

The Seal and the Mark - Nader Mansour

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When we mention the subject of the seal and the mark, most will say they know the subject matter. They say the seal and the mark are Sabbath and Sunday. We are going to be exploring that because the current thinking on this subject is such that it has produced a very dangerous condition among us as a people. And that condition is that we are safe and secure because we know what is going to happen. As a matter of fact, we have our charts, our favorite charts with all the end time events, and this is when the seal is and this is when the mark is, etc.

As Adventists, we know that end time events are important. Sometimes we believe we are experts in them. We have our Bibles and the Spirit of Prophecy and our charts and for the most part we are pretty certain that we are going to get the seal and not the mark because we know what it's all about. In this study, we are going to challenge this particular thinking. and we will re-examine this topic that we think we know so well, as there is a lot of false security attached to our knowledge of just what's going to come and exactly what's going to be. If it's a little different than what we expect, it's going to catch a lot of people by surprise, especially when you believe that you are an expert on this topic.

As a people, when we are talking about Adventists, it includes every breed of Adventists whether in the church, out of the church, offshoots, or independent thereof. Anyone who professes any claim to the Adventist faith, we have this psyche that we are ready because we know what the seal and the mark are, and those poor Sunday keepers out there do not know what is going to hit them. This is why we need to examine this because the real issue between the seal and the mark is the issue of worship.

The issue of worship is not only about which day you worship. There is a lot more than that, but for most people, the whole issue about the mark and the seal is which day you worship. We will first be looking at Revelation chapter 7. It may seem to be familiar ground, but soon it may become unfamiliar as you may be seeing something new. Revelation 7:2 & 3 says, **“And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, (3) Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.”** The servants of God are to be sealed with a seal. The seal of the living God.

The Seal of the
Living God



The question is: Who is the owner of this seal? Too often this point is bypassed when we talk about the seal, because the assumption is that everybody knows that. Who is the owner that this seal belongs to? The Bible will give the answer. Christ asked His disciples who they say He is and in Matthew 16:16, **“And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.”** So, this gives us the identity of the living God and He is the owner of the seal. It's the seal of the Living God, and He is the Father of Christ. Here is another verse, 1 Thessalonians 1:9 & 10, **“For they themselves show of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God**

from idols to serve the living and true God; (10) And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, [even] Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.” So, the Living and True God has a Son named Jesus. The Living and True is God is the Father. It is His seal. And it is very important to get this point. The seal does not belong to a group or a committee. It only belongs to one individual Person, God the Father. This is an area of the seal that we have not previously examined. The reason why it’s important for us to examine this in detail and look at the principle foundation of what the seal is all about, is that this will help us understand the mark. The mark of the beast is the inverse of what we find in the seal of the Living God. If we misunderstand something about the seal, we will misunderstand something about the mark. Revelation 14:1 confirms that as we read, **“And 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.”** That’s the seal of the Living God, the Father’s name, written in their foreheads, they are the ones that are sealed, the one hundred forty-four thousand. The seal, the Father’s name written in their foreheads.

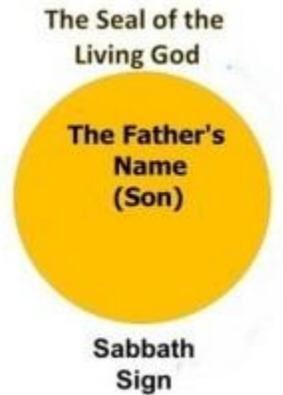


The illustration shows the Father’s name, and the reason the Son is shown is because Jesus said that no man comes to the Father but by Me. The Bible tells us that the Father’s name is in His Son. So, when you possess the Son and you have the life of the Son, you have the Father’s name written in the forehead.

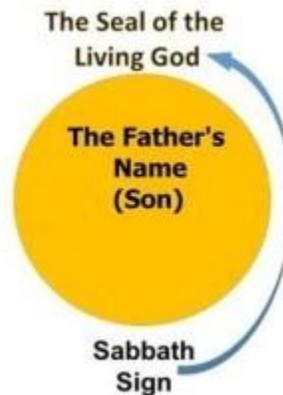
In Matthew 22:37, **“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.”** What does the mind mean here? It means understanding. That’s where worship is. The worship of God, to love Him with every aspect of our being involves our understanding. The seal of the Living God is received in our forehead, which is our mind, our understanding.

