adam and Eve were placed in the Garden of Eden, they were innocent and sinless, in perfect harmony with God. Enmity had no natural existence in their hearts. CTr 28

Gen 1:27 God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him;

Because he was sinless he could walk and talk with God

Gen 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day... 3:9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

Adam <u>in his innocence</u> was granted communion, direct, free, and happy, with his Maker. CC 20 Adam and Eve in Eden... <u>were without the condemnation of sin</u>. The light of God and angels was with them and around about them. Con 46

Adam was connected to the Father / the Source of Power

Adam and Eve... were to live in close communion with heaven, <u>receiving</u> and assimilating <u>power</u> from the <u>great Source of power</u>. <u>Upheld by God</u>, they were to live sinless lives. CTr 19

Adam connected to the Father could obey

...man, as God created him, connected with the Father and the Son, could obey every divine requirement. 1SM 253

Adam connected to the Father could overcome

...Adam in Eden, with his superior advantages, <u>might have withstood the temptations of Satan</u>, and conquered him. 1SM 279

Adam, by believing God and being a doer of His word, could have resisted temptation as Christ resisted it. OHC 107

Adam came forth from the hand of his Maker without the taint of evil. The holy pair might have retained their innocence, had they lived by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God, had they refused to listen to the strange voice declaring another story than that which God had told them. ST, August 26, 1897

Fall

Adam fell because He didn't reach up for Divine Power

Satan charmed the first Adam by his <u>sophistry</u>... <u>Adam did not reach above his humanity for divine power</u>. He believed the words of Satan. ST, December 3, 1902

Satan's Accusations -- After the Fall of man

In heaven Satan had declared that the <u>sin of Adam</u> revealed that human beings could not keep the law of God, and he sought to carry the universe with him in this belief. 16MR 115

Satan ...pointed to Adam's sin as proof that God's law was unjust, and could not be obeyed. DA 117

Man fell because God's law is unjust

...Satan induced man to sin. And having succeeded thus far, he declared that God's unjust restrictions had led to man's fall, as they had led to his own rebellion. GC88 500

Fault with the Lawgiver -- Lack of wisdom and love

Satan declared that it was impossible for the sons and daughters of Adam to keep the law of God, and thus <u>charged upon God a lack of wisdom and love</u>. If they could not keep the law, then <u>there was fault with the Lawgiver</u>. Men who are under the control of Satan repeat these accusations against God, in asserting that men cannot keep the law of God. ST 1-16-1896

Satan claims: Sin is God's fault

The fall of our first parents, with all the woe that has resulted, <u>he charges upon the Creator</u>, leading men to <u>look upon God as the author of sin</u>, and suffering, and death. DA 24

God is on Trial Before the Universe

Through the plan of salvation, a larger purpose is to be wrought out even than the salvation of man and the redemption of the earth. Through the revelation of the character of God in Christ, the beneficence of the divine government will be manifested before the universe, the charge of Satan against God refuted, the nature and result of sin made plain, and the perpetuity of the law fully demonstrated... The inhabitants of all worlds will be convinced of the justice of the law in the overthrow of rebellion and the eradication of sin. Messenger, June 7, 1893

The plan of redemption had a yet broader and deeper purpose than the salvation of man. It was not for this alone that Christ came to the earth; it was not merely that the inhabitants of this little world might regard the law of God as it should be regarded; but it was to <u>vindicate</u> the character of God before the universe. PP 68

We should consider that it was not merely to accomplish the redemption of man that Christ came to earth... but it was to <u>demonstrate to all the worlds</u> that God's law is unchangeable and that the wages of sin is death. TMK 367

In this controversy much was to be involved.... <u>Before the inhabitants of the heavenly universe</u> were to be answered the questions: "Is God's law imperfect, in need of amendment or abrogation, or is it immutable? Is God's government in need of change, or is it stable?" ST, August 27, 1902

The working out of the plan of salvation <u>reveals not only to men but to angels</u>, the character of God, and through the ages of eternity the malignant character of sin will be understood by the cost to the Father and the Son of the redemption of a rebel race. Messenger, June 7, 1893 <u>Redemption</u> was not an after thought, a plan formulated after the fall of Adam, but an <u>eternal purpose</u>, suffered to be wrought out for the blessing, <u>not only of this atom of a world</u>, but for the good of all the worlds that God had created. ST, February 13, 1893

...all worlds will behold the marks of the curse, and angels as well as men will ascribe honour and glory to the Redeemer through whom they are <u>all made secure from apostasy</u>. The efficiency of the cross guards the redeemed race from the danger of a second fall.... The sacrifice of Christ for a fallen world draws not only men, but angels unto Him bonds of indissoluble union. Messenger, June 7, 1893

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The great conflict that Satan created in the heavenly courts is soon, very soon, to be forever decided. Soon all the inhabitants of the earth will have taken sides, either for or against the government of heaven. PM 49

<u>Satan</u>

Satan declared that he would <u>prove to the worlds</u> which God has created, and to the heavenly intelligences, that <u>it was an impossibility to keep the law of God</u>. RH Sept. 3, 1901

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An Accuser, Defender & Jury

Accuser of God -- Satan

Satan had declared that God ...was stern, exacting, and unforgiving... His representations of God were incorrect; he was a false witness, an accuser of Christ... RH March 9, 1897

Lucifer took the position that as a result of the law of God, wrong existed in heaven and on this earth. This brought against God's government the <u>charge of being arbitrary</u>. But this is a falsehood, framed by the author of all falsehoods. ST, June 5, 1901

Defender of God -- Christ

...Christ came to the earth; ...to vindicate the character of God before the universe. PP 68

Christ's work is to prove Satan's claims are false

Satan claimed that it was impossible for human beings to keep God's law. <u>In order to prove the falsity of this claim</u>, Christ left His high command, <u>took upon Himself the nature of man</u>... PCP 24

Christ came to ...prove the falsity of Satan's charge that <u>God had made a law</u> which man could not keep. ST 5-14-02

Unselfishness, the principle of God's kingdom, is the principle that Satan hates; its very existence he denies. From the beginning of the great controversy he has endeavored to prove God's principles of action to be selfish... To disprove Satan's claim is the work of Christ... Ed 154

Christ came to the earth, taking humanity and standing as man's representative, to show in the controversy with Satan that <u>man</u>, as <u>God created him</u>, <u>connected with the Father</u> and the Son, <u>could obey every divine requirement</u>. 1SM 253

Christ came to ...prove the falsity of Satan's charge that God had made a law which man could not keep. While possessing man's nature, Christ ...proved to the inhabitants of the unfallen worlds and to human beings that it is possible for man perfectly to obey the law. ST 5-14-02

Jury – All God's created beings

The judgment scene will take place in the presence of all the worlds; for in this judgment the government of God will be vindicated, and His law will stand forth as "holy, and just, and good." Mar 292

