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Heaven Has Already Approved the Sacrifice

Go back in history with me to ancient Israel. When the sanctuary tent and later the temple were dedicated, or a national question of worship was at stake, what sign indicated God's approval? Fire came down from heaven. Let's briefly review three examples.

First, when the wilderness sanctuary was dedicated, about one year after Israel's exodus from Egypt, fire came from the most holy place, where God had visibly descended, and consumed the initial sacrifices on the altar. This signified God's approval of the sacrifice offered according to His instructions, His standard, and that services could begin. (**Lev 9:24**)

Second, after Israel partially completed their Canaan conquest and settled their capital in Jerusalem, God directed King David to have his son Solomon, succeed him on the throne and erect the temple building that would replace the wilderness tent sanctuary. **2 Chronicles 7:1** records that when Solomon completed his eloquent dedicatory prayer, fire came down from heaven, consumed the offering and sacrifices, and the Lord's glory filled the temple. The sacrifice was accepted; services could begin!

Our third example takes us back to **1 Kings 18**, to Mt. Carmel, where God's lone prophet, Elijah, faced 850 false prophets and priests of the pagan god, Baal. The test was simple: prepare an altar with animal sacrifice, and the god who is real will answer with fire from heaven. Baal's priestly hoard yelled most of the day to no avail. Elijah took extra steps to eliminate any possible accusation that he deceptively started the fire by trickery, and his efforts made the results all the more amazing. He had barely finished his prayer asking God to show Himself real, when fire streaked from heaven like a massive lightning bolt with thunderous noise!



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President's Perspective God-sized Hole

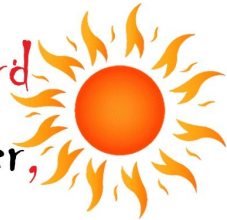
Many in this world recognize there is a hole in their hearts; something is missing in their lives. They think they can fill it with worldly amusements, power, wealth, and relationships. Jesus talked about how people in His time tried to fill the void with houses and land. Like an untreated cavity in a tooth, the problem only gets worse until the void consumes them. Of themselves, none of these things is evil when not taken to excess. Job and Abraham were very wealthy and had many things the world wanders after. Joseph and Daniel had great political authority. **1 Timothy 6:10** says that the *LOVE* of money is the root of all evil.

Others fill the hole with religious devotion, thinking works, or traditions will soothe their souls. Martin Luther and many others tried to fill their lives with good works, but in the end, they still felt empty.

Jesus came to show us another way. He told us to take up our crosses daily. There's a story of a man who had a dream in which he was given a cross to bear. He looked at the crosses other Christians were carrying and thought how unfair it was that his was so large. In time, he came to a chasm and realized the cross he was carrying was just long enough to cross the gulf. There is a God-sized hole in everyone's heart, and it's in the shape of a cross.

Your continued prayers and financial support are connecting people with the living Christ every day. Please keep this ministry in your prayers and pray that the Lord will send more workers to help us spread the good news of Christ's soon return.

I'm looking forward
to Summer weather,
the snow
melts faster!



Changed Lives: Mr. J

Mr. J discovered Strong Tower Radio (STR) while scanning the dial. He enjoyed the uplifting music that drew him closer to God. He found the varied programs both helpful and challenging. He listened to things on STR that he'd never heard before. This drove him to his Bible. As he studied, he discovered, as the Bereans did, that these things were really true. After listening for a time, Mr. J began to generously support STR financially for several years.

During that time, he began attending a Seventh-day Adventist church in Grand Rapids. In summer 2024, he became convinced he needed to be baptized. This special event would require the help of several extra people, as Mr. J had suffered an accident years prior that deprived him of nearly all use of his legs. He earnestly pursued baptism with his pastor, who studied with him and arranged for the baptism in fall 2024. Listening to STR and his Bible study streamlined his studies. Hallelujah, another soul reconnected to Jesus through STR!

Mr. J was limited to a wheelchair, yet had a modified vehicle that enabled him to drive and provided some functional mobility. Ramps and other aids helped him live independently in his home, and one of his adult daughters checked on him nearly every day to make sure all was well.