Christ emphasized that when he was talking with the woman at the well. They will worship someone, John 4:23, **“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.”** So, in the last days, the true worshippers, which we know will be that class that will be sealed, they will be worshipping the Father, and based on that they will be sealed with the seal of the Living God, which is the Father’s name in their foreheads, which is in the mind.

Someone may say but what about the Sabbath? All this talk about the seal and the Sabbath has not been mentioned. The Sabbath is also important and has something to do with the seal, but it is not everything that has to do with the seal. Unfortunately, this is what we have come to believe for the most part. In Ezekiel 20:12 it says, **“Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I [am] the LORD that sanctify them.”** The Sabbath is said here to be what? A sign. A sign of what? The verse says that they may know that He is the LORD that sanctifies. Who is the Lord that is referred to here? Since it is all capital letters, LORD, it is **Jehovah** in English and in Hebrew it is **Yahweh**. That is the Father’s name. The Sabbath is a sign that the Father dwells in His people, and His presence is what makes them holy or sanctifies them. The sign that indicates that, is the Sabbath.

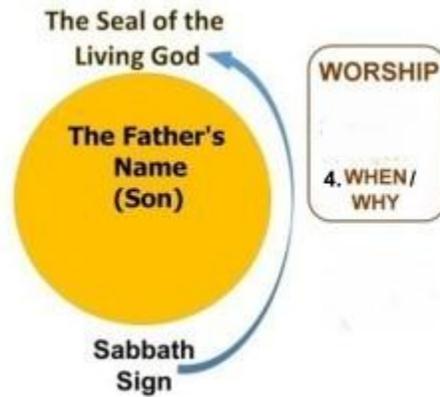


The sign is not the destination. If you are going to Seattle and you see a sign pointing to Seattle and you stop there. The sign says Seattle, but the sign is not the destination. The Sabbath is said to be a sign of the living God. So, if you get to the Sabbath and stop, you haven't gotten to your destination, if you do not have the living God. Very important to keep in mind that God is the Sanctifier of His people and the Sabbath indicates that.

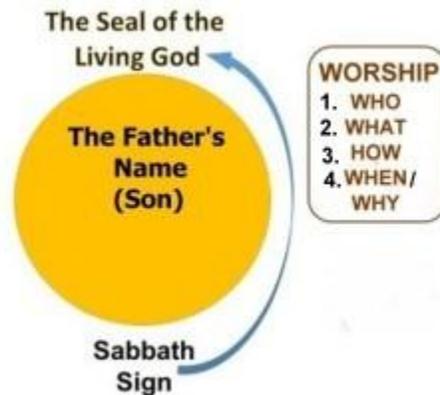


Question: If you have the Sabbath, but you do not have the Living God, can you receive the seal? No. There is an example of that in the Old Testament, when God gave the covenant and then it tells us he gave them a sign of that covenant. What was that sign? Circumcision, and it served as a seal of the covenant. However, just because you were a circumcised Israelite, does not mean you were a believer in the covenant. Having the physical sign does not mean you have the reality. It should, but it doesn't always mean that. We need to keep that in mind when we are talking about the Sabbath.

In most Adventist's minds today, if you ask them; what is the seal? They will say the Sabbath. That's it. As a result of that, we have a certain sense of comfort and security. But it is one of the worst deceptions, to go into the time of trouble, thinking one knows everything about the seal, and certain that they will get the seal, and ending up with the mark. Or, being certain that you will never get the mark because you know what the seal is and still ending up with the mark.



As we said the issue is over worship, we are talking about the fourth commandment. That is the commandment that tells us **when** we worship and **why** we worship. But the fourth commandment comes after another three, and all of them have to do with worship. Not just the fourth commandment.



The first commandment tells us who we worship. The second commandment tells us what we worship. The third commandment tells us how we worship and the fourth is the one we know. We have isolated the fourth commandment and reduced everything to that, when it comes to that, when it comes to worship in the last days, and we ignored the other three.

How do the first three commandments tell us that? The first commandment says, **“I [am] the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”** That’s the identity of WHO. The second commandment forbids the making of images and bowing down to them. God is not a thing or ether, or an object, or a concept. God is a living Being that cannot be represented by things, and therefore tells us what we worship. The third commandment tells us how we worship and that is with reverence. We are never to take God’s name in vain. And of course, the fourth commandment tells us when and why we worship.

All four commandments are involved in the final conflict. It is very naïve to reduce the whole issue to just the fourth commandment. And yet that’s what the church has done, and we think we are all safe and well. This should serve as a wake-up call.