God gives Satan Time to demonstrate his Accusations

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Time must be given

It was God's purpose to <u>place things on an eternal basis of security</u>, and in the councils of heaven it was decided that <u>time must be given for Satan to develop the principles which were the foundation of his system of government</u>. He had claimed that these were superior to God's principles. Time was given for the working of Satan's principles, that they might be seen by the heavenly universe. DA 759

God allows Satan to demonstrate his plan - to protect His government of Love

Even when it was decided that he could no longer remain in heaven, Infinite Wisdom did not destroy Satan. Since the <u>service of love</u> can alone be acceptable to God, the allegiance of His creatures must rest upon a <u>conviction of His justice and benevolence</u>. The inhabitants of heaven and of other worlds, being <u>unprepared to comprehend</u> the nature or consequences of sin, could not then have seen the justice and 499 mercy of God in the destruction of Satan. Had he been immediately blotted from existence, they would have served God from fear rather than from love. The influence of the deceiver would not have been fully destroyed, nor would the spirit of rebellion have been utterly eradicated. Evil must be permitted to come to maturity. For the good of the entire universe through ceaseless ages Satan must more fully develop his principles, that his charges against the divine government might be seen in their true light by all created beings, that the justice and mercy of God and the immutability of His law might forever be placed beyond all question. {GC 498.3}

<u>Satan's rebellion was to be a lesson to the universe through all coming ages, a perpetual testimony to the nature and terrible results of sin</u>. The working out of Satan's rule, its effects upon both men and angels, would show what must be the fruit of setting aside the divine

authority. It would <u>testify</u> that with the existence of God's government and His law is bound up the well-being of all the creatures He has made. GC 499

It was necessary to give Satan time to develop his principles. CTr 289

In the controversy it was to be shown whether the divine statutes were defective and subject to change, or perfect and immutable. PP 69

God and Satan Demonstrate their government & character

In the councils of heaven it was decided that... Time must be given for Satan to develop the principles which were the foundation of his government. The heavenly universe must see worked out the principles which Satan declared to be superior to God's principles. <u>God's order must be contrasted with Satan's order</u>. The corrupting principles of Satan's rule must be revealed. The principles of righteousness expressed in God's law must be demonstrated... RH Sept. 7, 1897

The Lord allowed Satan to go on, and demonstrate his principles. RH, September 7, 1897

Satan demonstrates his character, law & government

Satan... is to reveal to the world and to heaven what is the order and result of a government carried on according to his ideas of administration and law. ST, April 28, 1890

He (Satan) had sought to falsify the word of God and had misrepresented His plan of government before the angels, claiming that God was not just in laying laws and rules upon the inhabitants of heaven; that in requiring submission and obedience from His creatures, He was seeking merely the exaltation of Himself. Therefore it must be demonstrated before the inhabitants of heaven, as well as of all the worlds, that God's government was just, His law perfect. Satan had made it appear that he himself was seeking to promote the good of the universe. The true character of the usurper, and his real object, must be understood by all. He must have time to manifest himself by his wicked works. {GC 498.1}

The discord which his own course had caused in heaven, Satan charged upon the law and government of God. All evil he declared to be the result of the divine administration. He claimed that it was his own object to improve upon the statutes of Jehovah. Therefore it was necessary that he should demonstrate the nature of his claims, and show the working out of his proposed changes in the divine law. His own work must condemn him. Satan had claimed from the first that he was not in rebellion. The whole universe must see the deceiver unmasked. {GC 498.2}

Even when it was decided that he could no longer remain in heaven, Infinite Wisdom did not destroy Satan. Since the service of love can alone be acceptable to God, the allegiance of His creatures must rest upon a conviction of His justice and benevolence. The inhabitants of heaven and of other worlds, being unprepared to comprehend the nature or consequences of sin, could not then have seen the justice and 499 mercy of God in the destruction of Satan. Had he been immediately blotted from existence, they would have served God from fear rather than from love. The influence of the deceiver would not have been fully destroyed, nor would the spirit of rebellion have been utterly eradicated. Evil must be permitted to come to maturity. For the good of the entire universe through ceaseless ages Satan must more fully develop his

<u>principles</u>, that <u>his charges against the divine government</u> might be seen in their true light by all created beings, that the justice and mercy of God and the immutability of His law might forever be placed beyond all question. GC 498

Satan's rebellion was to be a lesson to the universe through all coming ages, a perpetual testimony to the nature and terrible results of sin. The working out of Satan's rule, its effects upon both men and angels, would show what must be the fruit of setting aside the divine authority. It would testify that with the existence of God's government and His law is bound up the well-being of all the creatures He has made. Thus the history of this terrible experiment of rebellion was to be a perpetual safeguard to all holy intelligences, to prevent them from being deceived as to the nature of transgression, to save them from committing sin and suffering its punishments. GC 499

It was necessary for his (Satan's) plans to be fully developed, that their true nature and tendency might be seen by all. GC88 497

Satan could not be presented to the universe at once in his real character. His crooked course must be allowed to continue until he should reveal himself as an accuser, a deceiver, a liar, and a murderer. CTr 11

Jesus demonstrates God's character, law and government

Christ came to the world with the accumulated love of eternity. ...He showed that the law is a law of love, an expression of the Divine Goodness. He showed that in obedience to its principles is involved the happiness of mankind... {Ed 76.3}

The history of the great conflict between good and evil, from the time it first began in heaven to the final overthrow of rebellion and the total eradication of sin, is also a <u>demonstration</u> of God's unchanging love. FLB 59

Christ the Word, the revelation of God--the manifestation of His character, His law, His love, His life... HP 130

Vindicate the Character of God

Jesus came to this earth to represent the character of the Father to the world. He said, "He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father." <u>Satan had misrepresented the character of God</u>, and placed him in a false light. But Jesus came to reveal the Father's love and compassion toward the fallen children of men. ST, September 30, 1889

Christ came to the earth to reveal to men the character of His Father, and His life was filled with deeds of divine tenderness and compassion. PP 469

Christ came to reveal the Father, to roll back the shadow that Satan had cast over humanity, that men might behold God clothed in the divine attributes of his nature. RH, July 5, 1892

But the plan of redemption had a yet broader and deeper purpose than the salvation of man. It was not for this alone that Christ came to the earth; ...but it was to <u>vindicate the character of God</u> before the universe.... The act of Christ in dying for the salvation of man would not only make heaven accessible to men, but <u>before all the universe it would justify God and His Son</u> in

their dealing with the rebellion of Satan. It would establish the perpetuity of the law of God and would reveal the nature and the results of sin. PP 68

Christ came to reveal to the world, in the sight of heavenly intelligences, the true character of the Father... Jesus represented the character of the Father in a way to disprove the lying representations of the enemy, for the Son of God revealed the Father as a being full of mercy, compassion, goodness, truth, and love. ST, June 13, 1895

