

SS-Q2-L8-Light from the Sanctuary

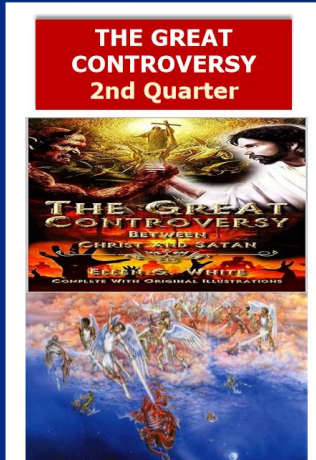
May 18-24, 2024

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Sabbath School Lesson

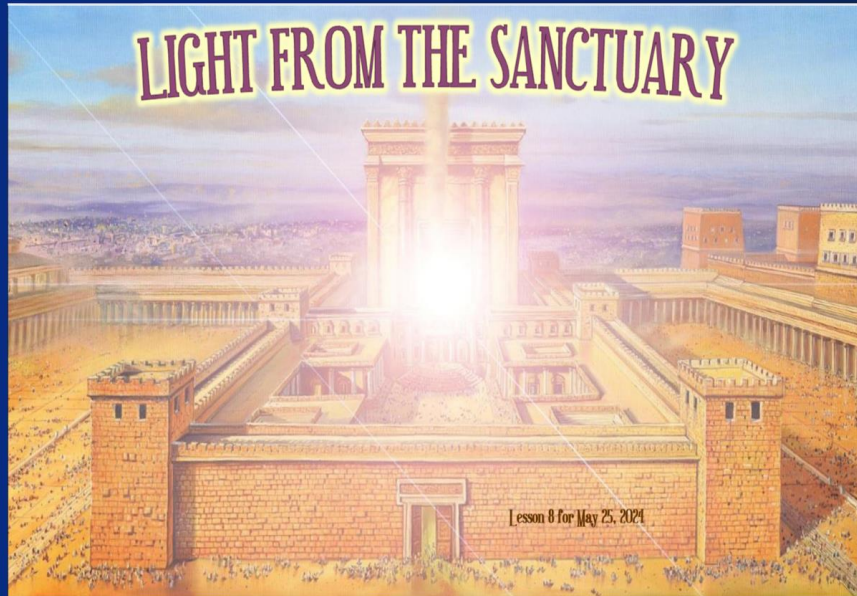
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Sabbath Afternoon - May 18, 2024

Scripture Reading for the Week:

[Exodus 25:8-9](#); [Exodus 25:40](#); [Hebrews 8:1-6](#); [Leviticus 16:21](#); [Leviticus 16:29-34](#); [Leviticus 23:26-32](#); [Hebrews 9:23-28](#); [Daniel 7:9-10](#).

Thought for Meditation:

Behold the apostle preaching in the synagogue at Corinth, reasoning from the writings of Moses and the prophets, and bringing his hearers down to the advent of the promised Messiah. Listen as he makes plain the work of the Redeemer as the great high priest of mankind--the One who through the sacrifice of His own life was to make atonement for sin once for all, and was then to take up His ministry in the heavenly sanctuary. Paul's hearers were made to understand that the Messiah for whose advent they had been longing, had already come; that His death was the antitype of all the

sacrificial offerings, and that His ministry in the sanctuary in heaven was the great object that cast its shadow backward and made clear the ministry of the Jewish priesthood. {AA 246.2} (Acts of the Apostles, 1911)

Memory Text

“We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man” (Hebrews 8:1-2).

This week's SS Lesson will divulge the deep meaning of the Sanctuary which was the pivotal point of the emerging messages that had been presented in the previous Lesson-the longest-time prophecy (2,300 years -The Cleansing of the Sanctuary). It also includes the specific activity that is going on after the Great Disappointment (Oct. 22, 1844), and the significant event to the pursuance of the investigative judgment for the dead and the living.



Outline of the Study

Sunday - May 19, 2024

The Heavenly Sanctuary - The True Sanctuary

[Exodus 25:8-9](#); [Exodus 25:40](#); [Hebrews 8:1-6](#); [Daniel 8:14](#);
[John 1:29](#); [1 John 1:9](#); [Hebrews 7:25](#); [Romans 8:1-4](#);
[2 Corinthians 5:21](#).

Monday - May 20, 2024

In the Holy of Holies - The Purification

[Leviticus 16:1-34](#); [Leviticus 23:26-32](#); [Hebrews 9:23-28](#);
[Jeremiah 17:1](#).