Now we need to look at another group of people that serves as an example, who did the same thing. John 8:42, “Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.” The Jews claimed to be worshipping God, but they rejected His Son. They didn’t love Him, and they didn’t believe that He was the Son of God. It was a very serious problem for them, for Jesus to be the Son of God.

In John 12:44, **“Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.”** Now the Jews were rejecting Christ, but in rejecting Christ, who were they really

rejecting? The Father. All the while they believed they had the Father, and to prove that they were excellent Sabbath-keepers. They kept the law, and in keeping the law, gave them this sense of security that they had the approval of God. Yet, they rejected the Lord of the Sabbath. What did Sabbath-keeping do for them? Absolutely nothing. Jerusalem was destroyed, while they were in it, keeping the Sabbath.

That example is a parallel to another group of people in the last days who will also be keeping the Sabbath. We are going to see that. In John 5:23, **“That all [men] should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.”** This is what the Jews had done, they had rejected Him as the Son of God, and we are to honor Him as the Son of God. Failing to honor Him as the Son, for who He is, in that way we dishonor the Father. Today we have a very similar problem among us as a people, and that problem is, we have idolized the Sabbath and magnified our Sabbath-keeping, to the point that we have made it our Savior. Our trust and our confidence is because we keep the Sabbath. Adventists have a sense of pride, being Sabbath-keepers; and poor old Christians who do not know any better, going to church on Sunday. This is the final battle, and this mark and the beast issue, we need to get it right or else it is game over.

This is so very serious, and we can't afford to assume things and be shallow about this. We really need to understand this and what the issues are all about. There are so many within Adventism that think they are so ready for that time; but Lord help us all because so many are totally unprepared. Hopefully it will get clearer as we proceed through this study.

You know the Jews condemned Christ for what they perceived to be Sabbath-breaking. They were trying to protect the Sabbath and condemned the Son of God who is the Lord of the Sabbath. The same thing happens today, because when you try to highlight the Son of God, they say this is not the issue of the last days, they say it's all about the Sabbath. This is the issue in most people's minds. We need to wake up, because the Jews are a picture of us, and what happened to them is most likely what is going to happen to us.

This quote from the Spirit of Prophecy will basically spell this out for us. **“Satan is working that the history of the Jewish nation may be repeated in the experience of those who claim to present truth. The Jews had the Old Testament Scriptures, and supposed themselves conversant with them, But they made a woeful mistake. The prophecies that pertain to the glorious second appearing of Christ in the clouds of heaven they regarded as referring to His first coming. Because He did not come according to their expectations, they turned away from Him. Satan knew just how to take these men in his net, and deceive and destroy them.”** {17MR 13.1}

So, Satan is working to repeat that same experience to God's professed people in these last days. They believed they understood the Scriptures perfectly and they had a certain expectation of what was going to happen. When it happened different to that, they didn't accept it. They ended up being lost.

We have our seminars, our charts and our pictures and our paintings. We have a certain expectation of what is going to happen when it comes to the mark and to the seal. The danger is, if it is a little different or if we missed something or misinterpreted some verse, and what actually happens is different to our expectations, it will be a very serious and late wake-up call for a lot of people.

Now let us examine some quotations, **“Those who would have the seal of God in their foreheads, must keep the Sabbath of the fourth commandment.”** --7BC 970 (1899) {LDE 220.2} Keeping the fourth commandment is important, but the quote also talks about having the seal of God. According to the statement the Sabbath would be a sign of those who would have the seal of God.

Here is another, **“True observance of the Sabbath is the sign of loyalty to God.”** 7BC 981 (1899). {220.3} So, if you have the sign, but have the wrong god, what good is it going to do? It will keep you in the state of deception, self-deception. Some will say Mrs. White said, the only two issues of the last days would be the Sabbath and the Immortality of the soul. Sadly, people's salvation will be won or lost, based on how they react to present truth.

Here is another, ***“Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads--it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved--just as soon as God's people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come. Indeed, it has begun already.”*** --4BC 1161 (1902). {LDE 219.4}

So, the sealing is a settling into the truth. Question; What is the first thing that comes to mind when we talk about the seal. It should be the owner of the seal, the Living God. So, the settling into the truth about the Living God is part of the seal. The seal is not a settling into error, especially when that error has to do with the Living God. And what about the truth of the Son of God? Is that important? It's a foundational truth, because Jesus said if you do not honor Me, you lose out on the Father. It's not very surprising that these are the very issues that are being agitated today, among God's professed people, who believe that of all the people on the earth today, they are the most prepared for the battle that is coming. And we have all these debates and arguments about the Godhead and the trinity, and about the Son of God. and is He really a Son, and the Holy Spirit, etc.