Christ came to reveal to the sinner the justice and love of God... 1SM 324

To magnify the law / God's government

But it was not merely to accomplish the redemption of man that Christ came to the earth to suffer and to die. <u>He came to "magnify the law"</u> and to "make it honorable." Not alone that the inhabitants of this world might regard the law as it should be regarded; but <u>it was to demonstrate</u> to all the worlds of the universe that God's law is unchangeable. DD 4

Jesus came to magnify the law, and make it honorable. He died to exalt the law of God, testifying of its changeless character... RH, January 24, 1893

Christ demonstrates man can keep the law

Christ... came to this world to live the law in humanity, that Satan's charge that human beings cannot keep the law of God might be demonstrated as false. CTr 279

Grand Trial's 1st Witness - Christ becomes a man - to repeat the Trial of Eden

Satan Claims Adam / man cannot keep God's law

In heaven Satan had declared that the sin of Adam revealed that human beings could not keep the law of God, and he sought to carry the universe with him in this belief. 16MR 115

Satan claimed that it was impossible for human beings to keep God's law. UL 172

Christ becomes a man -- To Prove Satan is a liar

Jesus humbled himself, clothing his divinity with humanity, in order that he ...by both precept and example condemn sin in the flesh, and give the lie to Satan's charges. ST 10-16-1896

Christ... came to this world to live the law in humanity, that Satan's charge that man cannot keep the law might be demonstrated as false. ST, April 7, 1898

Christ stands in Adam's place

Christ, in the wilderness of temptation, <u>stood in Adam's place</u> to bear the test he failed to endure. Con 32

This was the only way in which man could be saved, the only way in which it could be <u>demonstrated</u> that it is possible for man to keep the law. Christ came to this earth and <u>stood</u> <u>where Adam stood</u>, overcoming where Adam failed to overcome. ST 6-13-00

...he must go over the ground where Adam stumbled. He must take up the work just where Adam failed... GCB 2-25-95

...Christ would identify Himself with the weaknesses of the fallen race, and by firm obedience show that man might <u>redeem Adam's disgraceful failure</u>... The great work of redemption could be carried out only by the Redeemer taking the place of fallen Adam. ... He would go over the ground where Adam stumbled. He would bear a test infinitely more severe than that which Adam failed to endure. Con 17, 18

His human nature must pass through the same test and trial Adam and Eve passed through.... He was passing over the ground where Adam fell. He was now where, if He endured the test and trial in behalf of the fallen race, He would redeem Adam's disgraceful failure and fall... 3SM 129

Christ is a 2nd Adam – Like the 1st Adam

Christ is called the second Adam.... He began where the first Adam began. CTr 20

Adam was created: in the Image of God

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Christ came: In the Image of God

Christ... is the brightness of the Father's glory and the express image of His person. COL 115

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins; who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature. Col 1:14-15

Adam was created: Sinless, pure and holy

The first Adam was created a pure, sinless being, without a taint of sin upon him; he was in the image of God. 5BC 1128

Christ came: with no taint of sin

Christ was the only one who walked the earth upon whom there <u>rested no taint of sin</u>. He was pure, spotless, and undefiled. 3SM 134

Christ alone stood unpolluted in a world of selfishness... 6T 237

Adam was created: United to the Father

...man, as God created him, connected with the Father and the Son, could obey every divine requirement. 1SM 253

Christ came: united to His Father

John 5:30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

The Redeemer, in whom was <u>united both the human and the divine</u>, stood in Adam's place, and endured a terrible fast of nearly six weeks. 1SM 272

From all eternity Christ was <u>united with the Father</u>, and when He took upon Himself human nature, He was still one with God. 1SM 228 While bearing human nature, He [Christ] was <u>dependent</u> upon the Omnipotent for His life. In His humanity, He laid hold of the divinity of God... Mar 302

...in every time of distress, Christ turned to His Father.... He prayed with strong crying and tears, and He was heard... God strengthened Him... 3SM 131

Christ is United to the Father – Like the 1st Adam

Christ came like the 1st Adam -- United to the Father

From all eternity Christ was <u>united with the Father</u>, and when He took upon Himself human nature, He was still one with God. 1SM 228

Daily Communion with God

Christ took upon himself human nature, but <u>daily he linked it with the divine nature</u>. He devoted whole nights to prayer, leaving an example for all humanity; for as he relied upon God, the Source of all strength, so are we to be invigorated and refreshed, to be strengthened for duty and braced for trial, <u>through communion</u> with God.

ST 11-21-95

While bearing human nature, He [Christ] was <u>dependent</u> upon the Omnipotent for His life. In His humanity, He laid hold of the divinity of God... Mar 302

Christ prayed to His Father for Strength

Christ... Through weary days He toiled, and through long nights He bent in prayer for grace and endurance... With strong crying and tears He sent His petitions to heaven, that His https://www.nature.night.ed, that He might be braced to meet the wily foe in all his deceptive workings... GW15 292

...in every time of distress, Christ turned to His Father.... He prayed with strong crying and tears, and He was heard... God strengthened Him... 3SM 131

Recieved Strength from His Father

Christ's humanity was united with divinity, and <u>in this strength</u> he would bear all the temptations that Satan could bring against him, and yet keep his soul untainted by sin. RH 1-28-9

(Christ) ...in the <u>strength that his humanity received from God</u>, He coped successfully with the powers of Satan and fallen angels. LLM 283

While bearing human nature, He [Christ] was <u>dependent</u> upon the Omnipotent for His life. In His humanity, He laid hold of the divinity of God... Mar 302

He who is at last crowned conqueror must depend, as Christ did, upon divine power. Every step Christ took was taken in dependence upon God, and not in a single point did the enemy overcome Him. BEcho, July 23, 1900

Christ prayed to His Father for strength

His nature was without the taint of sin. As the Son of man, He prayed to the Father, showing that <u>human nature requires all the divine support</u> which man can obtain that he may be braced for duty and prepared for trial. 4T 528

Christ is Tempted – Like the 1st Adam

Christ begins where the 1st Adam began (created)

Christ is called the second Adam. In purity and holiness, connected with God and beloved by God, He <u>began where the first Adam began</u>. Willingly He passed over the ground where Adam fell, and redeemed Adam's failure. YI 6-2-98

Christ was tested like Adam - to maintain a pure sinless character

He came into our world to maintain a pure, sinless character, and to refute Satan's lie that it was not possible for human beings to keep the law of God. 3SM 129

Christ conquered as the <u>sinless</u>, <u>unfallen</u>, <u>perfect Man</u>. As the Messiah He has won the victory over the temptations of the enemy... UL 17

Christ was tempted just like the 1st Adam – with no taint of sin

When Adam was assailed by the tempter in Eden he was <u>without the taint of sin</u>.... Christ, in the wilderness of temptation, stood in Adam's place to bear the test he failed to endure. 7ABC 448