Tuesday - May 21, 2024

The Judgment has Come

[Daniel 7:9-10](#); [Revelation 14:6-7](#); [Ecclesiastes 12:14](#); [Matthew 12:36](#);
[1 Corinthians 4:5](#); [Revelation 22:10-12](#); [Matthew 25:1-13](#).

Wednesday - May 22, 2024

The Good News of the Most Holy Place - Mercy and Justice

[Hebrews 4:14-16](#); [Hebrews 10:19-22](#); [Revelation 11:19](#);
[Hebrews 8:10](#); [Hebrews 7:25](#).

Thursday - May 23, 2024

Jesus, Our Advocate in the Judgment - The Lawyer and Intercessor

[Hebrews 10:9-14](#); [1 John 2:1](#); [Hebrews 9:28](#); [2 Timothy 4:8](#);
[Hebrews 6:19-20](#).

Friday - May 24, 2024

Insights and Further Study

From the Pen of Inspiration

Sunday - May 19, 2024
The Heavenly Sanctuary - The True Sanctuary

[Exodus 25:8-9](#); [Exodus 25:40](#); [Hebrews 8:1-6](#); [Daniel 8:14](#); [John 1:29](#); [1 John 1:9](#); [Hebrews 7:25](#); [Romans 8:1-4](#); [2 Corinthians 5:21](#).

“and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by a mere human being” (**Hebrews 8:2**)



Christ's Ministration in the Heavenly Sanctuary

As with holy boldness Paul proclaimed the gospel in the synagogue at Thessalonica, a flood of light was thrown upon the true meaning of the rites and ceremonies connected with the tabernacle service. He carried the minds of his hearers beyond the earthly service and the ministry of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary, to the time when, having completed His mediatorial work, Christ would come again in power and great glory, and establish His kingdom on the earth. Paul was a believer in the second coming of Christ; so clearly and forcibly did he present the truths concerning this event, that upon the minds of many who heard there was made an impression which never wore away. **{AA 228.3}** (*Acts of the Apostles, 1911*)

A Figure and a Pattern of Things in the Heavens

The earthly sanctuary was built by Moses according to the pattern shown him in the mount. It was "a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices;" its two holy places were "patterns of things in the heavens;" Christ, our great High Priest, is "a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man." **Hebrews 9:9, 23; 8:2**. As in vision the apostle John was granted a view of the temple

of God in heaven, he beheld there "seven lamps of fire burning before the throne." **{CCh 347.2}** (*Counsels for the Church, 1991*)

The Branch (Christ) Build the Temple for His Glory

By virtue of His death and resurrection He became the minister of the "true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man." **Hebrews 8:2**. Men reared the Jewish tabernacle; men builded the Jewish temple; but the sanctuary above, of which the earthly was a type, was built by no human architect. "Behold the Man whose name is The Branch; . . . He shall build the temple of the Lord; and He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon His throne; and He shall be a priest upon His throne." **Zechariah 6:12, 13. {DA 165.5}** (*The Desire of Ages, 1898*)

The Sanctuary, Earthly and Heavenly, Type and Antitype

Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man. **Hebrews 8:1, 2. {FLB 202.1}** The question, What is the sanctuary? is clearly answered in the Scriptures. The term "sanctuary," as used in the Bible, refers, first, to the tabernacle built by Moses, as a pattern of heavenly things; and, secondly, to the "true tabernacle" in heaven, to which the earthly sanctuary pointed. At the death of Christ the typical service ended. The "true tabernacle" in heaven is the sanctuary of the new covenant. **{FLB 202.2}** (*The Faith I Live By, 1958*)

Consider the following

In studying the Bible, Adventists after the disappointment of 1844 discovered that there were two sanctuaries:

- (1) an earthly sanctuary, a type and shadow of the true one (**Heb. 8:5**); and
- (2) a heavenly sanctuary, erected by God Himself (**Heb. 8:2**).

The first sanctuary, and the temples that followed it until AD 70, were built after the model that God showed Moses (**Ex. 25:40**). In them the true Lamb and High Priest was represented: Jesus (**Jn. 1:36; Heb. 4:14**).

Opens the doors to a world of peace, happiness, and eternal communion with God.

Monday - May 20, 2024

In the Holy of Holies - The Purification

[Leviticus 16:1-34](#); [Leviticus 23:26-32](#); [Hebrews 9:23-28](#); [Jeremiah 17:1](#).

