

It is crystal clear then from these passages that the Bible teaches that God chose those who would be saved in eternity before the creation of the world. Yet, according to the doctrine of the investigative judgment, God will not know who are to be saved until after the investigative judgment takes place, for the purpose of the investigative judgment is to determine who are to be saved. It is evident, therefore, that the doctrine of the investigative judgment violates the Biblical teaching about the sovereignty of God.

The Seventh-day Adventists try to get around this violation of the Biblical teaching about the sovereignty of God by saying that the goal of the investigative judgment is not that God might know who will be saved, for as sovereign God He knows who will be saved, but that the goal of the investigative judgment is that God's love and justice might be understood by the inhabitants of the entire universe.

In their book, Questions On Doctrine, the Seventh-day Adventists say:

Were God alone concerned, there would be no need of an investigation of the life records of men in this judgment, for as our eternal Sovereign God, He is omniscient. He knows the end from the beginning. Even before the creation of the world He knew men would sin and that he would need a Saviour. Moreover, as Sovereign God, He also knows just who will accept and who will reject His "great salvation" (Heb. 2:3).

If God alone were concerned, there would certainly be no need of records. But that the inhabitants of the whole universe, the good and evil angels, and all who have ever lived on this earth might understand His love and His justice, the life history of every individual who has ever lived on the earth has been recorded, and in the judgment these records will be disclosed -- for every man will be judged according to what is revealed in "the books" of record (Dan. 7:10; Rev. 20:12).<sup>104</sup>

In this quotation we should carefully observe that the Seventh-day Adventists say that "as Sovereign God, He . . . . knows just who will accept

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<sup>104</sup>Questions On Doctrine, op. cit., pp. 420, 421.