Christ was tempted in the nature of the 1st Adam – with no propensity to sin

Be careful, exceedingly careful as to how you dwell upon the human nature of Christ. Do not set Him before the people as a man with the propensities of sin. He is the second Adam. The first Adam was created a pure, sinless being, without a taint of sin upon him; he was in the image of God. He could fall, and he did fall through transgressing. Because of sin his posterity was born with inherent propensities of disobedience. But Jesus Christ was the only begotten Son of God. He took upon Himself human nature, and was tempted in all points as human nature is tempted. He could have sinned; He could have fallen, but not for one moment was there in Him an evil propensity. He was assailed with temptations in the wilderness, as Adam was assailed with temptations in Eden. 5BC 1128

Christ was tempted just like the 1st Adam

All was lost when Adam yielded to the power of appetite. The Redeemer, in whom was <u>united</u> both the human and the divine, stood in Adam's place, and endured a terrible fast of nearly six weeks. RH Aug. 4, 1874

Christ Overcomes the Test & Proves Adam didn't have to fall & Satan is a Liar

Christ Overcomes the test of the 1st Adam

This was the only way in which man could be saved, the only way in which it could be demonstrated that it is possible for man to keep the law. Christ came to this earth and <u>stood</u> where Adam stood, overcoming where Adam failed to overcome. ST 6-13-00

Christ overcame Satan in the nature of Adam before he fell

When Christ bowed His head and died, He bore the pillars of Satan's kingdom with Him to the earth. He vanquished Satan in the same nature over which in Eden Satan obtained the victory. 7ABC 447

Christ conquered as the <u>sinless</u>, <u>unfallen</u>, <u>perfect Man</u>. As the Messiah He has won the victory over the temptations of the enemy, making it possible for us to overcome as He overcame. UL 17

Christ Proves -- that the 1st Adam didn't have to fall

When Christ was on earth... He was on trial in behalf of man, and the test was made in his experience as to the possibility that <u>humanity could overcome through divine power</u>. RH 4-25-1893

Christ Vindicates God

The way God Created Adam -- he didn't have to fall

Christ came to the earth, taking humanity, and standing as man's representative, to show in the controversy with Satan that man, as God created him, connected with the Father and the Son, could obey every divine requirement. ST June 9, 1898

Adam's fall was not God's fault

Christ Proves

- God did not create Adam faulty
- Adam could have obeyed
- Sin is not God's fault

The only way to vindicate God

- Repeat the Test / Experiment
- Christ came like the 1st Adam was created
 - Pure, sinless, holy
 - In the Image of God
 - Connected to the Father
- Christ is tested like the 1st Adam

Christ Proves:

- Sin is not God's fault
- Adam could have overcome

Christ Proves:

The Character of God is Pure Love

<u>Satan charged God</u> with possessing the attributes that he himself possessed. Christ came to this world to <u>reveal God's character</u> as it really is. He is the perfect representation of the Father. His life of sinlessness, lived on this earth in human nature, is a <u>complete refutation of Satan's</u> charge against the character of God. BTS, October 1, 1902

Jesus came to this earth to represent the character of the Father to the world. He said, "He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father." <u>Satan had misrepresented the character of God</u>, and placed him in a false light. But <u>Jesus came to reveal the Father's love and compassion</u> toward the fallen children of men. ST, September 30, 1889

Man can keep the law through divine power

Satan had claimed that it was impossible for man to obey God's commandments; and in our own strength it is true... But Christ came in the form of humanity, and by His perfect obedience He <u>proved</u> that <u>humanity and divinity combined</u> can obey every one of God's precepts. COL 314

Christ... was conqueror, thus testifying to all the unfallen worlds and to fallen humanity that man could keep the commandments of God through the divine power granted to him of heaven. 3SM 136

The only-begotten Son of God came to our world as a man, to <u>reveal</u> to the world the fact that <u>men through divine power could keep the law of God</u>. ST, April 10, 1893

(Christ) lived the law of God, and honored it in a world of transgression, revealing to the worlds unfallen, to the heavenly universe, to Satan, and to all the fallen sons and daughters of Adam that through His grace humanity can keep the law of God! CTr 246

Man United to the Father can Overcome

Christ ...met all the temptations by which Adam was assailed, and overcame these temptations because in His humanity He relied upon divine power. FLB 219

Christ redeemed Adam's disgraceful failure and fall, and was conqueror, thus testifying to all the unfallen worlds and to fallen humanity that through the divine power granted to Him of heaven human beings can keep the commandments of God. Signs of the Times, Apr. 17, 1893

Man as God created him can overcome

Christ came to the earth, taking humanity, and standing as man's representative, to show in the controversy with Satan that man, as God created him, connected with the Father and the Son, could obey every divine requirement. ST June 9, 1898

Man can overcome Satan's Temptations

Satan claimed that it was impossible for human beings to keep God's law. In order to <u>prove the falsity of this claim</u>, Christ left His high command, took upon Himself the nature of man ...in order to show that humanity could withstand the temptations of Satan. PCP 24

Man can be pure and holy

It was necessary that Christ should take upon him our nature, in order to prove the falsity of Satan's statements. ... Christ became man's representative and surety, thus demonstrating to heavenly intelligences, to unfallen worlds, and to the human race, that, through cooperation with divine agencies, <u>humanity could be pure and holy</u>. By partaking of the divine nature they could meet the demand of a perfect and holy law. ST, June 18, 1894

Christ restores Honor to God's government

Christ alone could restore <u>honor to God's government</u>. The cross of Calvary would be looked upon by the unfallen worlds, by the heavenly universe, by Satanic agencies, by the fallen race, and every mouth would be stopped. In making His infinite sacrifice Christ would exalt and honor the law. He would make known the exalted character of God's government, which could not in any way be changed to meet man in his sinful condition. LHU 257

Christ proves Satan is a Liar

Christ lived the law in humanity, in order that every mouth might be stopped, and that Satan might be <u>proved an accuser and a liar</u>. ST, July 2, 1896

Christ came to the earth, taking humanity and standing as man's representative, to show in the controversy with Satan that he was a liar... 16MR 115

Accuser of the Brethren

In this choice (crucifixion of Christ) the principles of Satan were made manifest; and the hosts of heaven, and all the worlds that God had created, judged that Satan was an <u>accuser of the brethren</u>, a liar, and a murderer. 1SM 348

Deceiver

In heaven and among the unfallen worlds the question of Satan's <u>deceiving power</u>, of his malignant principles, was settled... 1SM 348

Murderer

In order that he might reign as supreme ruler, Satan sought to overthrow Christ. And he planned and carried out the murder of Christ for no other reason than that to ...hope that Christ would not endure a death made as horrible as infernal wisdom could make it. He endeavored to prove the correctness of his assertion that Christ was not self-sacrificing. CTr 290

By causing the death of the Sovereign of heaven, Satan defeated his own purposes.... By shedding the blood of the Son of God, he uprooted himself [from sympathy], and was seen by all to be a liar, a thief, and a murderer. 18MR 362

