



Lesson 75

Homage part 2

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In this lesson we are going to be picking up from where we left off in part one. We'll be looking at how Protestantism pays homage to the Papacy today, in our history. We'll also be looking at how similar the Seventh-day Adventist church really is to Protestantism.

Review

The Great Controversy 442.1

In last week's lesson we examined *The Great Controversy* page 442.1. In that passage Ellen G. White says that Protestantism will by some act pay homage to the Catholic church. We looked at Millerite history, around 1888- which is in the first history of Protestantism, and saw that that did happen. The Protestants wanted to pass a Sunday Law, among other things, to try to control the different groups that they considered a threat to them. Their biggest threat was Catholics and to control them they wanted to amend the US Constitution. Yet one of conservative Protestants' main goals was to pass a Sunday Law, even though Catholics keep Sunday. They tried in 1888 and failed, then they tried again in 1893 at the Chicago's World Fair; the Catholics mocked the Protestants for trying to pass a Sunday Law (an institution of the Papacy) while hating them. This was homage: Protestantism was paying homage to the Papacy by trying to pass Sunday Laws in the 1888 history.

Protestantism's Third History

Protestantism's three histories

Protestantism has three histories. Like Modern Israel and the Counterfeit, Protestantism has three histories, the first two are histories of failure and the third is a history of success. In last week's lesson we looked at Protestantism's first history, and in this lesson we are looking at Protestantism's third history. Protestantism's third and final history is going on right now, just like our third history (144,000's history) and the Counterfeit's third history. Protestantism's third history began in 1979. We say 1979 because in that year the Moral Majority began. The Moral Majority was the most prominent conservative Protestant movement at the time, and it was led by a prominent Protestant- Pastor Jerry Falwell. So Protestantism's third history began in 1979; we saw how in their first history they gave homage to the Papacy, so now we are going to look at how Protestantism is giving homage to the Papacy today.

The threats of the third history

Just like in the first history, Protestantism has people they consider a threat. They used to believe that Catholics, Jews, and Seventh-day Adventist were threats in the first history, but the threat for them has long since changed. They are now in a new history so they need new threats. Today, their threats are African Americans, immigrants, Muslims, women, socialists, and the LGBTQ community. That is who Protestantism is targeting now.

Protestantism and Gender

What the main threat is

Evangelicals have the wrong view of gender. They read their Bibles literally and so their views of the roles of women are conservative like those found in the Bible. We know that the Bible is sexist because of the time it was written in. Just like the Bible says, conservative Protestants believe that women should be subject to men. They believe that there are certain different things that men and women are supposed to do. They also hate LGBTQ people, but the Bible doesn't say much about that group. Conservatives consider the movements for more rights for women and LGBTQ individuals a threat to them because they don't like women doing things outside of what they consider to be their roles and they don't like LGBTQ individuals at all. These two issues are their focus and they are trying to force their views of gender and LGBTQ rights on everybody else.

How to control the threat

The Sunday Law is how Protestantism deals with their threats. We saw conservative Protestantism has several threats, but we focused on how they think men are superior, and how they think women are a threat; their main problem is their position on gender. When we say gender that also includes LGBTQ people- they are also part of the main threat to conservative Protestantism. It is well established now that the Sunday Law will not be a literal Sunday law, but it will be an act against a minority. Then recently the Sunday Law was made more clear; we saw that it will be against gender. So who passes the Sunday Law? Conservative Protestantism. When Conservative Protestantism passes the Sunday Law, they will be suppressing their main threat. In all of Protestantism's histories, they are trying to suppress their threat. Even though the movements aren't the same, and neither are the threats, the actions are still the same. So when the Sunday Law comes, we will be seeing conservative Protestants suppressing the people they think are a threat. But we don't have to wait for the Sunday Law to see this, 2021 is a Sunday law and the agitation of the National Sunday Law; we know exactly what conservative Evangelicals are doing right now, and what they are planning to do- and that is deal with their threat.