Do you understand now what is happening? The devil is very busy working on undoing something behind the scenes. And all the while we are trusting that we have it all worked out. There is a very, very serious surprise coming.

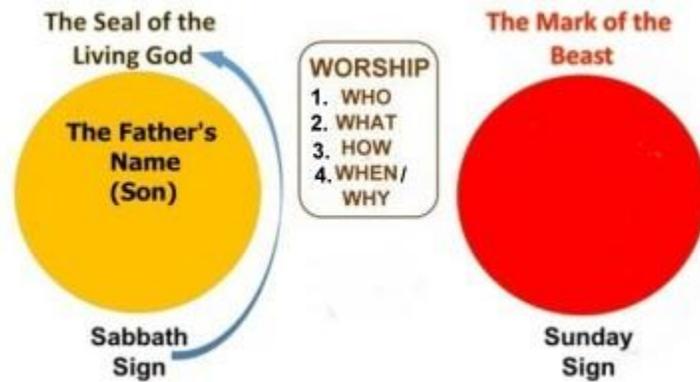
Some may say I know the truth about God, so I must be on the good side. Even so, knowing the truth about God, does not mean you know the Father and the Son. A knowledge of the truth is not a settling into the truth intellectually and spiritually. Both are needed. So, just because we know the truth about God, does not mean we actively know and have a relationship with the Father and the Son. That's what knowing Him really means. Of course, if you know the truth about God, it should greatly help and enhance that relationship. But if it doesn't; don't feel secure in just a knowledge of the truth. The seal is not just about knowledge. It is about that living connection and relationship with God.

The seal is given to the servants of our God in their foreheads. Jesus said in John 12:26, ***“If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will [my] Father honour.”***

That's what servants do. It is something that affects the life and the experience. This must be emphasized, because we think we are okay, if we have the right information, and that is a human tendency. You don't serve God just having right ideas; you don't serve God, just having correct interpretations or accurate doctrine, or having all these color-coded charts; that's not serving God. It is what is said in the scripture, the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads. So, let's not trust in right information, right ideas, correct interpretations, accurate doctrine and charts, important as all this may be and they do have their place, but the seal doesn't come because of those things.

So, the servants of God are those who have truly surrendered their life and God lives in them as their sanctifier. They have the life of the Son and they keep the Sabbath as a sign He sanctifies them.

And so, in looking at that as far as the seal is concerned, it is easy for us to understand the mark of the beast. So, when we talk about the mark of the beast, what is the first thing we think of? Sunday of course.

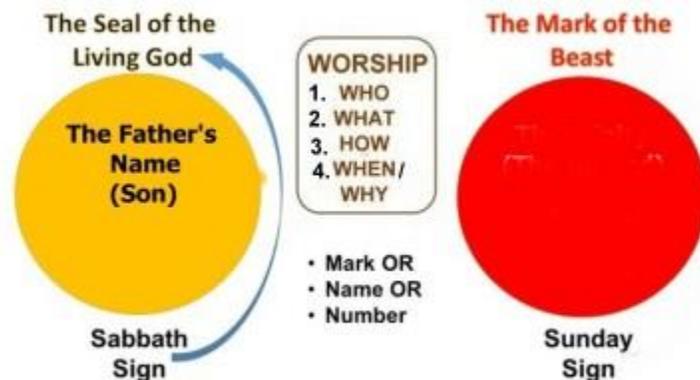


But Sunday is not the issue because they are parallel, so Sunday has to be a sign, especially when we talk about when the Sunday law comes and enforced worship, etc. The issue is an issue of worship between the God of the Sabbath and the god of Sunday. That's what the issue is all about. To reduce the whole thing into which day you worship is very simplistic and very shallow.

When you talk with a lot of people about this, their preparation boils down to their will power. In fact, many have said if they put a gun to my head, I will never worship on Sunday, I will keep the Sabbath. People's will power to hold on to the Sabbath, this is their security. This is how they will sail through that time unscathed.

Question; Which is more important? When you worship or who you worship? It's #1, who you worship, but to too many today it is #4, when you worship. To them the whole issue is; do you have the right day brother? If you have the wrong day, woe unto you.

Just as we have seen that there is a lot more to the seal than we thought, so there is a lot more to the mark than we think. Let us read two verses to stir our thinking, Revelation 13:16, 17. **“And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: (17) And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”** This is one of the first mentions of the mark of the beast, and it tells us that it gives us three things.