Satan ...must be allowed to continue until he should reveal himself as an accuser, a deceiver, a liar, and a murderer. CTr 11

Christ Overcame because He depended on Divine power

Christ prayed with strong supplication

Jesus Christ... was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin. By his prayers and strong supplications, he overcame. RH 8-31-5

Christ depended on His Father for divine power

Christ ...met all the temptations by which Adam was assailed, and overcame these temptations because in His humanity He relied upon divine power. FLB 219

...our Saviour relied upon His Heavenly Father for wisdom and strength to resist and overcome the tempter. Y 2-1-73

As man, He met temptation, and overcame in the strength given Him of God. BTS 2-1-1908 It was from the Father that Christ constantly drew the power that enabled him to keep his life free from spot or stain of sin. RH 7-4-1912

Christ united His humanity with Divinity

Christ's humanity <u>was united with divinity</u>, and <u>in this strength</u> He would bear all the temptations that Satan could bring against Him, and yet keep His soul untainted by sin. FLB 49 Christ overcame every temptation of the enemy, because in him divinity and humanity were combined... ST, September 26, 1892

Christ had Power because He was Obedient to His Father's commands

Christ, the second Adam, came in the likeness of sinful flesh. In man's behalf, He became subject to sorrow, to weariness, to hunger, and to thirst. He was subject to temptation, but He yielded not to sin. No taint of sin was upon Him. He declared, "I have kept my Father's commandments [in My earthly life]" (John 15:10). He had infinite power only because He was perfectly obedient to His Father's will. 3SM 141

He (Christ) was able to resist the temptations of Satan through his <u>dependence upon the divine</u> <u>power</u> of his heavenly Father, <u>as he was</u> subject to his will, and <u>obedient to all his commands</u>. YI 8-16-94

Why did Adam fall?

Adam didn't reach up for Divine Power

Satan charmed the first Adam by his <u>sophistry</u>... <u>Adam did not reach above his humanity for divine power</u>. He believed the words of Satan. ST December 3, 1902

...if they had but heeded the instruction that God had given them,--to call upon him when they were threatened with evil from the fallen foe,--they would have had the presence of angels to shield them in the hour of temptation, and the fascinating charm of Satan would have been broken! ST 10-8-1894

All the angels of heaven were prepared to come to the aid of Adam and Eve in this contest with the enemy, if they would call upon God for help. ST February 17, 1909

Adam Listened to Satan

By listening to his misrepresentation of God, Adam fell from his high estate, and the floodgates of woe were opened upon our world. CTr 19

Adam ventured to transgress one prohibition of God... There was nothing in the fruit of the tree of knowledge that was a point in itself, but the point was in <u>Adam's listening to Satan</u>, and venturing to transgress. 9MR 235

Adam believed the words Satan instead of God

Satan tempted Adam, and he fell. He ...made lying reports of God to the beings He had created, and they listened to his reports and believed his lie. And sin entered the world. CTr 8

Adam believed the lie of Satan, the wily insinuations against the character of God. 1SM 214

Adam didn't have Faith in God's word

If Adam had depended on the words of God in place of the words of a stranger, he would not have transgressed the law of Jehovah. CTr 206

Adam didn't live by every Word of God

If Adam and Eve had <u>lived by every word</u> that proceeded out of the mouth of God they never would have fallen, never lost the right to the tree of life. 9MR 232

It was through <u>making the word of God of none effect that sin was brought into the world</u>. Adam believed the falsehood of Satan, and ...disobeyed the commandment of God, and did the very thing the Lord told him not to do. 1SM 345

...the sin of Adam (was) in the transgression of the Father's express commands. ST 8-1-1878

God has two Witnesses – To Defend His Honor

...in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. Matthew 18:18

Christ Vindicates the Father

...Christ came to the earth; ...to vindicate the character of God before the universe. PP 68

The working out of the plan of salvation reveals not only to men but to angels, the character of God, and through the ages of eternity the malignant character of sin will be understood by the cost to the Father and the Son of the redemption of a rebel race. Messenger, June 7, 1893

144,000 Vindicates the Father

Just before us is the closing struggle of the great controversy... If there was ever a people in need of constantly increasing light from heaven, it is the people that, in this time of peril, God has called to be the depositaries of His holy law and to <u>vindicate His character before the world</u>. CCh 345

God will have a people upon the earth who will vindicate His honor by having respect to all of His commandments... FW 42

The very <u>image of God</u> is to be reproduced in humanity. The <u>honor of God</u>, the honor of Christ, is involved in the perfection of the character of His people. LHU 191

Ye are My Witnesses

Is 43:10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen... 43:21 This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise.

Those who not only hear but do the words of Christ, make manifest in character the operation of the Holy Spirit. ...and God acknowledges those who are His, declaring, "Ye are my witnesses." They <u>testify</u> that divine power is influencing their hearts and shaping their conduct. Their works give evidence that the Spirit is moving upon the inward man... HP 22

The law of God is to be lived out. Thus in the character of God's people <u>a living testimony</u> will be borne that will contradict the fallacy of Satan, who has declared that the law of Jehovah is arbitrary, and holds its subjects under a cruel bondage. RH, August 13, 1895

Every soul that develops a righteous character and withstands the power of the wicked one is a testimony to the falsehood of Satan's charges against divine government. BTS 12-1-1907

Man is God's 2nd Witness He is Tested like Adam in Eden

Is 43:10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen... 43:21 This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise.

All mankind is tested like Adam

The very test that God brought upon Adam in Eden, will be brought upon every member of the human family. Obedience to God was required of Adam, and we stand in the same position that he did to have a <u>second trial</u>, to see whether we will listen to the voice of Satan and disobey God, or to the Word of God and obey. RH June 10, 1890

We stand as Adam did, with opportunity for a second trial, to prove our allegiance to the Government of God. ST, November 24, 1887

Every man has been placed on trial, as were Adam and Eve in Eden. RH Aug. 30, 1898

God will test all, even as He tested Adam and Eve, to see whether they will be obedient. RH, 5—28-1901

The warfare against God's law, which was begun in heaven, will be continued until the end of time. Every man will be tested. DA 763

Man is given a 2nd Probation

The plan of salvation was designed to redeem the fallen race, to give them another trial. 1SM 250

Christ died to give man a 2nd Probation

When Adam's sin had forfeited eternal life, at infinite cost God provided for the race a second probation. ST, February 24, 1904

Christ gave His life that man should have <u>another trial</u>. He did not die on the cross to abolish the law of God, but to secure for man a second probation. FLB 179

It is because He [Christ] has borne the punishment in His own body on the cross that man has a second probation. TDG 87

Christ died for a ruined world, and through the merit of Christ, God has elected that man should have a <u>second trial</u>, a <u>second probation</u>, a <u>second test</u> as to whether he will keep the commandments of God, or walk in the path of transgression, as did Adam. RH 9-28-1897