One Sabbath afternoon, while returning home, Mr. J's life took an unexpected turn. While transferring from his vehicle into his wheelchair, he fell and landed on his hip. The pain was staggering, yet he managed to pull himself onto his wheelchair, grab his things from the vehicle, and enter his home. As the pain gradually improved, he figured a good night's sleep would help. So, he wheeled over to his bed, crawled in, and fell asleep.

That activity would be his last in this life. The next morning, when his daughter arrived for her daily visit, she found her Dad in bed, no longer alive. An examination revealed that Mr. J's fall had broken his hip, and a sharp bone edge had cut a major blood vessel. As a result, he suffered enough internal bleeding to die from blood loss while he slept. Mr. J died two weeks after his baptism.

Looking back, it became apparent why Mr. J was repeatedly impressed to be baptized and openly declare his love and trust in Jesus Christ and His everlasting gospel. The Holy Spirit saw what was ahead and wrestled with Mr. J to take action upon his conviction. **Friend, when the Holy Spirit's voice prompts you to act, don't delay. You don't know how much time you have. Now is the day of salvation! Take prompt action on the conviction while you're able.**

We pray that Mr. J's family takes comfort in the fact that he rests securely in Jesus and will awaken in the resurrection of life when Jesus returns to take His faithful children home to heaven.

(*name withheld to respect surviving family, whom we've been unable to contact for permission to fully share this STR testimony)



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This fire devoured not only the sacrifice but also the wood, the stones of the altar, the dirt under the altar, and the water in the moat around the altar. There was nothing left but a hole in the ground! All Israel didn't nod approval: they hit the ground face down in awed worship. The sacrifice had been accepted! The true God was identified!

Now, fast-forward to the end of time. **Revelation 13:11-15** clearly tells us that the question at the end of the world centers upon worship: who will you serve? The God who draws you with His love aligned with His holy Word, or the false god (Satan through agents) who seeks to deceive or coerce you to worship him to save your life and property?

Satan took careful notes during these three historic events, especially Mt. Carmel. He wasn't allowed to deceive Israel on top of Mt. Carmel by igniting the false prophets' and priests' offering to Baal. At the end of time, however, Satan will be allowed to bring fire from heaven through human agents.

Described in **Revelation 13**, this deception will impact the entire globe, and only those who judge by "thus says the Lord" will avoid being deceived. What will the deception involve? Worship of God defines the final conflict, and fire from heaven deceives humanity into thinking that God approves the image of Papal Rome, the sea beast in the first half of **Revelation 13**, for which the land beast in the second half of the chapter (the United States led by apostate Protestantism) does all the heavy lifting to both establish and enforce the mark of the beast.

Diligent Bible students, however, realize that fire came down from heaven nearly 2,000 years ago at Pentecost, following the 7-day dedication of the heavenly sanctuary (**Lev 8:33 – 9:1**), which indicated to those on Earth that Jesus's sacrifice had been accepted and that Jesus had begun His high priestly ministry in the holy place of heaven's sanctuary, the original from which the earthly was modeled. (**Heb 8:5**)

Heaven has already approved the sacrifice. Jesus's perfect life made His death the acceptable sacrifice that provides both forgiveness of sin AND cleansing from sin's power in our lives. Jesus's resurrection and quick trip to heaven to see our Heavenly Father were initial indicators that the sacrifice was accepted, while the final indicator came fifty days later with the fire from heaven

poured out upon believers at Pentecost via the Holy Spirit. The sacrifice was accepted, the **heavenly** sanctuary was consecrated, and the high priest, Jesus Christ, could begin ministry services there.

As Jesus was offered once for all (**Heb 10:10**), and that sacrifice has been accepted, external fire is no longer needed to identify the true God or indicate that the sacrifice has been approved. The evidence now to be seen is internal fire, Christ's character fully displayed in the lives of His followers on Earth, especially during the last and greatest conflict. (**Rom 12:1-2, Col 3:1-4**)

Jesus's true followers will be baptized with the fire of His character through the Holy Spirit (**Luke 3:16**), while those who claim to follow God will point to signs and wonders to justify their un-Christ-like, coercive actions. (**Matt 7:22-23, Jn 16:2-3 Rev 13:15-17**) *It is only by knowing their Bibles and being guided by the Holy Spirit as they walk forward that God's people will discern truth from error; their senses will powerfully push them toward self-preservation the same way Jesus's senses pushed Him in Gethsemane to save Himself. (Lk 22:41-44, 23:35-37)*

At the end of time, there will be two groups. A smaller group filled with the Holy Spirit's fire, living out the character of Jesus, working to save the larger group. The other, much larger, group seeks the fire of god to justify their efforts to save themselves by destroying the smaller group.