There is the MARK, or there is the NAME, or there is the NUMBER of his name. And if you have any one of these, the mark, the name or the number, you are in the same category, the Mark of the Beast. Well we know what the mark of the beast is, and we'll get to that in a minute. We know what the number is 666. But what about the NAME of the beast? Because if you have the NAME, you are in the same group as those who have the mark. We just read that you could have any one of the three, and you are on the wrong side. SO, WHAT IS HIS NAME? We may say I don't know, or I am not sure. We never talk about these things.

Let us look at Revelation 13:1, **“And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.”** What does blasphemy mean? It is to make God, that which He is not, or to claim the prerogatives of God, that do not belong to you. The Jews were ready to stone Jesus and this was their reason, in John 10:33, **“The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.”** Christ is the Son of God. They said He was blaspheming by claiming to be God and they also accused Him of blasphemy when He claimed the prerogative of God by forgiving a person of their sins, which they claimed only God can forgive sin.

Having the name of blasphemy. So, the **name** of blasphemy is equivalent to the **mark** of the beast according to Rev. 13:1, which we read. We need to think about that because the name of blasphemy the beast carries is blasphemy against God. The name is what identifies. God's people have the Father's name; that's who they worship.

The beast has the name of blasphemy and his people are identified by the god that they worship. That god is a false god and that is why it says the name of blasphemy. The issue is a matter of worship. Who you will worship and when you worship. So, the beast has this name of blasphemy and it has to do with the god they worship.

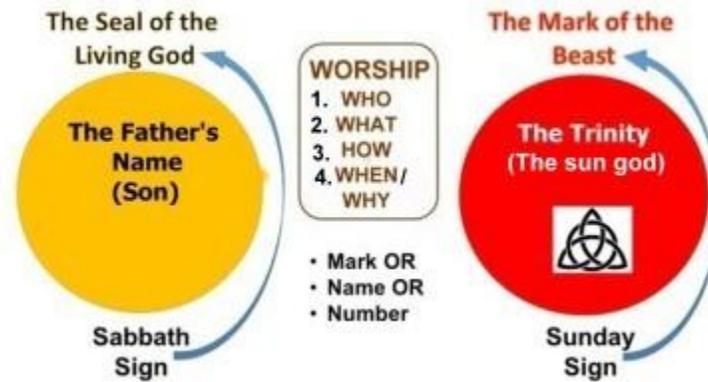
In many seminars where we talk about the mark of the beast, we often use their declarations and quotes. We point out that Rome declares that “Sunday is our mark of authority”, and we really drive that home. We may say there it is, from the beast's own mouth. Rome actually tells us that they have a doctrine and a belief that is more important than Sunday. Did you realize that? It is the god they worship.

From the *“Catechism of the Catholic Church”*, #234 says the following, **“The mystery of the most holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most foundational and essential teaching in the “hierarchy of the truth of faith.””**

They know who you worship is more important than when you worship. Here is another of their quotes, **“The Mystery of the Trinity is the central doctrine of the Catholic Faith. Upon it are based all the other teachings of the Church.”** Handbook for Today's Catholic, page 16. So, Sunday is based on the Trinity according to their own words. In fact, they say that is the reason they keep Sunday. This was printed in the Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, April 4, 1854, it quotes a Catholic source that was giving the reasons for keeping Sunday, **“Because it is a day dedicated by the apostles to the honor of the Most Holy Trinity.”** Be assured, the apostles did no such thing.

So, Rome is saying that the reason we worship on Sunday is because of the trinity. You will never see these quotes anymore in the current version of the Review and Herald. Those days are long gone, 1854. In other words, at one time our church knew, understood and printed these things, however, with the passing of time these things have been lost.

So, this, (trinity) is the god that they worship and is the name of blasphemy they carry. They blaspheme God by putting someone else in His place. They worship that someone else as God. That is how the triune god replaces the true God in their minds. The problem not only exists for them, but it exists for all her daughters.



Sunday is the sign of loyalty to the beast and that is the trinity, the sun god. The video on “The gods of Babylon” would give a good understanding of the history of the sun god origin. But this is the god that is worshipped in Rome today. Obviously, they do not worship the true God. They worship the false god of Babylon and that’s where the sun god came from. They have converted every truth of the Scriptures.

