

FALL DOWN AND WORSHIP THE GOLDEN IMAGE

*Looking At Shadrach, Meshach, and
Abednego For Strength*

Does God Want Us Involved In Sports?

- Manuscript Releases Volume Thirteen, page 264
- *But will indulgence in these sports give men a desire to know truth and righteousness? Will it keep God in their thoughts? Will it lead them to inquire, How is it with my soul?*
Satan will manufacture his diversions that men may not think about God. The world, filled with sport and pleasure-loving, is always thirsting for some new interests. And how little time and thought are given to the Creator of the heavens and the earth. God calls upon His creatures to turn their attention from the confusion and perplexity around them, and admire His handiwork.

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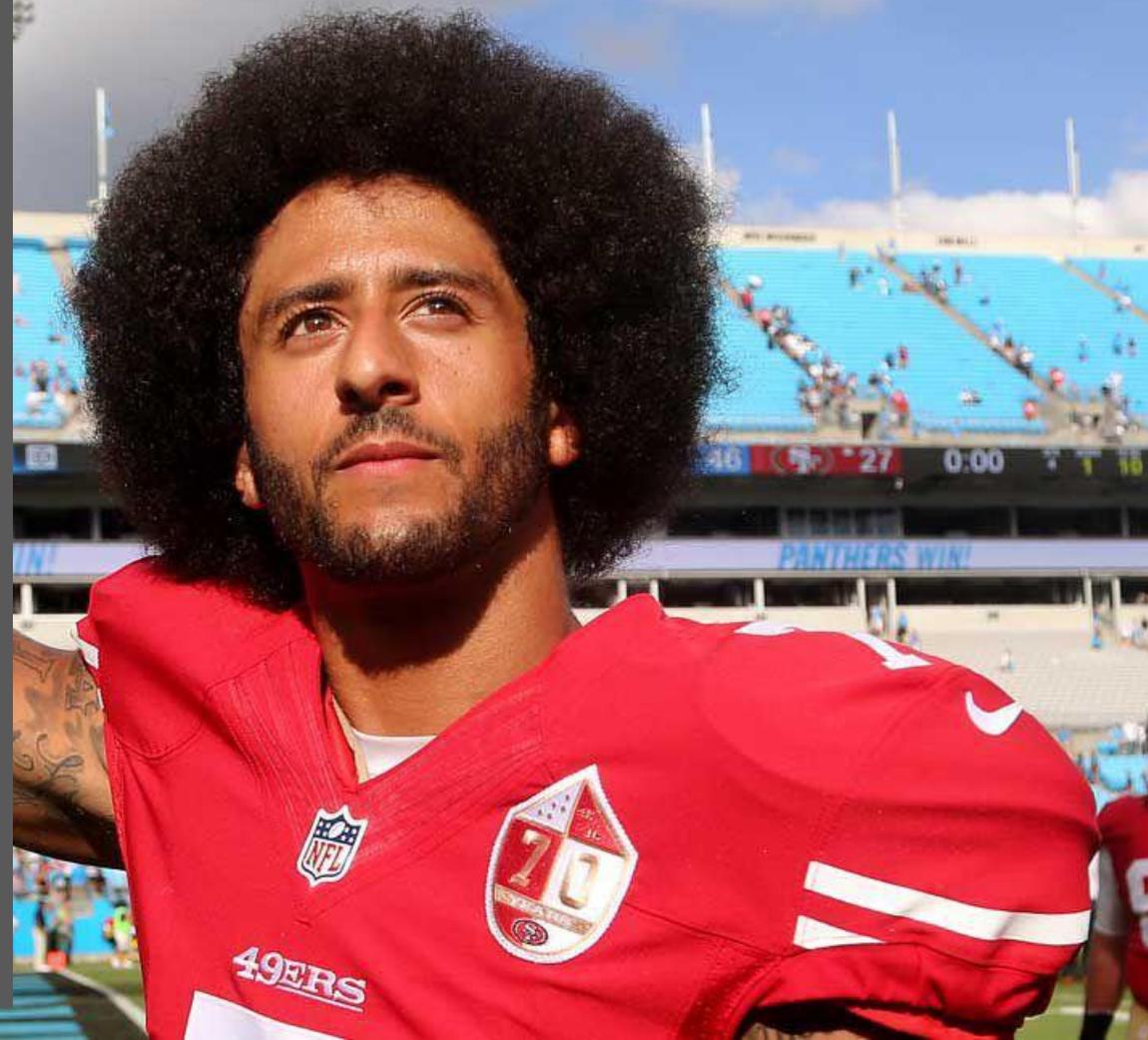
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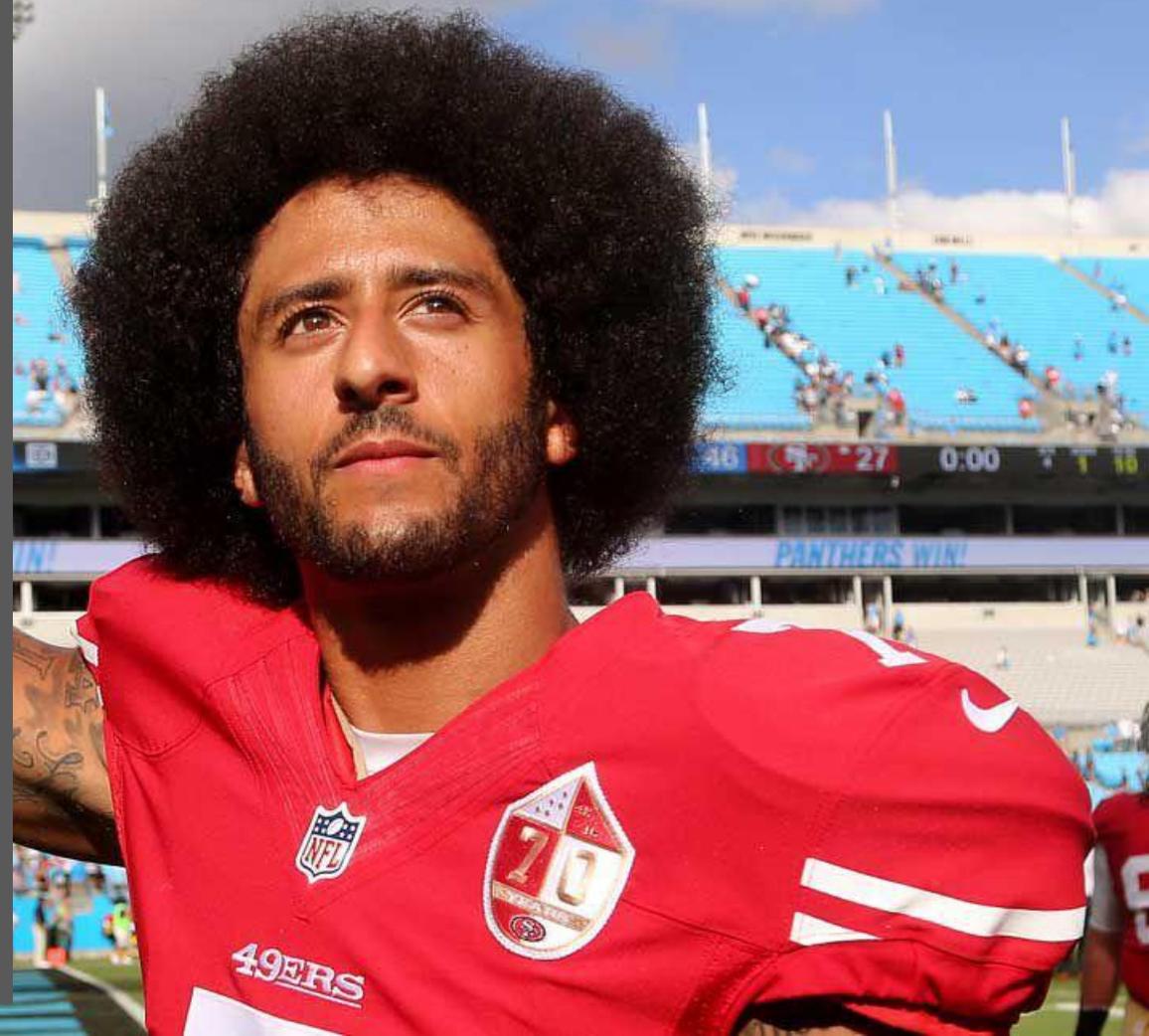
How Would You Describe Him?

