

A dramatic landscape painting. The sky is filled with dark, swirling clouds, and a bright, golden light source is visible at the top center, casting a beam of light down. The foreground shows a lush forest with green trees and rocky terrain. The overall mood is one of awe and inspiration.

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# REVELATION

**COURAGE FOR TODAY,  
CONFIDENCE FOR THE FUTURE.**



# SARDIS: BE ALERT!

Week Six (Revelation 3:1-6)





# SARDIS: BE ALERT!

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3 “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. ‘I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. <sup>2</sup> Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God.

*Revelation 3:1–6*



# SARDIS: BE ALERT!

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<sup>3</sup> Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. <sup>4</sup> Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy.

*Revelation 3:1–6*



# SARDIS: BE ALERT!

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<sup>5</sup> The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. <sup>6</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

*Revelation 3:1–6*



# KEEPER OF THE STARS

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*Revelation 3:1*



# KEEPER OF THE STARS

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<sup>20</sup> As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

*Revelation 1:20*



# WAYWARD WORKS

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*Revelation 3:1–2*



# WAYWARD WORKS

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<sup>27</sup> “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people’s bones and all uncleanness.

*Matthew 23:27*



# WAYWARD WORKS

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<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

*Ephesians 2:8–10*



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*In a fair bit of Western evangelicalism, there is a worrying tendency to focus on the periphery ... One generation ... believed the gospel and held as well that there were certain social, economic, and political entailments. The next generation assumed the gospel, but identified with the entailments. The following generation denied the gospel: the “entailments” became everything. Assuming this sort of scheme for evangelicalism, one suspects that large swaths of the movement are lodged in the second step, with some drifting toward the third.*

– D.A. Carson



# WAYWARD WORKS

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<sup>12</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do ...

*John 14:12*



# AWAKE, O SLEEPER!

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*Revelation 3:3–4*



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*We wouldn't try to create a pulse without reviving the heart. So don't try to create works without reviving your faith.*

– Steve Fuller



# FOREVER PROMISES

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<sup>5</sup> The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. <sup>6</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

*Revelation 3:5–6*