“In this way he will make atonement for the Most Holy Place because of the uncleanness and rebellion of the Israelites, whatever their sins have been” (**Lev. 16:16a**)



Another Message of Warning and Instruction was to be given to the Church

Says the prophet: "Who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap; and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness." Those who are living upon the earth when the intercession of Christ shall cease in the sanctuary above, are to stand in the sight of a holy God without a mediator. Their robes must be spotless, their characters must be purified from sin by the blood of sprinkling. Through the grace of God and their own diligent effort, they must be conquerors in the battle with evil. While the investigative judgment is going forward in heaven, while the sins of penitent believers are being removed from the sanctuary, there is to be a special work of purification, of putting away of sin, among God's people upon earth. This work is more clearly presented in the messages of **Revelation 14**. {SW, January 24, 1905 par. 6} (*The Southern Watchman*)

For further study on the subject presented in Rev. 14, please visit the links below:

[Present Truth Lessons 2020 - Lesson 3 The 3 Angels and Other Angels \(google.com\)](#)

[Meat In Due Season - First Angel's Message - Rev. 14:6, 7 \(google.com\)](#)

[Meat In Due Season - Second Angel's Message - Rev. 14:8 \(google.com\)](#)

[Meat In Due Season - Third Angel's Message - Rev. 14:9-10 \(google.com\)](#)

Christ's Work in the Holy and the Most Holy Places

Then he [Moses] was carried down to the period of time when a view of the heavenly sanctuary should be given to God's people; when the veil would be parted, and by faith they would enter within the Holy of Holies. Moses knew something about the sanctuary in heaven. He understood the sacred ministrations connected with the holy place and the Most Holy. The significance of the typical service in the earthly sanctuary was made light and clear by the reflection of the Sun of Righteousness upon the types and symbols. **{11MR 54.1}** (*Manuscript Releases Volume 11, 1990*)

A Closing Work of Atonement - in the Most Holy Place

“The temple of God was opened in Heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament.” **[Revelation 11:19.]** The ark of God's testament is in the holy of holies, the second apartment of the sanctuary. In the ministration of the earthly tabernacle, which served “unto the example and shadow of heavenly things,” this apartment was opened only upon the great day of atonement, for the cleansing of the sanctuary. Therefore the announcement that the temple of God was opened in Heaven, and the ark of his testament was seen, points to the opening of the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary, in 1844, as Christ entered there to perform the closing work of the atonement. Those who by faith followed their great High Priest, as he entered upon his ministry in the most holy place, beheld the ark of his testament. As they had studied the subject of the sanctuary, they had come to understand the Saviour's change of ministration, and they saw that he was now officiating before the ark of God, pleading his blood in behalf of sinners. **{GC88 433.1}** (*The Great Controversy, 1888*)

The High Priest that Enters the Most Holy Place

In 1844 our great High Priest entered the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary, to begin the work of the investigative judgment. The cases of the righteous dead have been passing in review before God. When that work shall be completed, judgment is to be pronounced upon the living. How precious, how important are these solemn moments! Each of us has a case pending in the court of heaven. We are individually to be judged according to the deeds done in the body. In the typical service, when the work of atonement was performed by the high priest in the most holy place of the earthly sanctuary, the people were required to afflict their souls before God, and confess their sins, that they might be atoned for and blotted out. Will any less be required of us in this antitypical day of atonement, when Christ in the sanctuary above is pleading in behalf of His people, and the final, irrevocable decision is to be pronounced upon every case? **{1SM 125.1}** (*Selected Messages Book 1, 1958*)

The Purification of the Church-Investigative Judgment for the Living

The true people of God, who have the spirit of the work of the Lord and the salvation of souls at heart, will ever view sin in its real, sinful character. They will always be on the side of faithful and plain dealing with sins which easily beset the people of God. Especially in the closing work for the church, in the sealing time of the one hundred and forty-four thousand who are to stand without fault before the throne of God, will they feel most deeply the wrongs of God's professed people. This is forcibly set forth by the prophet's illustration of the last work under the figure of the men each having a slaughter weapon in his hand. One man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side. "And the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof." **{3T 266.2}** (*Testimonies for the Church Volume 3, 1872-1875*)

For further studies, please visit the links below:

[Present Truth Lessons 2020 - Lesson 7 Purification of the Church \(google.com\)](#)

[Meat In Due Season - 25. Purification of the Church - Ezekiel 9 \(google.com\)](#)

[Meat In Due Season - 2. The 144,000 \(google.com\)](#)