Christ gave His life to redeem humanity, and ... to give man a second probation. RH 5-7-1901

Christ... gave his life to procure a period of probation for the sons and daughters of Adam. RH, 3-31-1896

Man is given a 2nd Chance

The instant man accepted the temptations of Satan, ... Christ, the Son of God, stood between the living and the dead, saying, "Let the punishment fall on Me. I will stand in man's place. <u>He shall have another chance</u>." FLB 75

Infinite wisdom devised the plan of redemption, which places the race on a second probation by giving them another trial. 3T 484

Christ will help man endure the test Adam failed

While God accepts Christ as the sinner's substitute, he gives the sinner a chance, with Christ's divine power to help him, to stand the test which Adam failed to endure. YI, February 1, 1874

To Repeat the Test - God First Restores man back to the way he was Created

The true object of education is to <u>restore the image of God</u> in the soul. In the beginning, God created man in his own likeness. He endowed him with noble qualities.... But the fall and its effects have perverted these gifts. Sin has marred and well-nigh obliterated the image of God in man. It was to restore this that the <u>plan of salvation</u> was devised, and a life of probation was granted to man. To bring him back to the perfection in which he was first created, is the great object of life,--the object that underlies every other. CE 63

Christ's work was to <u>restore man to his original state</u>, to heal him, through divine power, from the wounds and bruises made by sin. FE 430

By sin the image of God in man has been marred and well-nigh obliterated; it is the work of the gospel to restore that which has been lost... LHU 279

...the life of Jesus was one of laborious, self-denying effort to <u>bring man back to his first estate</u>... 5T 421

...through the imparted life of Christ, man has been given opportunity to <u>win back again the</u> <u>lost gift of life</u>, and <u>to stand in his original position before God</u>, a partaker of the divine nature. ST 06-17-97

Man has fallen; and it will be the work of a lifetime... to recover from that fall, and <u>regain</u>, through Christ, the image of the divine, which he lost by sin... God requires a thorough transformation of soul, body, and spirit in order to <u>regain the estate lost through Adam</u>. 2T 448

Bring back the Image of God in man

Adam and Eve fell. And now the ...whole scheme of redemption has been put in operation to restore the moral image of God in man. 1888 1428

...the whole scheme of redemption has been put in operation to restore the moral image of God in man. PH080 28

Christ became a man ...that he might restore to man the original mind, the image of God, which he lost in Eden... ST, October 14, 1897

Jesus came to restore in man the image of his Maker. FLB 142

Bring man back to Perfection

To restore in man the image of his Maker, to <u>bring him back to the perfection</u> in which he was <u>created</u>, ...this was to be the work of redemption. This is the object of education, the great object of life. Ed 15

This probationary life is given to <u>bring man back to this perfection</u> which is to be the character of all who shall be saved. TDG 90

Everyone who by faith obeys God's commandments <u>will reach the condition of sinlessness in</u> <u>which Adam</u> lived before his transgression. HP 146

Through being partakers of the divine nature we may stand pure and holy and undefiled. CTr 213

Bring man back to Loyalty and Obedience

The mission of Christ on earth was not to destroy the law, but by His grace to bring man back to obedience to its precepts. RC 68

Christ died on the cross that he might pardon all transgression and sin, and bring man back to his loyalty to the commandments of God. PH086 8

Bring man back into Union with the Father

Why did Christ come to this world? He saw that humanity was separated from divinity. RH 12-30-09

His <u>mission was to reconcile God to man, and man to God</u>. His work was to unite the finite with the Infinite. 2SP 39

Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Jesus was made our substitute, our surety, that he might <u>bring us back to the Father</u>... RH 6-10-1890

God's 2nd Witness - 144,000 are like the 1st & 2nd Adam

...in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. Matthew 18:18

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In the Image of God

Those who receive the seal of the living God, and are protected in the time of trouble, must reflect the image of Jesus fully. EW 71

Sinless

Everyone who by faith obeys God's commandments will reach the condition of sinlessness in which Adam lived before his transgression. HP 146

...in order to live in the sight of the Lord without a high priest in the sanctuary through the time of trouble.... Their robes must be spotless, their characters must be purified from sin by the blood of sprinkling. Through the grace of God and their own diligent effort, they must be conquerors in the battle with evil. Mar 254

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144,000 will be tested like the 1st and 2nd Adam

Adam was without sin – when He was tested in Eden

When Adam was assailed by the tempter in Eden, he was without the taint of sin. Con 31

Jesus was without sin

Christ conquered as the <u>sinless</u>, <u>unfallen</u>, <u>perfect Man</u>. As the Messiah He has won the victory over the temptations of the enemy, making it possible for us to overcome as He overcame. UL 17

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Adam was united to the Father – the source of Power

Adam in his <u>innocence</u> was granted communion, direct, free, and happy, with his Maker. CC 20 Up to the moment Adam and Eve transgressed God's law there had been free communion between earth and heaven. They were connected by a path Deity could traverse. ST 7-31-1884

Christ was United to the Father

Christ took upon himself human nature, but <u>daily he linked it with the divine nature</u>. He devoted whole nights to prayer, leaving an example for all humanity; for as he relied upon God, the Source of all strength, so are we to be invigorated and refreshed, to be strengthened for duty and braced for trial, <u>through communion</u> with God.

ST 11-21-95

144,000 are united to the Father without a mediator

...after the close of Jesus' mediation, the saints were living in the sight of a holy God without an intercessor. Every case was decided, every jewel numbered. EW 280

144,000 first Overcome sin To prepare to Overcome the beast

Rev 14:1 I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty [and] four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, [being] the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. 14:5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Rev 7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: [and there were] sealed an hundred [and] forty [and] four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: 12:11 And they <u>overcame</u> him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Rev 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

144,000 -- First Overcome Sin

Overcome the World

John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Overcome Sin

The plan of redemption contemplates our complete recovery from the power of Satan. Christ ...came to destroy the works of the devil, and He has made provision that the Holy Spirit shall be imparted to every repentant soul, to keep him from sinning. DA 311

1 John 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

Men cannot continue in sin and stand faultless before God; for God will not tolerate sin. ST 10-03-95

Heb 12:1 ...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset [us], and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Robes are washed

...the hundred and forty-four thousand... "These are they which came out of great tribulation;" they have passed through the time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation; they have endured the anguish of the time of Jacob's trouble; they have stood without an intercessor through the final outpouring of God's judgments. But they have been delivered, for they have "washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." GC 648

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144,000 overcome sin -- before they Overcome the Beast

Jesus was without sin when He overcame the Beast

Christ was the only one who walked the earth upon whom there <u>rested no taint of sin</u>. He was pure, spotless, and undefiled. 3SM 134

Our sufficiency is found only in the incarnation and death of the Son of God. He could suffer, because sustained by divinity. He could endure, because he was without one taint of disloyalty or sin. YI, August 4, 1898

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Before we enter the Time of Trouble