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- Rude
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- Unpatriotic
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- Attention Seeker
- Rebellious
- Fanatic -

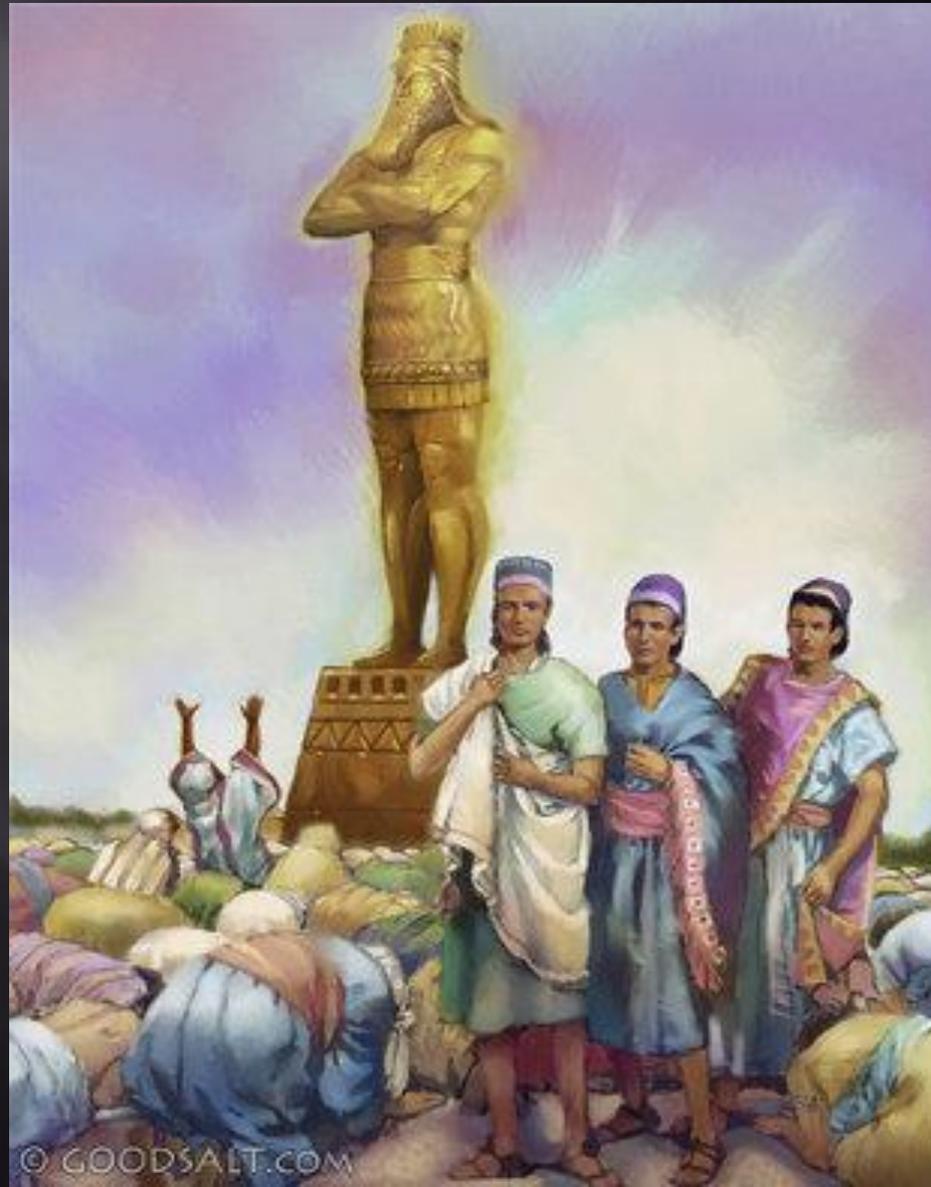


What Should Be Done To Him?