Revelation 17:3, **“So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.”** Remember, if you have this name of blasphemy, you are in the same group as those who have the mark of the beast. That is why in a subsequent scripture, 17:5, it says, **“And upon her forehead [was] a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”** All her daughters (harlots), have the same name (trinity). All the Sunday churches are affected, and they worship the same god.

Remember in the book of Ezekiel, chapters 8 & 9, there is a list of abominations there, and these are the abominations that exist among God’s end-time professed people. And they culminate finally in 8:16, worshipping the sun. So, this sun god of Rome is this name of blasphemy (trinity), where they blaspheme the name of the true and living God.

Let us look at some quotes from the Spirit of Prophecy that are not looked at and are largely ignored, so that we can see what she says about this topic. From 6T 17.1, **“The light we have received upon the third angel’s message is the true light. The mark of the beast is exactly what it has been proclaimed to be. Not all in regard to this matter is yet understood, nor will it be understood until the unrolling of the scroll; but a most solemn work is to be accomplished in our world.”** {6T 17.1} Now think about what this is saying for a moment. She says the mark of the beast is what we said it is, but there is more. Here is a question; What is the more? It won’t be long until the unrolling of the scroll is done. She wrote this over a hundred years ago and there has been some unrolling of the scroll, and with the passage of time, things have been understood. What is **more** to the mark of the beast? This study is giving us what the **more**, looks like. What the deeper issues in the mark of the beast are. The servant of the Lord is saying there is more than enforced Sunday worship. So, if you stop at Sunday, you are most likely in danger when it comes to the mark of the beast.

Is this study implying that the trinity has something to do with the mark of the beast? The answer is a very loud YES. It doesn’t replace the sign, Sunday, but it is the root of the problem. It is by worshipping the wrong god, that you end up with the wrong day. And if you’re worshipping the wrong god, of course it is worshipping the mark of the beast.

The deception today is so extensive, that when you point out the truth about the Living God, it gets ridiculed and it gets rejected. That shows you how ingenious the devil has been. What is so sad is that there are about 20 million, and 25 million counting the children, Seventh-day Adventists in the world and it is thought that we are ready for the time of trouble, and the mark of the beast. The fact is,

we are not ready. It's one of the absolute worst deceptions. Over a million Jews perished in 70AD, while they were keeping the Sabbath. Is it possible that soon many more will perish while they are keeping the Sabbath? Yes.

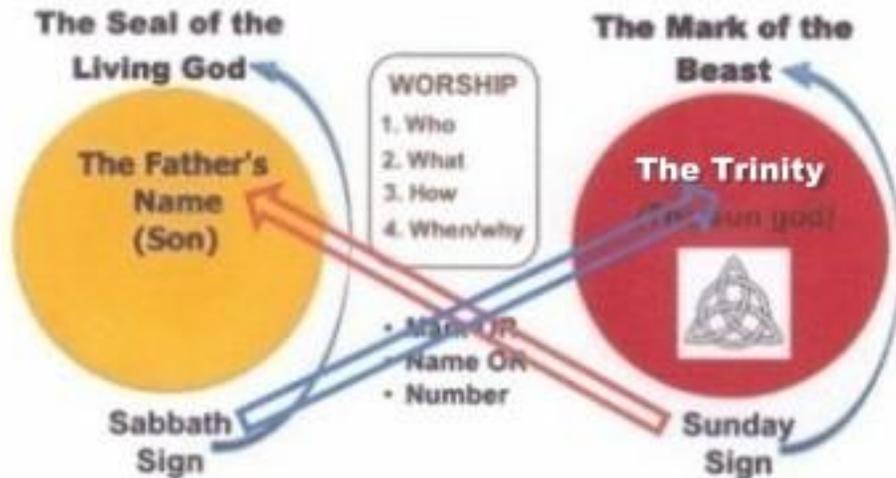
At 43:18, Nader plays a video clip of what this whole issue boils down to. It is Elder Ted Wilson, General Conference president, who is being asked, what is this mark of the beast in Revelation 14? This is what he said in reply, **“It is mentioned in verse 9 and verse 11, and it is always connected in both those verses with the worshipping of the beast and his image. So, there’s something about the mark and the worship. And this does very much represent the authority of the beast and the image and what gives that power and authority. As we understand it from Biblical understanding, that this comes out of an attempt to change times and laws, which is founded in an understanding that comes out of Rome, and an attempt to actually change God’s Ten Commandments. So that the day of worship becomes one other than the seventh day Sabbath. And in fact, the mark of the beast would be the worship of God on any other day, than that particular day, because that is a sign of God’s authority. In fact, let’s contrast the mark of the beast with the seal of God, because the seal of God for God’s people in the last days will be their adherence, their love of Him and their observance of the day He ordained and made sacred, the seventh day Sabbath. So, you are sealed with a special connection with Him when you keep that day. Anyone keeping a day other than that, ultimately will be keeping a day that is the sign or the mark of the authority that has changed the day of worship to another day.”**