Sin must be cleansed and put away

Not one of us will ever <u>receive the seal of God</u> while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. *Then the latter rain will fall* upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples. Mar 240

Satan could find nothing in the Son of God that would enable him to gain the victory. He had kept his Father's commandments, and there was no sin in him that Satan could use to his advantage. This is the condition in which those must be found who shall stand in the time of trouble. GC88 622

Those only who have clean hands and pure hearts will stand in that trying time. Now is the time for the law of God to be in our minds, foreheads, and written in our hearts. EW 57

Man's last battle

The wonderful things to take place in our world--the greatest events of all ages--are incomprehensible to worldly minds... The powers of heaven shall be shaken.... *Man must be a partaker of the divine nature in order to stand in this evil time*, when the mysteries of satanic agencies are at work. *Only by the divine power united with the human can souls endure through these times of trial*. Says Christ, "Without me ye can do nothing." 1888 332

144,000 are United to the Father Like the 1st & 2nd Adam

Power to Overcome is because we are United to the Father

Adam's Source of Power was - Union with the Father

Adam and Eve... were to live in close communion with heaven, <u>receiving</u> and assimilating <u>power</u> from the <u>great Source of power</u>. <u>Upheld by God</u>, they were to live sinless lives. CTr 19

Christ's source of Power was -- Union with the Father

Christ ...met all the temptations by which Adam was assailed, and overcame these temptations because in His humanity He relied upon divine power. FLB 219

...our Saviour relied upon His Heavenly Father for wisdom and strength to resist and overcome the tempter. Y 2-1-73

As man, He met temptation, and overcame in the strength given Him of God. BTS 2-1-1908 It was from the Father that Christ constantly drew the power that enabled him to keep his life free from spot or stain of sin. RH 7-4-1912

Christ overcame every temptation of the enemy, because in him divinity and humanity were combined... ST, September 26, 1892

Man's source of Power - Union with the Father

Divinity and humanity were united in Christ... <u>This union will enable us to overcome the enemy</u>; for through faith in Christ we shall have divine power. 1888 1077

...where there is unity there is strength, a oneness which all the powers of hell cannot break. 18MR 366

Through the victory of Christ the same advantages that he had are provided for man; for he may be a partaker of a power out of and above himself, even a partaker of the divine nature, by which he may overcome the corruption that is in the world through lust. ST 1-16-1896

When we are securely anchored in Christ, we have a power that no human being can take from us. Why is this? Because we are partakers of the divine nature... 9T 187

Christ... came to unite man with God, to impart divine strength to the repenting soul... YRP 368 So long as we are united to Him by faith, sin has no more dominion over us. TSDF 154

Abundant provision has been made that finite, fallen man may so connect with God that, through the same Source by which Christ overcame in His human nature, he may stand firmly against every temptation, as did Christ. 3SM 130

Men may have a <u>power to resist evil</u>... a power that will place them where <u>they may overcome</u> as Christ overcame. Divinity and humanity may be combined in them. 1SM 409

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In Man's Last battle -- Union with the Father is essential

Union... is our power to overcome

Divinity and humanity were united in Christ, that he might reveal to us God's purpose, and bring man into close communion with himself. *This union will enable us to overcome the enemy*; for through faith in Christ we shall have divine power. 1888 1077

Unity is our duty and necessity -- to overcome the enemy

Our Lord made it our duty, as well as our privilege, to connect our weakness, our ignorance, our need, with his strength, his wisdom, his righteousness. He unites his infinite power with the effort of finite beings, that they may be more than victors in the battle with the enemy of their souls. RH, October 30, 1888

We need the Divine Nature

In Christ divinity and humanity were united, and the only way in which man may be an overcomer is through becoming a partaker of the divine nature. SD 24

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God prepares a people to Repeat the Test of Eden - To Overcome the Beast

Adam

- Was without sin
- Had direct access to the Father
- Was tempted by the Beast

Christ

- Was without sin
- Had direct Access to the Father
- Tempted by the Beast / Satan

144,000 / Time of Trouble

- Free from sin
- Direct Access to the Father
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Tested by a Beast

Garden of Eden

Serpent

Now the



was more subtle than any beast of the field 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Christ in wilderness

Satan / Great **Red Dragon**

Mark 1:13



And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan;

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan

144,000

Image to the Beast



Rev 13:15

And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

144,000 -- Overcome the Beast

Fearful tests and trials await the people of God.... But in the midst of the time of trouble that is coming,—a time of trouble such as has not been since there was a nation—God's chosen people will stand unmoved. CCh 40

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Rev 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

144,000 Prove man can Overcome the same beast that overcame Adam

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144,000 prove: the way God created man he can Overcome the beast

Christ came to the earth, taking humanity, and standing as man's representative, to show in the controversy with Satan that man, as God created him, connected with the Father and the Son, could obey every divine requirement. ST June 9, 1898

In Trial - My Two Witnesses

Prove what the Gospel can do

He who would build up a strong, symmetrical character, he who would be a well-balanced Christian, must give all and do all for Christ; for the Redeemer will not accept divided service. Daily he must learn the meaning of self-surrender. He must study the word of God, learning its meaning and obeying its precepts. Thus he may reach the standard of Christian excellence. Day by day God works with him, perfecting the character that is to stand in the time of final test. And day by day the believer is working out before men and angels a sublime experiment, showing what the gospel can do for fallen human beings. AA 483

Prove Satan's accusations are false

...in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. Matthew 18:18 Is 43:10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen...

Accusation: Man cannot keep the law of God

In heaven Satan had declared that the sin of Adam revealed that human beings could not keep the law of God... 16MR 115

Christ shows man can keep the law of God

Christ came to the earth, taking humanity and standing as man's representative, to show in the controversy with Satan that he was a liar, and that man, as God created him, connected with the Father and the Son, <u>could obey every requirement of God</u>. 16MR 115

In His ministry, Christ by word and deed vindicated the honor of God's law. It was for this purpose that He came into the world. CTr 290

144,000 show man can keep the law of God

Satan has declared to His synagogue that man could not keep God's commandments. One soul saved would prove this statement false. One soul saved would demonstrate the righteousness of God's law. 18MR 94

Rev 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Christ's true followers will be in conformity to the mind and will and character of God, and the far-reaching principles of the law will be demonstrated in humanity. BLJ 59

Satan's Accusation: Man cannot Overcome sin, temptations

Christ overcame temptation through the power given him from the Father

<u>Christ's humanity was united with divinity</u>, and <u>in this strength</u> he would bear all the temptations that Satan could bring against him... And this power to overcome he would give to

every son and daughter of Adam who would accept by faith the righteous attributes of his character. RH 1-28-1909

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God desires that His people shall stand before the world a <u>holy people</u>. ...the lives of its members, sanctified by the Spirit of truth, are to <u>bear witness</u> to the verity of the messages proclaimed. TM 458

