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NEEDS TO KNOW

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CHAPTER 1

ACCOUNTABILITY

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.” (**2 Corinthians 5:10**)

What does it mean to be “held accountable”? Webster’s Dictionary defines *accountable* as “subject to having to report, explain or justify; being answerable, being responsible.” Notice how the definition begins with the words “subject to,” implying little choice in the matter. Let’s take a look at what the Bible tells us about being accountable.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Scriptures used by some Christian faiths to substantiate their belief and teaching that there will be no “accountability”: “That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:15) “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” (Mark 16:16) “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.” (John 5:24) “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” (Romans 10:9) “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Romans 10:13) “But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.” (Acts 15:11)

NOW THE REST OF THE STORY . . . (scriptures that further explain or clarify

the topic) “SO THEN EVERY ONE OF US SHALL *GIVE ACCOUNT OF*

HIMSELF TO GOD.” (ROMANS 14:12) “AND I SAW THE

DEAD, SMALL AND GREAT, STAND BEFORE GOD; AND THE

BOOKS WERE OPENED: AND ANOTHER BOOK WAS OPENED,

WHICH IS THE BOOK OF LIFE: AND *THE DEAD WERE JUDGED*

OUT OF THOSE THINGS WHICH WERE WRITTEN IN THE BOOKS,

ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS. AND THE SEA GAVE UP THE

DEAD WHICH WERE IN IT; AND DEATH AND HELL DELIVERED

UP THE DEAD WHICH WERE IN THEM: AND THEY WERE JUDGED

EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS.” (**REVELATION 20:12–15**) “FOR WE MUST ALL APPEAR BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST; *THAT EVERY ONE MAY RECEIVE THE THINGS DONE IN HIS BODY*, ACCORDING TO THAT HE HATH DONE, *WHETHER IT BE GOOD OR BAD.*” (**2 CORINTHIANS 5:10**) “*FOR IF GOD SPARED NOT THE ANGELS THAT SINNED, BUT CAST THEM DOWN TO HELL, AND DELIVERED THEM INTO CHAINS OF DARKNESS, TO BE RESERVED UNTO JUDGMENT; AND SPARED NOT THE OLD WORLD, BUT SAVED NOAH* THE EIGHTH PERSON, A PREACHER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, BRINGING IN THE FLOOD UPON THE WORLD OF THE UNGODLY; *AND TURNING THE CITIES OF SODOM AND GOMORRHA INTO ASHES CONDEMNED THEM WITH AN OVERTHROW, MAKING THEM AN ENSAMPLE UNTO THOSE THAT AFTER SHOULD LIVE UNGODLY.*” (**2 PETER 2:4–6**) “*FOR IT HAD BEEN BETTER FOR THEM NOT TO HAVE KNOWN THE WAY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, THAN, AFTER THEY HAVE KNOWN IT, TO TURN FROM THE HOLY COMMANDMENT DELIVERED UNTO THEM.*” (**2 PETER 2:21**) “THE SOUL THAT SINNETH, IT SHALL DIE. THE SON SHALL NOT BEAR THE INIQUITY OF THE FATHER, NEITHER SHALL THE FATHER BEAR THE INIQUITY OF THE SON: *THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE*

RIGHTEOUS SHALL BE UPON HIM, AND THE WICKEDNESS OF THE WICKED SHALL BE UPON HIM.” (EZEKIEL 18:20) “BUT IF THE WICKED WILL TURN FROM ALL HIS SINS THAT HE HATH COMMITTED, AND KEEP ALL MY STATUTES, AND DO THAT WHICH IS LAWFUL AND RIGHT, HE SHALL SURELY LIVE, HE SHALL NOT DIE. ALL HIS TRANSGRESSIONS THAT HE HATH COMMITTED, THEY SHALL NOT BE MENTIONED UNTO HIM: IN HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT HE HATH DONE HE SHALL LIVE.” (EZEKIEL 18:21–22) “A FALSE WITNESS SHALL NOT BE UNPUNISHED, AND HE THAT SPEAKETH LIES SHALL PERISH.” (PROVERBS 19:9) “BUT I SAY UNTO YOU, THAT EVERY IDLE WORD THAT MEN SHALL SPEAK, THEY SHALL GIVE ACCOUNT THEREOF IN THE DAY OF JUDGMENT.” (MATTHEW 12:36) “BUT AFTER THY HARDNESS AND IMPENITENT HEART TREASUREST UP UNTO THYSELF WRATH AGAINST THE DAY OF WRATH AND REVELATION OF THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT OF GOD; WHO WILL RENDER TO EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS.” (ROMANS 2:5–6) “BE NOT DECEIVED; GOD IS NOT MOCKED: FOR WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP.” (GALATIANS 6:7) “FOR NOT THE HEARERS OF THE LAW ARE JUST BEFORE GOD, BUT THE DOERS OF THE LAW SHALL BE JUSTIFIED.” (ROMANS 2:13) “BUT BE YE