What he said can be fairly representative of the Adventist psyche today, and the understanding of what the mark of the beast is. It's believed the whole issue is over which day; If you have the right day, you are okay. Any other day, you are wrong. There is a lot more to the issue than that. He mentioned loving God and that's good, but you better have the true and Living God in your mind, or it won't matter how many Sabbaths you have kept, for it will amount to nothing.

We have a very serious problem today and it's very sad. Back in the days of the pioneers and Mrs. White, it was a different story. They had the truth and the true Living God and the Sabbath together. Today the situation has changed.

Here is a question to make you think. Is it possible for a Sunday worshipper, to be worshipping the true and Living God? Well, if they are worshipping the true and Living God, the Spirit of God will lead them to the true sign. That is a very possible scenario.

Then let me ask you this question. Is it possible for a Sabbath-keeper to be worshipping the god of Rome, the Trinity?



Now looking at these possible scenarios that might exist, what would a person receive? Would they receive the seal or the mark? These are real scenarios that exist. If you have the right day and the wrong god, how can you possibly receive the seal of the Living God? No way. How could you get the seal of the Living God when you have another god, called the Trinity?

See what Mrs. White wrote, found in the 7th volume of the Testimonies to the Church, **“The third angel's message has been sent forth to the world, warning men against receiving the mark of the beast or of his image in their foreheads or in their hands. To receive this mark means to come to the same decision as the beast has done, and to advocate the same ideas, in direct opposition to the Word of God.”** {7BC 979.12}

Think about this statement. To receive this mark means to come to the same decision as the beast and to advocate the same unbiblical ideas. The beast tells us what their most important idea is, especially when it comes to worship. Our leaders and pastors don't quote these statements when talking about the seal and the mark.

So, the mark of the beast is not just limited to the day we worship. There is more to the mark, especially when it comes to who we worship. This can't be emphasized enough.

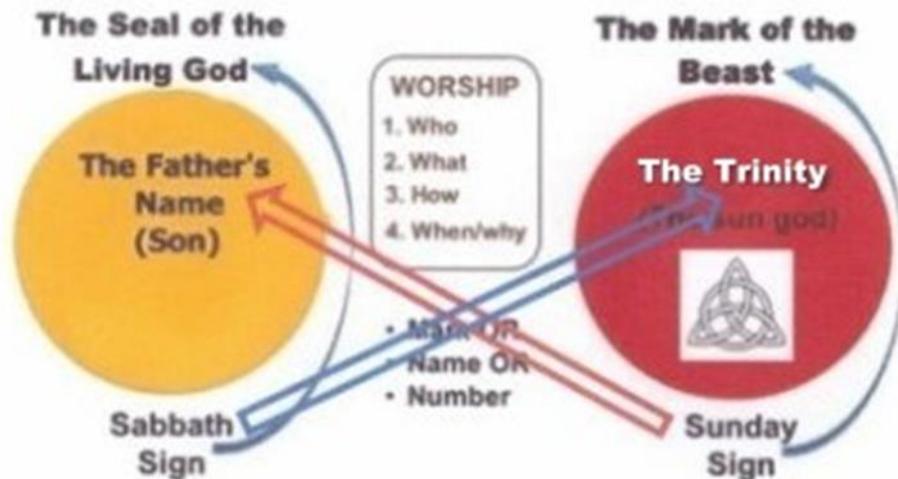
Question; if we advocate the same god as Rome, what are we promoting according to the statement we just read? We would be promoting the mark of the beast. If we are promoting the same god as the beast, it is in direct opposition to the word of God. This is really serious, because we do not talk about this when it comes to the mark of the beast. The reason is it makes a lot of people uncomfortable.

God's people, the church that God loves with all His heart, my church, our church, our own brothers and sisters; there has been a deception, a horrible, demonic deception that's going to take down millions, and it's already upon us. It's not about arguing theology. The deception is in the church and if you have the wrong god, you are on the wrong side.