Accusation: Man cannot Resist Satan

Christ shows man can Resist Satan

The Son of God left the heavenly courts and ...gave Himself to the human family, to pass through test and trial and thus <u>demonstrate</u> to every son and daughter of Adam that <u>it is possible through faith in Him to resist the devices of Satan</u>. Tempted in all points as man is tempted, Christ overcame through the power of divinity. He seeks to teach men and women that they may overcome through the same power. ST, February 17, 1909

144,000 show Man can Resist Satan

Rev 12:10 ... the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 12:11 And they <u>overcame him</u> by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Two Witnesses -- Vindicate God's Character

..the plan of redemption had a yet broader and deeper purpose than the salvation of man. It was not for this alone that Christ came to the earth; it was not merely that the inhabitants of this little world might regard the law of God as it should be regarded; but it was to <u>vindicate</u> the character of God before the universe. PP 68

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Christ Vindicates the Father

Christ lived in accordance with the principles of God's moral government, and fulfilled the specifications of the law of God. He represented the beneficence of the law in His human life. BLJ 59

His (Christ's) mission to the world is to vindicate the sacred claims of that law... DA 307 ... Christ came to the earth; ... to vindicate the character of God before the universe. PP 68

144,000 Vindicate the Father

If there was ever a people in need of constantly increasing light from heaven, it is the people that, in this time of peril, God has called to be the depositaries of His holy law and to <u>vindicate</u> His character before the world. CCh 345

The law of God is to be lived out. Thus in the character of God's people <u>a living testimony</u> will be borne that will contradict the fallacy of Satan, who has declared that the law of Jehovah is arbitrary, and holds its subjects under a cruel bondage. RH, August 13, 1895

Every soul that develops a righteous character and withstands the power of the wicked one is a testimony to the falsehood of Satan's charges against divine government. BTS 12-1-1907

<u>144,000 -- Pure and holy</u>

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Eph 5:25 ...Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

144,000 - Vindicate God's honor

The very <u>image of God</u> is to be reproduced in humanity. The <u>honor of God</u>, the honor of Christ, is involved in the perfection of the character of His people. LHU 191

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Those who not only hear but do the words of Christ, make manifest in character the operation of the Holy Spirit. ...and God acknowledges those who are His, declaring, "Ye are my witnesses." They testify that divine power is influencing their hearts and shaping their conduct. Their works give evidence that the Spirit is moving upon the inward man... HP 22

Just before us is the closing struggle of the great controversy... If there was ever a people in need of constantly increasing light from heaven, it is the people that, in this time of peril, God has called to be the depositaries of His holy law and to <u>vindicate His character before the world</u>. CCh 345

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His perfect people demonstrate the Law of God

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The fact that the law is holy, just, and good <u>is to be testified</u> before all nations, tongues, and peoples, to worlds unfallen... and he who cooperates with Christ, becoming a partaker of the

divine nature, will develop the <u>divine character</u>, and <u>become an illustration of the divine law</u>.... Christ's true followers will be in conformity to the mind and will and character of God, and the <u>far-reaching principles of the law will be demonstrated in humanity</u>. BLJ 59

God's Perfect people give a Testimony that Satan's charges are False

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Before all of God's Creation God is Forever Vindicated

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Christ Vindicates God

The Father has given the world into the hands of Christ, that through His mediatorial work He may redeem man and vindicate the authority and holiness of the law of God. PP 366

The atonement of Calvary <u>vindicated</u> the law of God as holy, just, and true, not only before the fallen world, but before heaven and before worlds unfallen. ST June 20, 1895

The act of Christ in dying for the salvation of man would not only make heaven accessible to men, but <u>before all the universe it would justify God and His Son</u> in their dealing with the rebellion of Satan. It would establish the perpetuity of the law of God and would reveal the nature and the results of sin. PP 68

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Vindicating God's Law

God has a distinct people, a church on earth, second to none, but superior to all in their facilities to teach the truth, to vindicate the law of God. CCh 240

Vindicating God's Character

Just before us is the closing struggle of the great controversy when... Satan is to work to misrepresent the character of God, that he may "seduce, if it were possible, even the elect." If there was ever a people in need of constantly increasing light from heaven, it is the people that, in this time of peril, God has called to be the depositaries of His holy law and to <u>vindicate His character before the world</u>. CCh 345

Final Judgment -- God is Vindicated

The final judgment is a most solemn, awful event. This must take place before the universe.... God will be honored and His government vindicated and glorified, and that in the presence of the inhabitants of the unfallen worlds. On the largest possible scale will the government of God be vindicated and exalted. TDG 296

God's dealings with rebellion will result in fully unmasking the work that has so long been carried on under cover. The results of Satan's rule, the fruits of setting aside the divine statutes, will be laid open to the view of all created intelligences. The law of God will stand fully vindicated. PP 338

The history of sin will stand to all eternity as a witness that with the existence of God's law is bound up the happiness of all the beings He has created. With all the facts of the great controversy in view, the whole universe, both loyal and rebellious, with one accord declare: "Just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints." DD 58

In the final execution of the judgment it will be seen that no cause for sin exists. When the Judge of all the earth shall demand of Satan, "Why hast thou rebelled against Me, and robbed Me of the subjects of My kingdom?" the originator of evil can render no excuse. Every mouth will be stopped, and all the hosts of rebellion will be speechless. {GC 503.2}

The whole universe will have become witnesses to the nature and results of sin. And its utter extermination, which in the beginning would have brought fear to angels and dishonor to God, will now vindicate His love and establish His honor before the universe of beings who delight to do His will, and in whose heart is His law. Never will evil again be manifest.... A tested and proved creation will never again be turned from allegiance to Him whose character has been fully manifested before them as fathomless love and infinite wisdom. {GC 504

Every question of truth and error in the long-standing controversy has now been made plain. The results of rebellion, the fruits of setting aside the divine statutes, have been laid open to the view of all created intelligences. The working out of Satan's rule in contrast with the government of God has been presented to the whole universe. Satan's own works have condemned him. God's wisdom, His justice, and His goodness stand fully vindicated. It is seen that all His dealings in the great controversy have been conducted with respect to the eternal good of His people and the good of all the worlds that He has created.... The history of sin will stand to all eternity as a witness that with the existence of God's law is bound up the happiness of all the beings He has created. With all the facts of the great controversy in view, the whole universe, both loyal and rebellious, with one accord declare: "Just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints." GC 670

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The efficiency of the cross guards the redeemed race from the danger of a second fall. The life and death of Christ effectually unveils the deceptions of Satan, and refutes his claims. The sacrifice of Christ for a fallen world draws not only men, but angels unto Him [in] bonds of indissoluble union. Through the plan of salvation the justice and mercy of God are fully vindicated, and to all eternity rebellion will never again arise, affliction never again touch the universe of God. TA 296

Satan himself, in the presence of the witnessing universe, will confess the justice of God's government and the righteousness of His law. PP 339