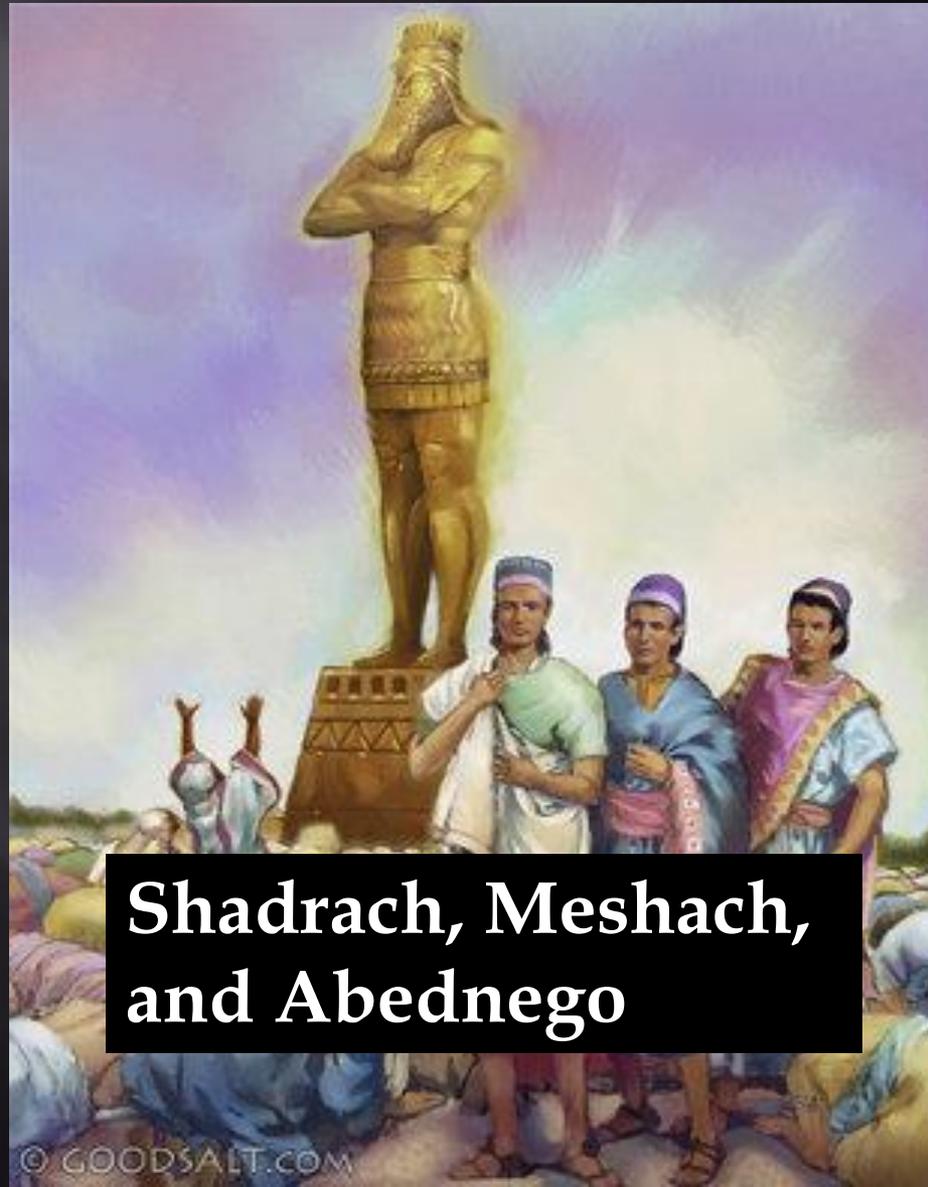
- Fined
- Banned from the NFL (including hall of fame)
- Jailed
- Remain unemployed
- Treason charges
- Citizenship removed
- Executed -



