

37 which says, "that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned";<sup>48</sup> and First Corinthians 4:5 which says, "Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts."<sup>49</sup> Concerning these books of the sins of men Mrs. White says:

Opposite each name in the books of heaven is entered with terrible exactness every wrong word, every selfish act, every unfulfilled duty, and every secret sin, with every artful dissembling. Heavensent warnings or reproofs neglected, wasted moments, unimproved opportunities, the influence exerted for good or for evil, with its far-reaching results, all are chronicled by the recording angel.<sup>50</sup>

It should be noted in connection with these books of the sins of men that the standard by which everything a person does is judged to determine whether or not it is a sin and to be recorded in these books is the Ten Commandments, for the Seventh-day Adventists state in their book, Questions On Doctrine, "We believe (in common with most historic creeds) that the Ten Commandments are the standard of all Christian living, and by that same law God will judge the world."<sup>51</sup> They base this on Ecclesiastes 12:13,14 which says, "Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil"<sup>52</sup>, and James 2:12 which says, "So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty."<sup>53</sup>

<sup>48</sup>Matt. 12:36,37.

<sup>49</sup>I cor. 4:5.

<sup>50</sup>White, op. cit., p. 284.

<sup>51</sup>Questions On Doctrine, op. cit., p. 189.

<sup>52</sup>Eccl. 12:13,14.

<sup>53</sup>James 2:12.