Protestantism, Catholics, and Gender

The Catholic view on gender

This Movement knows that the Sunday Law will not be an issue of Sabbath and Sunday- which day to keep holy. Instead, it will be about gender: sexism. The Sunday Law will still come from the same group, however: Protestantism. Protestantism doesn't like women. They believe in a world that is controlled by men. That is why they will pass a law that is sexist. But they're not the only ones who are sexist, who think that men are superior to women. Catholics do too. Just like Protestantism, Catholicism is sexist, despite the fact that they have a "liberal" Pope now. Pope Francis might be "supportive" of women, but at the end of the day, he's still sexist. He will allow women to hold low level positions in the church, but they cannot be Priests: they cannot hold high positions. That is just one way we know that the Catholic church is just as sexist as Protestantism.

Paying homage with the Sunday Law

The Sunday Law is not about Sunday and the Sabbath; the Sunday Law is about gender (sexism or homophobia) because that is the main testing message of our time. We know conservative Evangelical Protestants are sexist. They believe in inequality between men and women. They are also extremely homophobic because they hate people from the LGBTQ community. The Catholic church has the same views, they are sexist and homophobic too. This shows us how the Protestant churches can give homage to the Papacy even when they don't get along. They both foundationally have the same views on gender and LGBTQ people, and as the Sunday Law gets closer their views of these topics will also get closer. Protestants will pass a sexist/homophobic law at the Sunday Law; by doing that they will try to damage the groups they think are a threat to them. But they will also give homage to the Papacy by passing it because the Papacy has those same views. So at the Sunday Law Protestants will pay homage to the Papacy, but they still won't be friends.

Seventh-day Adventists and Gender

Adventist's view on gender

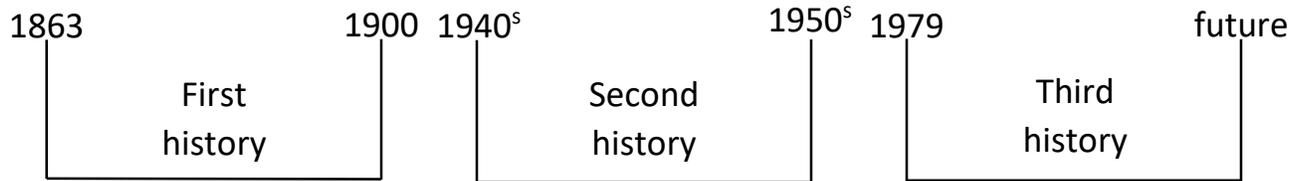
Seventh-day Adventists have the same view on gender. We saw how conservative Protestants don't believe in or practice gender equality, and we looked at how they pass the Sunday Law against gender. Then we saw how the Papacy's view on gender is the same. Although Pope Francis is liberal, he is still nearly as sexist as the Evangelicals. Unfortunately, this view on gender is alive and well in Adventism. Conservative Adventists don't believe in gender equality- in 2015 there was a vote on whether the church would ordain women, and the majority voted "no", so as a whole the church said "no" to gender equality. This is because Adventists read the Bible literally, and take those verses and apply them literally to our time. It isn't just the conservative Adventists that don't accept gender equality though, even the liberals don't fully understand it- they have to learn from us. So Protestantism, the Papacy, and even Adventism have the same view of gender, and that is that there should not be equality; again, this includes their discrimination against LGBTQ people.

The fall of the SDA church

The Seventh-day Adventist church will fall at the Sunday Law just like Protestantism. There are two ways we can see that that is true. The first is from Acts 27. One line is about the ship of Alexandria which is shipwrecked on the island which we mark at the Sunday Law. We saw that ship represented both the United States and Adventism. That means that the Seventh-day Adventist church will be shipwrecked, it will fall, at the Sunday Law. The second reason we can see that the Adventist church will fall at the Sunday Law is from their beliefs. Just like Protestantism, they are conservative- they are sexist. So when a sexist law is passed, they're going to go along with it. And when they do, they are going to fall.

In Summary:

Protestantism's' Three Histories



The threats are:

- Socialists
- Secularists
- And mainly- Feminists
- LGBTQ people

The Sunday Law will be about gender equality because that is the main focus/threat of Protestantism.

But Catholics have the same views, generally, on gender and the LGBTQ community as Protestants, so when Protestants pass the Sunday Law they will be giving homage to the Papacy.

Seventh-day Adventists have the same views, generally, on gender and the LGBTQ community as Protestants, so when Protestantism falls at the Sunday Law so will Adventism.

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