TWO GLORIES ON EXHIBITION IN EARTH'S FINAL CRISIS

Part 3

The glory of God's character is the glory of selfless, self-sacrificing, unconditional, infinite, eternal, all-forthe-other-none-for-self Agape Love! Such Divine Love functions only in *absolute* Truth, eternal Wisdom and Righteousness!

Therefore **the Infinite Power** of the **Godhead** is applied by **Infinite Love** *only in and through* **infinite Wisdom, Truth, Righteousness** for the production of **good** and only **good**.

1Cor. 13:4 -8 NIV:

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. (The exact Greek: *does not impute sin*)

6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails.

1 John 4: 8 : God is Love.

This Agape Love is non-violent and harmless and does not employ force and fulfills the law of God! Read Romans 13:10; Zechariah 4: 6; I John 4: 16 – 20. Matthew26:51,52; Luke 22:50,51; John18 : 36; I John1: 5-7; James 1: 16,17.

We have proved from scripture that Divine Agape Love is non-violent, harmless, and does not employ force. Furthermore Agape Love neither uses fear nor punishment as methods or principles to perfect God's work or to gain the victory in the great controversy. In fact *Divine Agape Love expels fear and has nothing to do with arbitrary punishment or torment*.

Were God to resort to force in the Great Controversy, it would render 1 Cor.13: 8 null and void; but *Agape Love* does not fail!

THE MYSTERY OF THE GODHEAD

In the Godhead, the mutual self-giving of infinite Power in the Father and infinite Wisdom in the Son, to each other, is the primary eternal circuit of infinite Agape Love in the Holy Spirit . This is the Spirit of Love which the Father has for the Son and the Son for the Father, it is Their mutual eternal Spirit, their mutual eternal Love for each Other, it is Their Council of Peace, this eternal **Agape** is the very eternal, infinite **Essence** of the Divine Nature, which unites infinite Power in the Father with infinite Wisdom in

His eternally begotten Son . In other words Father and Son are One in Their Spirit.

The Son is the only One Who knows and reveals the Father's Love, that means that the Son is the only One Who knows and reveals His Father's Spirit! Let us read the following scriptures: Matthew 11: 27; John 1: 18; John 5: 19, 20; John 14: 6 to 11.

GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE

God's eternal purpose was that all created intelligences would,by free choice, form and exhibit characters of Agape Love thereby reflecting His character, revealing His glory, glorifying Him. That is why He made His intelligences with freedom to think and freedom to choose and freedom to reason, all of which are absolutely necessary for character development. And that is why He cannot accept a forced obedience or an obedience based on fear of Him. To glorify God is to exhibit His character of unselfish Love which fulfills His law .

THE CIRCUIT OF BENEFICENCE

The Holy Spirit, the eternal Agape Love of God, is the infinite fullness of the Father flowing to the Son, and the infinite fullness of the Son flowing to the Father in an infinitely incessant circuit which is the very eternally perfect life of the Godhead. This Circuit functions and flows *only* in eternal Truth, Wisdom and Righteousness and there can be *no* imperfection or violence or death in Its path. Proverbs 12: 28. God intended for all creatures (to the limit of their capacity) to live in the Circuit of Beneficence freely receiving and freely giving unselfishly, with the emphasis on selfless giving. This was the Divine *trading* circuit in unselfish Agape Love.

THE CIRCUIT OF VIOLENCE

Lucifer was the first created intelligence to transgress the law of Agape Love and evolve *a self-centered*, *selfish*, *self-glorifying system of trading* with the emphasis on selfishly receiving while employing *giving* (mixture of good and evil) only as a strategy to *get* even more, and to gratify and glorify self, thereby resulting in competition and ultimately *violence*, Let us read Ezekiel 28: 14 to 18. Note carefully that such trading is both violent and self-destructive because it transgresses God's Law and operates outside of the sphere of Life.

Satan hates the Divine Principle of self-sacrificing Agape Love and will war against it wherever it is **MANIFESTED. 1 JOHN 3: 8; REV.12: 7.**

END-TIME TRADING IN SELF-GLORY

Revelation 18 reveals the self-destructive nature of the Satanic, self-centered trading and self-glorying. This Babylonian glory will look and sound very glamorously good and will be presented as the only solution for the problems facing the world. It will contain Satan's most sophisticated mixture of truth and error, good and evil, (with arbitrary rewards in a treacherously deceptive system that will take *almost* all the world's population captive, all except the Rev.12:17 remnant. It will be the result of eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil fully developed: a mixture of truth and error; law transgression mixed with law

obedience; church mixed with civil government; arbitrary rewards for those who support the Image/Mark of the Beast System mixed with arbitrary punishments and economic boycott for those who remain loyal to the law of Agape Love as expressed in obedience to the true Sabbath and separation from all error and sin by abiding in Christ being ripened to Christian character perfection in Christ.

LIGHTENING THE EARTH WITH GOD'S GLORY

God will have a loyal remnant who will glorify Him and exhibit His glory in the same way as Christ glorified Him and revealed His glory. They will be men and women of faith and prayer. Fixed in the abiding relationship with Christ, believing and experiencing the true gospel, knowing the truth of God's character, purged from all unholy and deceptive *mixtures* and *errors*, they will fully exhibit the glory of God's self-sacrificing Agape Love and trample Satan's lies under their feet by the victory of Christ. Genesis 3:15; Roman's 16:19, 20.

What a privilege and a joy it will be to exhibit God's glory in the face of the persecutory global exhibition of Babylon's glory and to win the last battle in the Great Controversy by the victorious *faith and mind-set of Christ* fully reproduced in His remnant church.

Having proven the above truths from scripture, let us now close with the following quotations :

The exercise of force is contrary to the principles of God's government; He desires only the service of love; and love cannot be commanded; it cannot be won by force or **authority**. **DA22**.

God could have destroyed Satan and his sympathizers as easily as one can cast a pebble to the earth; but He did not do this. Rebellion was not to be overcome by force. Compelling power is found only under Satan's government. The Lord's principles are not of this order. His authority rests upon goodness, mercy, and love; and the presentation of these principles is the means to be used. God's government is moral, and truth and love are to be the prevailing power. DA 759.1

Whereunto," asked Christ, "shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?" <u>Mark 4:30</u>. He could not employ the kingdoms of the world as a similitude. In society He found nothing with which to compare it. Earthly kingdoms rule by the ascendancy of physical power; but from Christ's kingdom every carnal weapon, every instrument of coercion is banished. AA 12.

All who follow Christ will wear the crown of sacrifice. They will surely be misunderstood by selfish men, and will be made a mark for the fierce assaults of Satan. It is this principle of self-sacrifice that his kingdom is established to destroy, and he will war against it wherever manifested. DA 223.4

In the last great conflict of the controversy with Satan those who are loyal to God will see every earthly support cut off. Because they refuse to break His law in obedience to earthly powers, they will be forbidden to buy or sell. It will finally be decreed that they shall be put to death. See <u>Revelation 13:11-17</u>. But to the obedient is given the promise, "He shall dwell on high: his place of defense shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure." <u>Isaiah 33:16</u>. By this promise the children of God will live. When the earth shall be wasted with famine, they shall be fed. "They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied." <u>Psalm 37:19</u>. To that time of distress the prophet Habakkuk looked forward, and his words express the faith of the church: "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation." <u>Habakkuk 3:17, 18. DA 121.3</u>