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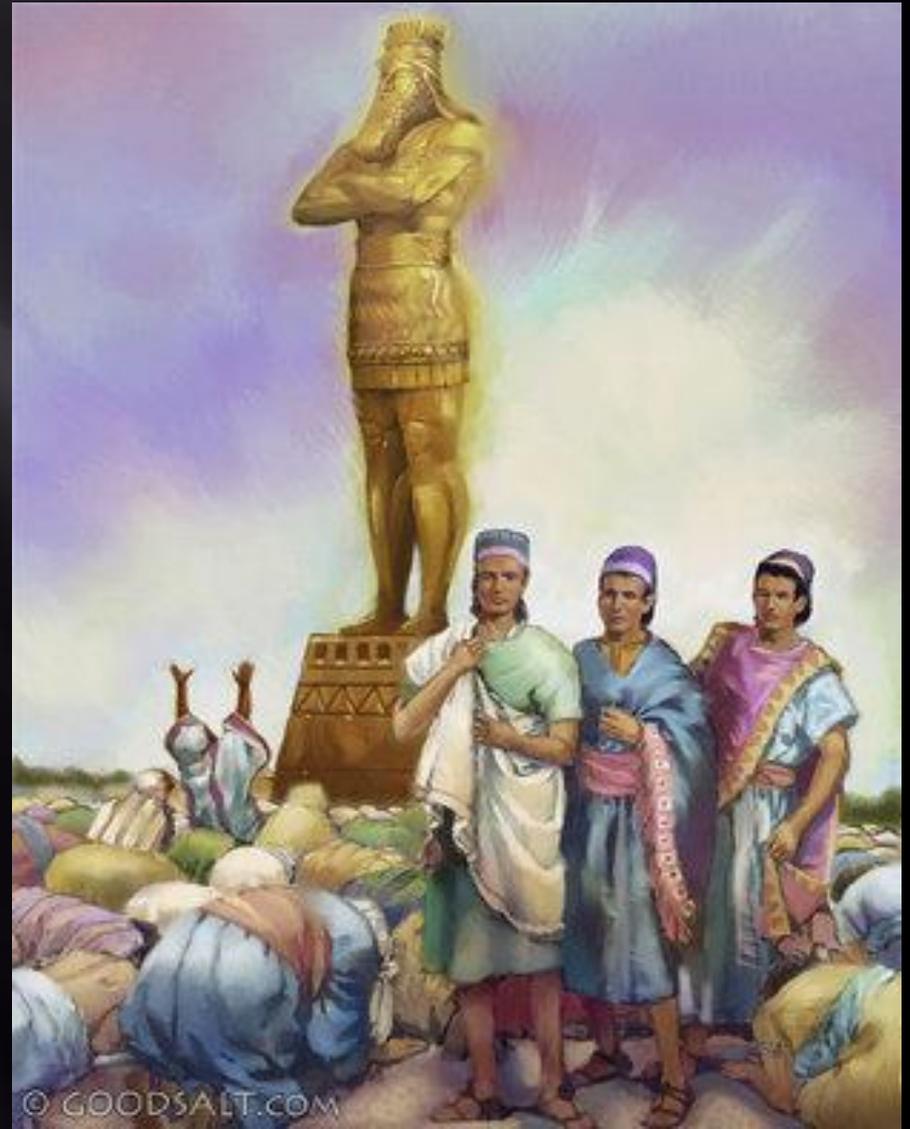
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**Shadrach, Meshach,
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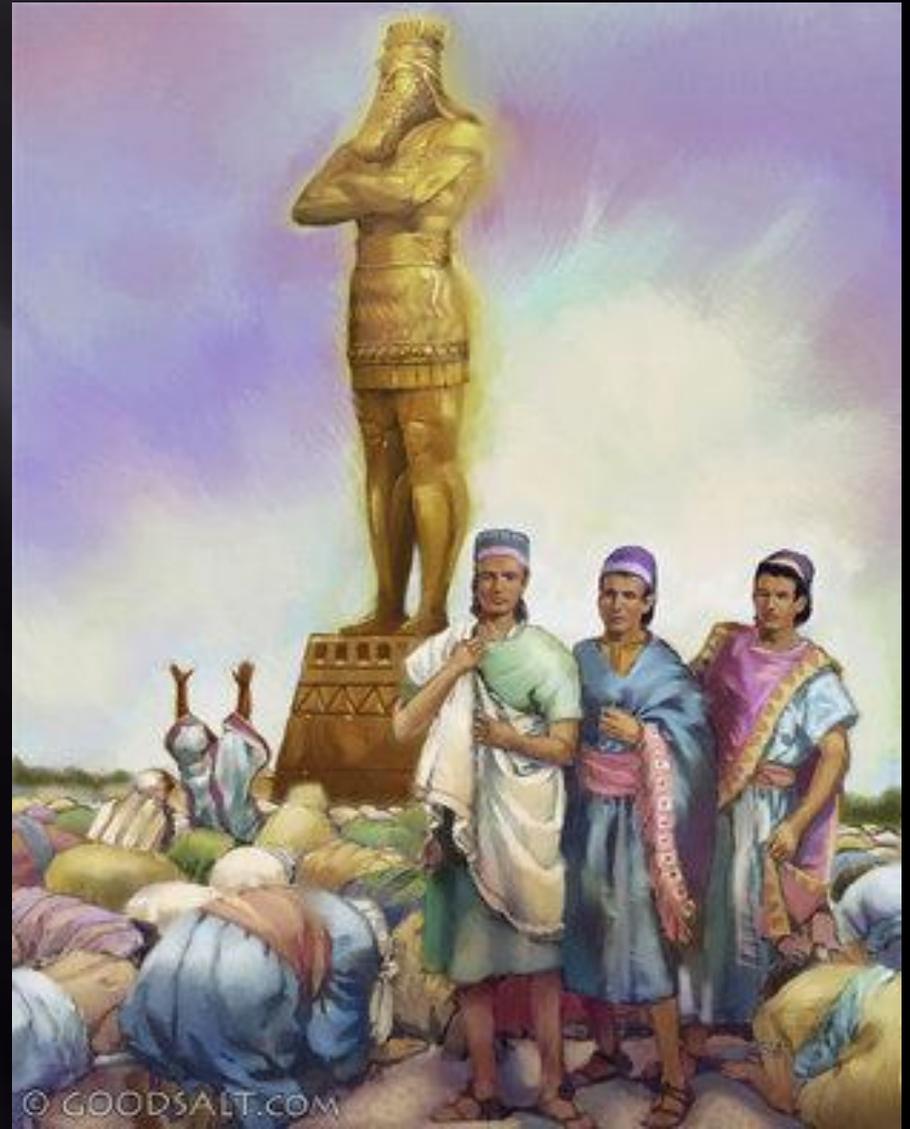
How Did the King Describe Them?