*DOERS OF THE WORD, AND NOT HEARERS ONLY, DECEIVING YOUR OWN SELVES.” (JAMES 1:22) “THEREFORE TO HIM THAT KNOWETH TO DO GOOD, AND DOETH IT NOT, TO HIM IT IS SIN.” (JAMES 4:17) “BECAUSE THE LAW WORKETH WRATH: FOR WHERE NO LAW IS, THERE IS NO TRANSGRESSION.” (ROMANS 4:15) “WHEREFORE, AS BY ONE MAN SIN ENTERED INTO THE WORLD, AND DEATH BY SIN; AND SO DEATH PASSED UPON ALL MEN, FOR THAT ALL HAVE SINNED: FOR UNTIL THE LAW SIN WAS IN THE WORLD: BUT SIN IS NOT IMPUTED WHEN THERE IS NO LAW. NEVERTHELESS DEATH REIGNED FROM ADAM TO MOSES, EVEN OVER THEM THAT HAD NOT SINNED AFTER THE SIMILITUDE OF ADAM’S TRANSGRESSION, WHO IS THE FIGURE OF HIM THAT WAS TO COME.” (ROMANS 5:12–14) **NOTE: ROMANS 4:15 AND ROMANS 5:12-14 ABOVE, HELP US TO UNDERSTAND THAT MAN WILL NOT BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR GOD’S LAWS THAT MANKIND IS NOT AWARE OF.***

See chapter 19: **“Forgiveness”**

See chapter 40: **“Repentance”**

See chapter 29: **“Judgment”**

CHAPTER 2

ANGELS AND VISITATIONS

“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.” (**Revelation 14:6**)

Modern Christianity teaches that angels no longer minister unto man upon the Earth, that there is no more revelation from God. *If the fullness of the gospel was still on the Earth as taught by modern Christianity, why would God send another angel to preach His gospel unto all that dwell on the earth, to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, as Revelation 14:6 tells us?* This chapter will help you to explain the mission of angels.

ANGELS AND VISITATIONS

Scriptures used by some Christian faiths to substantiate their belief and teaching that the angel Moroni was not sent to Joseph Smith from God, and that God no longer sends His angels to minister to mankind: “But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.” (Galatians 1:8) Note: Your response should be, “What did the angel Moroni preach to Joseph Smith that was/is a different gospel than that taught by the Savior and His Apostles?”

NOW THE REST OF THE STORY . . . (scriptures that further explain or clarify the topic) “BE NOT FORGETFUL TO ENTERTAIN STRANGERS: FOR THEREBY SOME HAVE ENTERTAINED ANGELS UNAWARES.”

(HEBREWS 13:2) “THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, WHICH GOD GAVE UNTO HIM, TO SHEW UNTO HIS SERVANTS THINGS WHICH MUST SHORTLY COME TO PASS; AND *HE SENT AND SIGNIFIED IT BY HIS ANGEL* UNTO HIS SERVANT JOHN.”

(REVELATION 1:1) “AND I SAW ANOTHER ANGEL FLY IN THE MIDST OF HEAVEN, *HAVING THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL TO PREACH UNTO THEM THAT DWELL ON THE EARTH*, AND TO EVERY NATION, AND KINDRED, AND TONGUE, AND PEOPLE.”

(REVELATION 14:6) *NOTE: MANY CHURCHES WILL USE GALATIANS 1:8 IN THEIR DEFENSE AGAINST THE ANGEL*

MORONI COMING TO JOSEPH SMITH, OR THAT THERE IS NO MORE REVELATION, OR THAT GOD WILL NOT SEND HIS ANGELS WITH REVELATION TO HIS CHILDREN ON THIS EARTH. HOW CAN THEY EXPLAIN REVELATION 1:1 AND 14:6?

Question: *If the fullness of the gospel was still on the Earth, why would God send another angel to preach His gospel unto all that dwell on the earth, to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people?*

“And I fell at his feet [*the angel’s*] to worship him. And he [*the angel*] said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” (Revelation 19:10) **Note:** *The book of Revelation all came to John by an angel. Does this mean that we now must throw out the book of Revelation because it was delivered to the Apostle John by an angel?*

“Behold, *I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.*” (Malachi 4:5–6) The *angel Gabriel* came to Zacharias, he then comes to Mary the mother of Jesus. (Luke 1:11–38) **Two angels testify to the Apostles:** “And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:9–11) **Peter and John are arrested; an angel delivers them from prison:** “And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison. But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.” (Acts 5:18–20) “*And the angel of the*

Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.” (Acts 8:26) “*And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.” (Acts 12:7–9)* “*For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Cæsar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.” (Acts 27:23–24)* “*But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.” (Matthew 1:20–25)* “*And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the Lord, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord God! for because I have seen an angel of the Lord face to face.” (Judges 6:22)* “*And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him.” (Zechariah 2:3)* “*And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.” (Luke 1:11)* “*And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.” (Revelation 12:7)*

See chapter 43: “**Revelation**”

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