

L.11 - The Impending Conflict - Sunday: Revelation's Final Conflict

- **GC chs. 35-36** – “Liberty of Conscience Threatened” / “The Impending Conflict”
- Sabbath’s Lesson: “Specifically, the Sabbath will become the center of a global conflict over worship.”
 - a. Why is the Sabbath the Final all-important issue in Satan’s attempt to take God’s place?
 - Remember, disregarding ANY command shows that we do not LOVE God and would never be happy obeying Him in Heaven.
 - The Sabbath is UNIQUE – The last 6 commandments are advocated by people the world over.
 - The first 4 commands are about God specifically, and ANY religious believer could at least accept the wording of THREE of those commands, REGARDLESS of WHO they claim as their god.
 - But the Sabbath – REST for THIS particular 24-hours every 7-day cycle.
 - There is no rational reason for this EXCEPT – Honoring the God of the Bible WHO created in 7 literal 24-hour contiguous days)
 - **Lesson used GC 605** – “...the keeping of the true Sabbath, in obedience to God’s law, is an EVIDENCE of loyalty to THE Creator.”
 - To catch US in his trap, the enemy will test us TO THE LIMITS
 - a. BUT he **will not just start with the Final Test.** / That would Unmask his deception.
 - SO, he works his way up slowly.
 - With Jesus, Satan began with APPETITE.
 - With Adam & Eve, he began with APPETITE.
 - He didn’t even have to test Adam and Eve on the Sabbath – He defeated them with appetite.
 - Many Christians refuse to give God their loyalty and worship through appetite.
 - Appetite just means **“WHAT I WANT”**.
 - b. BUT, there are a few – who will not be disloyal to God for ANYTHING: And the enemy will test them on EVERYTHING to rip them away from God
 - **Revelation 14:12** has become their identity: *Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.*
- For them, Satan is laying long-term plans in a last-ditch effort – to deceive, if possible, even the elect
 - a. But he has to be secretive about it.
 - **5T 452** – *The Sunday movement is now making its way in darkness.*
 - **7T 14** – *Those who place themselves under God's control, to be led and guided by Him, will catch the steady tread of the events ordained by Him to take place.*
 - b. While people say, “our country is free, that could never happen here” ...
 - Legislation is passed that gives unbridled authority to a small group in times of emergency
 - Financial changes permit digitizing currency so access can be shut off quickly.
 - Religious leaders are acknowledged as moral and political authorities
 - An aggressive cancel culture humiliates anyone who dissents from the majority
 - Sunday is broadly accepted as a rest day for the health of the planet
 - Evolution has become the dogma of the age
 - c. By these AND OTHER CONCEALED means, he is setting an “Impending Conflict”

d. ILLUSTRATION: Rat Trap – Every incremental adjustment tightens the spring and heightens the Impending Conflict

- This is happening in the world today: politically, financially, socially, and spiritually
- **9T 11** – *The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones. **SNAP!***
- **8T 23** – *The end is very near. We who know the truth should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise.*
- **1 Thessalonians 5:3** – *For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.*

Proverbs 18:10 – *The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.*