- Disrespectful
- Rude
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What Should Be Done With Them?

- Fined
- Banned from the King's Court
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What Else Is In Common?



- Object of nationalism was erected (statue/flag)
- Expected activity (stand for the anthem, bow to the image)
- When is the expected activity (when the music is played) [Daniel 3:5] -

Are We To Support Colin?

- No. God sees both sides as nonsense!
- Why? Humans created nations. None will exist after the second coming.
- What we should recognize, despite how it is handled, is the free exercise of constitutional rights
- We ought to even support Satanists and Pagans use of expressing freedom of their religions
- Squashing anyone's rights to free exercise, despite disagreeing with them, is not of God -

What Does God Say About Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

- 1 Corinthians 10:11
- Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.
- Prophets and Kings, page 513.1
- As in the days of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, so in the closing period of earth's history the Lord will work mightily in behalf of those who stand steadfastly for the right.

What Will Sunday Be Treated As?

- Testimonies for the Church Volume Five, page 711.3
- *The question of enforcing Sunday observance has become one of national interest and importance.*
- Merriam-Webster:
- Relating to a nation; common to or characteristic of a whole nation.
- Stand against it, is to be... -

Will We Be Accused Of Disrespect?

- The Ellen G. White 1888 Materials, page 443.2
- *The Lord looks with disfavor upon those who would please the men of the world, while at the same time they accuse those whom God is using, and manifest a satanic disrespect toward those whom they should highly regard. -*

Will We Be Accused Of Rudeness?

- Spiritual Gifts Volume 4b, page 126.2
- *It is their duty to cut off every appearance of evil, and when young females are very sociable, it is their duty to let them know such things are not pleasing. They must repulse this forwardness, even if they are thought to be rude. -*

Will We Be Accused Of Offending?

- Christian Temperance and Bible Hygiene, page 121.2
- *The principles of health reform should be carefully and thoroughly set before all, both patients and helpers. This work requires moral courage; for while many will profit by such efforts, others will be offended. But the true disciple of Christ, he whose mind is in harmony with the mind of God, while constantly learning, will be teaching as well, leading the minds of others upward, away from the prevailing errors of the world. -*

Will We Be Accused Of Insulting?

- The Signs of the Times, September 27, 1883 par. 16
- If you meet with insult and abuse, do not become discouraged, for Jesus met the same. -

Will We Be Accused Of Being Unpatriotic?

- Special Testimonies On Education, page 87.1
- *If people conscientiously attend to their lawful business upon the holidays, they are regarded as mean-spirited and unpatriotic. -*

Will We Be Accused Of Being Troublers?

- The Great Controversy (1888), page 590.1
- *It will be declared that men are offending God by the violation of the Sunday-sabbath, that this sin has brought calamities which will not cease until Sunday observance shall be strictly enforced, and that those who present the claims of the fourth commandment, thus destroying reverence for Sunday, are **troublers of the people**, preventing their restoration to divine favor and temporal prosperity. -*

Will We Be Accused Of Being Attention Seekers?

