

Marching Orders

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The Seven S's of Adventism / Revelation 14:6–20

In the 3 angels' messages we find the last day message we are to be giving to the world with urgency.

Firing Squad

The sun had just risen on a hot August day in 1944 in the small village of Plelo, in German-occupied France. The 15-year-old boy did not know why he and the other citizens of Plelo had been lined up before a firing squad in the middle of the town square. Perhaps they were being punished for harboring a unit of French underground freedom fighters. Perhaps they were merely to satisfy the blood lust of the German commanding officer who, the evening before, had routed the small group of freedom fighters scouts. All the boy knew was that he was about to die.

As he stood before the firing squad, he remembered the carefree days of his early childhood, before the war, spent roaming the green of the French countryside. He thought about all he would miss by never growing up. Most of all he was terrified of dying. *How will the bullets feel ripping through my body?* he wondered. He hoped no one could hear the whimperings coming from deep in his throat every time he exhaled.

As the guns were lifted, the boy looked down the barrels. Waiting for death to seize him, he held his breathe.

Suddenly, the boy heard the sound of exploding mortar shells beyond the limits of his little village. Quickly rolling tanks could also be heard. The Germans were forced to abandon the firing squad and face a small unit of U.S. tanks with twenty GI's led by Bob Hamsley, a corporal in Patton's Third Army. A freedom fighter captain had asked Hamsley for help. After three hours, fifty Nazis were dead, and the other fifty were taken prisoner.

The boy and many others were rescued, and not a second too soon.

- We live
 - just before 2nd Coming.

- Our problem.
 - lack of urgency.
- Jesus is coming
 - judgment is upon us.
 - people need truth
 - more than ever.

Eisenhower Matrix

Urgent and Important

- Before 34th President,
- Allied Forces
 - Supreme Commander
 - during World War II.
- God establishes our priorities.

Matthew 6:19–21 ESV

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- Store treasure in heaven.
 - how?
- What is going to heaven?
 - people
- How to build treasure?
 - invest in people.

Marching Drills

Pathfinders

- Christian
 - be like Christ
 - Imitate Him.

1 Corinthians 11:1 ESV

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

- We imitate our models
 - fashion
 - music
 - sports
 - cars
 - investing

| Ellie talking on phone

1 John 2:6 ESV

whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

What was he like?

What was he all about?

Luke 19:10 ESV

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

- sacrificially
 - seeking to save.

Do What Jesus Does

President Calvin Coolidge invited some people from his hometown to dinner at the White House. Since they did not know how to behave at such an occasion, they thought the best policy would be just to do what the President did. The time came for serving coffee. The President poured his coffee into a saucer. As soon as the home folk saw it, they did the same. The next step for the President was to pour some milk and add a little sugar to the coffee in the saucer. The home folks did the same. They thought for sure that the next step would be for the President to take the saucer with the coffee and begin sipping it. But the President didn't do so. He leaned over, placed the saucer on the floor and called the cat.

- Title of Sermon
 - Marching Orders.
- Jesus gave us

- our Marching Orders.

Great Commission

Matthew 28:19–20 ESV

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

- Many feel like
 - that is not my
 - spiritual gift.
- I’m sorry to mention
 - this is for everyone.

Testimonies for the Church, Volume 8 Chapter 2—The Commission

The words “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15) are spoken to each one of Christ’s followers. All who are ordained unto the life of Christ are ordained to work for the salvation of their fellow men. The same longing of soul that He felt for the saving of the lost is to be manifest in them. Not all can fill the same place, but for all there is a place and a work. All upon whom God’s blessings have been bestowed are to respond by actual service; every gift is to be employed for the advancement of His kingdom. If you have been saved.

- By God’s grace,
 - you can’t
 - keep it to yourself!
- We have message
 - Urgent Message
- Why?
 - Because it is
 - life and death.
 - Eternal!
- What is it about?

Seven S's of Adventism

1. Salvation
2. Sabbath (whole law)
3. Sanctuary
4. State of the Dead
5. Second Coming
6. Spirit of Prophecy
7. Salubrious (Health) Message

- Revelation 14:6–20

Revelation 14:6 ESV

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.

- Salvation
 - “everlasting gospel”
 - goes to whole world.

Revelation 14:7 ESV

And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

- Sanctuary
 - “Hour of His Judgment”
 - Where do we get
 - concept of pre-advent judgment?
 - Sanctuary
 - Day of Atonement
 - Investigative Judgment
- Sabbath
 - “worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”
- Exact quote
 - Septuagint
 - 4th commandment

- Worship Him
 - according to what he said.

Revelation 14:8–11 ESV

Another angel, a second, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality.”

And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, he also will drink the wine of God’s wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.”

- Both Salvation and Sanctuary
 - Sanctuary - Judgment
 - Salvation - Come out
 - don’t be lost
 - don’t receive mark

Revelation 14:12 ESV

Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

- Sabbath (law)
 - “keep the commandments”
 - most claim to keep
 - but don’t keep 4th.
- Salvation
 - “faith of Jesus”
 - Righteousness by faith

Revelation 14:13 ESV

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!”

- State of the Dead
 - “dead in the Lord”

- “resting from labors”

Revelation 14:14–16 ESV

Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand. And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, “Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.” So he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped.

- Second Coming
 - “white cloud”
 - “harvest”
 - putting in sickle”

Revelation 14:17–20 ESV

Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over the fire, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, “Put in your sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe.” So the angel swung his sickle across the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress, as high as a horse’s bridle, for 1,600 stadia.

- Sanctuary
 - “came out of temple in heaven”
- Salvation
 - “harvest of grapes”
 - “winepress of God”
- Spirit of Prophecy
 - “Then I saw”
 - “Then I heard”
 - “Then I looked”
 - John is in vision.
 - Prophecy.
- Last “S” not stated in this passage.

- Health message.
- We have been given
 - marching orders.
- Warn the world.
 - Judgment is here.
 - I'm coming.
 - message of salvation.

Paul Revere

Go back in your minds to the early, colonial days of our nation.

- The date--April 18th, 1775
- The place--Boston, Massachusetts

The British had brought their troops into Old Boston. They planned an attack on the colonies. Their secret strategy was to cross the Charles River by night in small boats, and stage a surprise attack on the towns of Concord and Lexington.

Everyone was asleep, but two men were awake. Robert Newman and Paul Revere. Newman's job was to identify which route they were taking and to signal from the church steeple by lantern light.

As the poem goes:

"One if by land, and two if by sea;
And I on the opposite shore will be,
Ready to ride and spread the alarm
Through every Middlesex village and farm,
For the country-folk to be up and to arm."

His alarm aroused the Minute Men of the colonies, and they assembled to defend their homes against the attack of the British.

That was an important "Wake Up" call in American history, wouldn't you agree!
So through the night rode Paul Revere;
And so through the night went his cry of alarm
To every Middlesex village and farm,
-- A cry of defiance, and not of fear,
A voice in the darkness, a knock at the door,

And a word that shall echo forevermore!
For, borne on the night-wind of the Past,
Through all our history, to the last,
In the hour of darkness and peril and need,
The people will waken and listen to hear
The hurrying hoof-beats of that steed,
And the midnight message of Paul Revere

Appeal

- We have a midnight message.
 - This is our mission.
 - Our purpose.
- Let us organize.
- Let us mobilize.
- Share the message.