

It is evident from these quotations that the Seventh-day Adventists believe that this investigative judgment is for those who have believed in Jesus.

As to the records which are to be examined in this investigative judgment, the Seventh-day Adventists claim that they are the books of record which are in heaven. They say that Daniel spoke of these books of record in Daniel 7:10 where we read, "the judgment was set, and the books were opened."<sup>44</sup> They say that these books of record include the following books:

First, the book of remembrance. The Seventh-day Adventists say that this book contains a record of every good deed which has been performed by those who have believed in Jesus. They base this on Malachi 3:16,17 which says:

Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.<sup>45</sup>

Concerning this book of remembrance Mrs. Ellen G. White says:

In the book of God's remembrance every deed of righteousness is immortalized. There every temptation resisted, every evil overcome, every word of tender pity expressed, is faithfully chronicled. And every act of sacrifice, every suffering and sorrow endured for Christ's sake, is recorded.<sup>46</sup>

Second, the books of the sins of men. The Seventh-day Adventists say that these books contain a record of every sin which has been committed by every person who has ever lived upon the earth. They base this on Ecclesiastes 12:14 which says, "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil";<sup>47</sup> Matthew 12:36,

<sup>44</sup>Dan. 7:10.

<sup>45</sup>Mal. 3:16,17.

<sup>46</sup>White, op. cit., p. 284.

<sup>47</sup>Eccl. 12:14.