- Manuscript 38, 1905
- *The followers of Christ are to combine in a strong effort to call the attention of the world to the fast-fulfilling prophecies of the Word of God. -*

Will We Be Accused Of Being Rebellious?

- The Great Controversy, 608.1
- *Conscientious obedience to the word of God will be treated as rebellion. -*

Will We Be Accused Of Being Fanatics?

- The Review and Herald, March 10, 1904.
- *When Lot warned the members of his family of the destruction of Sodom, they would not heed his words, but looked upon him as a fanatical enthusiast. The destruction that came found them unprepared. Thus it will be when Christ comes-- farmers, merchants, lawyers, tradesmen, will be wholly engrossed in business, and upon them the day of the Lord will come as a snare. -*

Will Our Constitutional Rights Be Trampled Upon?

- The Great Controversy, p. 588
- *Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of Spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of Spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience. -*

Will We Be Fined?

- The Great Controversy (1888), 607.1
- *As the controversy extends into new fields, and the minds of the people are called to God's down-trodden law, Satan is astir. The power attending the message will only madden those who oppose it. The clergy will put forth almost superhuman efforts to shut away the light, lest it should shine upon their flocks. By every means at their command they will endeavor to suppress the discussion of these vital questions. The church appeals to the strong arm of civil power, and in this work, papists and Protestants unite. As the movement for Sunday enforcement becomes more bold and decided, the law will be invoked against commandment-keepers. They will be threatened with **finer** and imprisonment, and some will be offered positions of influence, and other rewards and advantages, as inducements to renounce their faith. -*

Will We Be Banned?

- The Great Controversy, 277.1
- And since history will be repeated...
- *But unhappy France prohibited the Bible and banned its disciples. -*

Will We Be Jailed?

- The Great Controversy, 608.1
- *As the defenders of truth refuse to honor the Sunday-sabbath, some of them will be thrust into **prison**, some will be exiled, some will be treated as slaves. To human wisdom all this now seems impossible; but as the restraining Spirit of God shall be withdrawn from men, and they shall be under the control of Satan, who hates the divine precepts, there will be strange developments. The heart can be very cruel when God's fear and love are removed. -*

Will We Have A Tough Time Being Employed?

- Revelation 13:17
- *And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*
- Won't be able to sell your services either for employment -

Will Treason Charges Be Filed?

- The Great Controversy, 132.3
- *"It is high treason against the church to allow so horrible a heretic to live one hour longer. Let the scaffold be instantly erected for him!"*
- The Great Controversy, 619.2
- *On every hand they hear the plottings of treason and see the active working of rebellion; and there is aroused within them an intense desire, an earnest yearning of soul, that this great apostasy may be terminated and the wickedness of the wicked may come to an end. But while they plead with God to stay the work of rebellion, it is with a keen sense of self-reproach that they themselves have no more power to resist and urge back the mighty tide of evil. They feel that had they always employed all their ability in the service of Christ, going forward from strength to strength, Satan's forces would have less power to prevail against them.-*

Could Our Citizenship Be Threatened?

- Early Writings, page 36
- *I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus' work was done in the sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues. These plagues enraged the wicked against the righteous; they thought that we had brought the judgments of God upon them, and that if they could rid the earth of us, the plagues would then be stayed.*
- Patriarchs and Prophets, page 447
- *So the people of God--the true Israel--though scattered throughout all nations, are on earth but sojourners, whose citizenship is in heaven.*
- Implication... citizenship on earth will be threatened-

Could We Be Executed?

- The Great Controversy, 604.2
- *Fearful is the issue to which the world is to be brought. The powers of earth, uniting to war against the commandments of God, will decree that "all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond" (Revelation 13:16), shall conform to the customs of the church by the observance of the false sabbath. All who refuse compliance will be visited with civil penalties, and it will finally be declared that they are deserving of death. -*

What Hope Is There?

- The Great Controversy, page 631 (1911)
- *Though a general decree has fixed the time when commandment-keepers may be put to death, their enemies will in some cases anticipate the decree, and before the time specified will endeavor to take their lives. But none can pass the mighty guardians stationed about every faithful soul. Some are assailed in their flight from the cities and villages, but the swords raised against them break and fall as powerless as a straw. Others are defended by angels in the form of men of war. -*

