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1. In the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy we are told the following.

"The conflict is between the requirements of God and the requirements of the beast. The first day, a papal institution which directly contradicts the fourth commandment, is yet to be made a <u>test</u> by the two-horned beast." **Ellen G white**, <u>Testimonies to the Church</u> Vol. 1 p. 233.



2. Again we are told by Mrs. White's Spirit of Prophecy.

"The Sabbath will be the great test of loyalty, for it is the point of truth especially controverted. When the <u>final test</u> shall be brought to bear upon men, then the line of distinction will be drawn between those who serve God and those who serve Him not." **Ellen G. White**, <u>The Great Controversy</u>, p 605.

GREAT TEST OF LOYALTY	FINAL TEST	
🔺 SEVENTH DAY SABBATH 🗡		

3. Those who face this <u>final test</u> for humanity, must cut God's covenant with Him by sacrifice. Mrs. White's Spirit of Prophecy tells us this truth which is in the scriptures (Ps 50:1-5; Rom 12:1; 1Jn 4:21).

"I was shown that it is the will of God that the saints should loose from every encumbrance before the time of trouble comes and make a covenant with God through sacrifice." **Ellen G White**, <u>Early Writings</u>, p. 56-57.

COVENANT OF SACRIFICE (THUSIA) WITH GOD

Complete Self-Denial (all that it involves)

Giving oneself to God (in reasonable service)

Love to God, love to Fellowman

- 4. Zion is known as the 'perfection of beauty' because <u>God</u> is in her (palaces) shining out (Ps 50:2; Ps 48:1-3).
- 5. When God is in a person, he has <u>Sinfreeness</u> at that time (Jn 1:1; Ps 119:11).
- 6. Justification makes a person <u>sinfree</u>, and this <u>Sinfreeness</u> must be <u>maintained</u>; facing <u>all temptations</u> (Rom 6:6, 7, 12, 13, 17, 18; 1Jn 5:18).
- Thus the <u>final test</u> of a <u>Sunday law</u>, is a test to <u>remain sinfree</u> as one endures. Keeping the Commandments of God (in endurance), is keeping the <u>whole law</u>. This means being <u>sinfree</u> (Jam 2:8-12).
- God's people are forbidden to worship the beast, his image, or receive the mark of the beast. Obedience to this message is in fact keeping <u>all the</u> <u>commandments of God</u>, which is <u>maintaining Sinfreeness</u>. Thus the real issue

in facing the final test of the mark of the beast, is to not sin, <u>but to maintain</u> <u>Sinfreeness</u> (Rev 14:8-12).



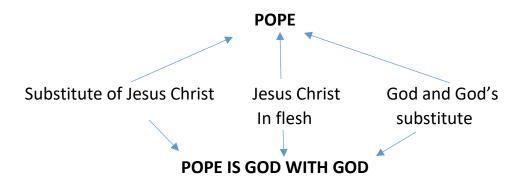
- 9. The <u>144,000</u> that had gotten victory over the beast and his image (presented in a Sunday law), did indeed <u>maintain Sinfreeness</u> for they are without fault before God. Thus the <u>test</u> was to remain <u>sinfree</u> (Rev 15:1, 2; Rev 14:1-5).
- 10.But why is the <u>seventh day Sabbath</u> the <u>final test</u> for man, to prove man's <u>loyalty to God</u>? To understand this, we need to understand the following points.
 - a. Lucifer's <u>original rebellion</u> was his claim to be <u>God with God</u> (Isa 14:12-14).
 - b. Lucifer eventually gave this <u>seat of recognition</u> (and kindred works) to the <u>papal king</u> (the Pope). Thus the <u>Pope</u> claims to be <u>God with God</u>, therefore fully <u>justifying</u> Lucifer's rebellion (Rev 13:1, 2, 4).
 - c. Here is the Pope claiming to be God with God.

"The leader of the Catholic Church is defined by the faith as the Vicar of Jesus Christ (and is accepted as such by believers). The Pope is considered the man on earth who TAKES THE PLACE of the Second Person of the omnipotent God of the Trinity." John Paul 11, <u>Crossing the Threshold of</u> <u>Hope</u>, p.3, 1994.

"The Pope is not simply the representative of Jesus Christ. On the contrary, he is Jesus Christ Himself, under the veil of flesh." <u>Evangelical Christendom</u>, Jan 1, 1895, p. 15.

"The Pope is of so great dignity and so exalted that he is not a mere man, but as it were God and the vicar of God." **Fernaris**, <u>Ecclesiastical</u> <u>Dictionary</u>.

"The Pope and God are the same, so he has all powers in heaven and earth." **Pope Pius V, quoted in Barclay Chapter xxvii, p. 218 Cites Petrus Bertanous.**



- d. We are spiritually given the purpose to show that God is God alone (Isa 43:10-12; Isa 44:6-8).
- e. In God versus the Pope, God is clearly seen to be God alone (Ps 86:8-10).



- f. In any contest with false gods, <u>YHWH</u> must be proclaimed as <u>God alone</u> (1Kings 18:38, 39).
- g. Because <u>YHWH</u> does not share His glory with any <u>creation</u> (Isa 42:8; Ps 83:18).
- h. Not only is YHWH, YHWH alone, but God is <u>one YHWH</u>. This is the high proclamation of all truth (Ps 83:18; Deut 6:4).
- i. Jesus Himself said that YHWH being <u>one YHWH</u> was the <u>first commandment</u> (Mk 12:28-30).



j. Thus while <u>Sunday exaltation</u> exalts the Pope as God with God, <u>the seventh</u> <u>day Sabbath</u> exalts <u>YHWH as God alone</u> (Eze 20:12, 20).

SUNDAY I	EXALTATION	vs	SEVENTH DAY SABBATH
Pope is God with God			YHWH is God Alone

k. Thus Jesus Himself says that He is <u>YHWH</u> of the Sabbath. This means that Jesus is the Sabbath's God (Mk 2:28; 1Jn 5:20, 21).

- 11. Thus the Sabbath being the <u>final test</u> of loyalty to God, means that keeping the <u>seventh day Sabbath against Sunday exaltation is denying</u> the claims of the Pope and saying YHWH is God alone (Eze 20:20).
- 12. It is God dwelling in the heart that makes a person sinfree.
 - a. The <u>Righteousness of God</u> is <u>God Himself</u> (Jer 23:5, 6).
 - b. Becoming conscious of Righteousness (God Himself) causes us to <u>sin not</u> or to be <u>sinfree</u> (1Cor 15:34).

GOD IN MAN

13.Since the <u>Sabbath</u> is the <u>seal</u> (settling truth of God) it will settle in the mind that <u>YHWH is God alone</u> (which is what the Sabbath shows) (Eze 20:20).

SABBATH IN	THE MIND
YHWH IS G	OD ALONE

14. Thus the 144,000 is <u>sinfree</u> because the <u>seventh day Sabbath</u> is settled (<u>sealed</u>) in their minds that <u>YHWH is God alone</u>. The purpose of the <u>seventh day</u> <u>Sabbath</u> as a <u>final test for man is to seal man</u> into <u>Sinfreeness</u> that says <u>YHWH</u> <u>is God</u>. This is His name being settled in the minds of the 144,000 (Rev 14:1-5; Rev 15:3, 4). SABBATH IN THE MIND YHWH, GOD ALONE IN MIND SINFREENESS

Amen.