At 51:05, Nader plays a video clip of Ted Wilson saying, **“Let me also indicate that God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit all participated in the literal creation of this world. They are the Godhead, three in one, and have existed since eternity, and will exist throughout eternity. They are omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent and everlasting. Three distinct eternal persons, one God, our Almighty God.”**

There is the God, and there is the sign. Who else worships the same God that Elder Wilson alluded to? Who worships the three in one; the one in three? Rome. This is again representative of Adventism. This is very serious. To come to the same conclusions as the beast and promote the same ideas, contrary to the word of God, is tantamount to receiving the mark of the beast.

When Ellen White is talking about the Seal of God and the Mark of the Beast, we may have the



correct day, yet we may be worshipping Rome's god. It doesn't take a genius to figure this out, when we talk about the church today.

we will close this study with this one example, because it really explains the point well. Today the church believes in the trinity and they say what we had in the time of the pioneers, in our history, was wrong. And they say we have moved on, we have progressed, we have new light, and this is where we are now.

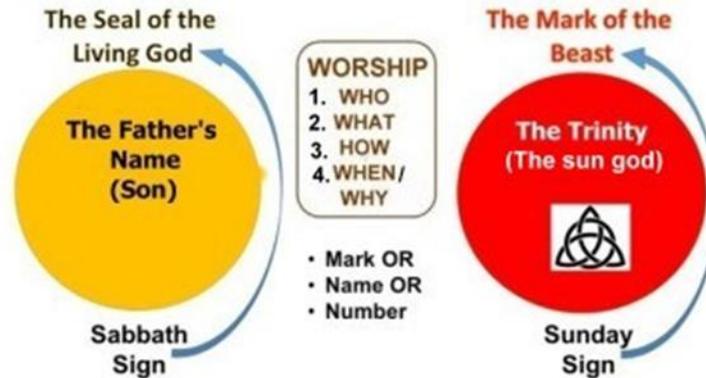
The church of the pioneers worshipped the only one true God the Father, they believed in the only begotten Son, and they believed the Holy Spirit was their personal presence (omnipresence). During the days of Ellen White, there was a very interesting case of someone that she said was sealed, a Sister Hastings, who had just died. Sister White wrote a letter to her husband to comfort and encourage him. This is what she wrote, ***"I saw that she [Mrs. Hastings] was sealed and would come up at the voice of God and stand upon the earth, and would be with the 144,000. I see we need not mourn for her; she would rest in the time of trouble, and all that we could mourn for was our loss in being deprived of her company. I saw her death would result in good."*** [Letter 10, 1850] {2SM 263.3}

This was written in what year? 1850. Question; Which God did Mrs. Hastings believe in and worship? The same God the whole church believed in and worshipped at that time. It is admitted today, by trinitarians, that it was not the trinity. And she was sealed with the seal of the living God, according to this letter. She was also a Sabbath-keeper, obviously. So how do we today, having a different god, expect to get the seal?

We need to take into account, the historical context of what was happening in the background. There is not going to be in the 144,00, one group believing this way and another group believing that way. One group that has progressed believes something this and another progressive group believes something that. That is total, utter, ludicrous nonsense. All who are sealed, worship the true and living God. They don't worship anyone else. If you admit that you have a different god today, you cannot be sealed. It's impossible. You see this contradiction exists and most are not aware of it. They will be going into the time of trouble, totally unaware and unprepared.

So, not all who profess to keep the Sabbath are going to be sealed, and not all that profess to know the truth about God are going to be sealed either. The truth has to be a practical reality in our life, if you are not settled into the truth intellectually and spiritually, you also will not be sealed. None of us should be feeling all safe and good and think those poor people over there. This is a very serious warning for all of us.

So, hopefully this study has made us more aware of the deeper issues when it comes to the seal and the mark, when it comes to the issue of who we worship. Satan has been able to deceive the very people who think they know it all. He has succeeded to a large degree, as we have read what was said in the video clips. We have a very heavy responsibility to warn our brethren about what is coming. How sad it will be when people wake up too late and realize they have been worshipping the wrong god.



It is my prayer that the Lord is living in you as your sanctifier, and that's what is indicated by Sabbath-keeping in your experience, and not only that, but carrying out the responsibility of warning our brothers and sisters, in the Spirit of love to win them to this present truth.

There is a lot of animosity out there and when you talk about the truth pertaining to the Son of God, it stirs up the spirit of the dragon. Satan hates the begotten Son of God and this animosity of the people is really a Satanic spirit that they exhibit. Our brethren are victims to a horrible deception. They are not the dragon, they are victims. We have a responsibility to be our brother's keeper. Amen.