One group lives by **internal fire** that transforms and sustains them, while the other group desperately tries to live by **external fire** to transform their circumstances and save themselves. The ranks are already forming; characters are being built day by day. **Be in the smaller group.**

We'll expand on this in a future article. For now, review the italicized portion three paragraphs back.



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**Production
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I once read that your values are reflected in how you spend your time and money. At Strong Tower Radio (STR), our values are demonstrated by how we allocate our airtime.

Let's take a closer look at our priorities as revealed in the STR program schedule. Our top five program types are: (1) Bible study and sermons, (2) Christian music, (3) children's programs, (4) lifestyle and better living programs, and (5) interviews. Interviews may cover topics from the first four categories or address public interest issues required by our broadcast license.

Bible-focused programs make up nearly half of our content. Better living, another type benefiting all listeners, also ranks high on our list. We hold children and youth programming in high esteem, placing it in the top four categories and scheduling it during morning drive time—a rarity in secular broadcasting, which typically seeks higher advertising dollars from an adult audience.

Program Categories:	Category Breakout Hours per Week	Total Program Percentage
Bible/Sermon	73	45%
Music	32	20%
Children	19.25	12%
Better Living	22.75	14%
Interview/Info	16	10%
Total	163 (of the 168 hours)	100%

In addition to our diverse schedule, another interesting data point is that Strong Tower Radio produces 38% of all airtime in-house, even as many networks rely on rebroadcasted religious and secular programming. While this requires a major commitment of staff resources, we believe it is good stewardship for a world network program to invest in original content, rather than operating as another station within a large, impersonal broadcast corporation—whether profit or non-profit.

Here is a preview of STR-produced programs for May: a review of notable Michigan events with the Library of Michigan; the May **Garden Guy**; severe weather preparation; grief recovery with Pastor Steve and Tammy Conway; Michigan's increasing homelessness; addressing human labor trafficking in the USA; natural remedies made simple; and the annual **Youth Rush** book tour. All are brought to you by your STR staff. Enjoy!

Neutrality Not an Option

Two of Jesus' disciples, James and John, told Jesus that they had forbidden a man who was casting out evil spirits in Jesus' name, since he wasn't working with them. Jesus responded, "Do not forbid him. He who is not against us is for us." (**Luke 9:49**) This exchange shows there's clearly no neutral ground; we're either for Jesus or against Him.



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In the Old Testament at Mt Carmel, Elijah called upon Israel to choose the living God or Baal, but "they answered him not a word." They were afraid to take a stand either way (**1 Kings 18:21**).

Jesus said, "He who denies Me before men, I will deny before My Father in heaven." (**Matt 10:33**)

This principle is further addressed with the statement: "Indifference and neutrality in a religious crisis is regarded of God as a grievous crime and equal to the very worst type of hostility against God." (*)

Our time is one of religious crises on nearly every hand. Lies are being taught as truth, and there is an escalating need for a clarion voice speaking truth, fully.

Strong Tower Radio is not neutral; we are wholly on Jesus' side and broadcast the fullness of truth, even at the risk of offending some who cherish falsehood. Truth stirs the heart and mind to dig into the Bible and prove things out. Truth stuns some, angers others, amazes many – a response similar to that of Jesus when He taught in person during His earthly ministry.

Thank you for being committed to sharing the fullness of truth. This is no time to be neutral! Your continued prayers and financial support keep unfurling the banner of truth to Michigan, Illinois, and the world through web streaming. What an awesome way to work with the Holy Spirit to change lives!

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5/9 11:00 a.m.	David Bolduc	Marion Seventh-day Adventist Church
5/16 11:00 a.m.	Kam Ferguson	Houghton Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church
5/16 5:00 p.m.	Kam Ferguson	Rally - Houghton Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church
5/16 11:00 a.m.	Tom Mejeur	Farmington Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church
5/30 11:00 a.m.	Kam Ferguson	Urbandale Seventh-day Adventist Church
5/30 2:30 p.m.	Kam Ferguson	Rally - Marshall Seventh-day Adventist Church

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