Consider the following

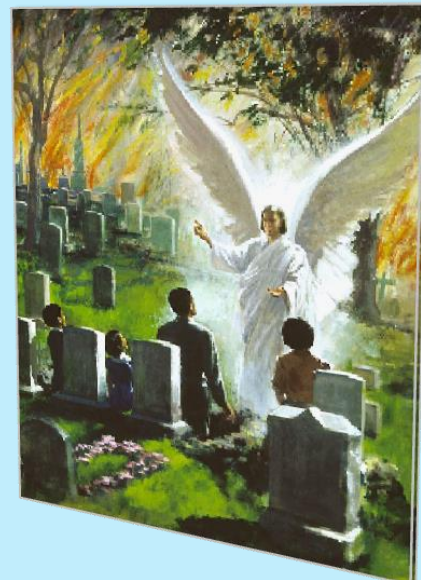
Although the Israelites were forgiven by presenting their sacrifices, their guilt was “transferred” to the sanctuary. Therefore, its purification was necessary. This happened on the day of atonement, known even today among the Hebrews as the day of judgment.

If someone did not grieve that day, repenting of their sins, they were “cut off” (**Lev. 23:29-30**). His fate was sealed that day. In the same way, when the purification of the heavenly sanctuary is completed, our destiny will be sealed. Meanwhile, today is the day of afflicting our souls, the day of decision (**Heb. 3:14-15**).

Tuesday - May 21, 2024
The Judgment has Come

[Daniel 7:9-10](#); [Revelation 14:6-7](#); [Ecclesiastes 12:14](#); [Matthew 12:36](#); [1 Corinthians 4:5](#); [Revelation 22:10-12](#); [Matthew 25:1-13](#).

“He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water”” (**Revelation 14:7**)



The Judgment-Seat of Christ to Judge the Dead and the Living

John says, "I saw the dead small and great stand before God, and the books were opened: and another book was opened which is the book of life, and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their works." Let every one who professes the name of Christ consider the fact that he must meet every act of injustice, give an account for every harsh word, at the judgment-seat of Christ. It will not be pleasant to review the words that have been spoken that have wounded and bruised souls, to review the decisions that have worked against souls for whom Christ died. Every action will come into judgment, and the spirit that prompted it will be made manifest. The fruit of every selfish, arbitrary exaction will be made plain, and men will see the results of their doings even as God sees them. They will see that they have turned precious souls out of the right path by dealing with them in an unchristlike manner. We are living in the great day of atonement, and it is now time that every one should repent before God, confess his sins, and by living faith, rest upon the merit of a crucified and living Saviour. **{SpTA03 56.2}** (*Special Testimonies to Ministers and Workers, No. 3, 1895*)

For further studies, please visit the following:

[Present Truth Lessons 2020 - Lesson 6 Judgment for the Living \(google.com\)](#)

[Meat In Due Season - 18. The Judgment and the Seven Seals \(google.com\)](#)

[Meat In Due Season - 8. The Harvest of Matthew 13 \(google.com\)](#)

[Meat In Due Season - 9. The Ceremonial Harvest \(google.com\)](#)

A Solemn Warnings in Different Books in the Old Testament- The Judgment

These things make me feel very solemn, because I know that the judgment day is right upon us. The judgments that have already come are a warning, but not the finishing, of the punishment that will come on wicked cities. Our cities are most terrible places, wherein are practiced all kinds of sin and iniquity of the most revolting character. The Lord's name is greatly dishonored. **{21MR 87.1}** In Micah we read: (Quote **Micah 1:2-7; 2:1-5, 7, 12, 13; Micah 3.**) **{21MR 87.4}** Oh, how soon the scenes of destruction and

desolation will come and be universal, we cannot tell. "Be ye also ready," saith the Lord, "for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." **{21MR 87.5}**

In Habakkuk we read: (Quote 2:1, 2 "it will not tarry" [beyond the time appointed]). (Quote 2:3-20.) **{21MR 87.6}**

In Zephaniah we read: (Quote the entire book.) **{21MR 87.7}**

In connection with these scriptures, read the first four chapters of the prophecy of Zechariah, and the entire book of Malachi. **{21MR 87.8}** (*Manuscript Releases Volume 21, 1993*)

The Investigative Judgment for the Dead Commenced in 1844

I have been shown that our disappointment in 1844 was not because of failure in the reckoning of prophetic periods, but in the events to take place. The earth was believed to be the sanctuary. But the sanctuary that was to be cleansed at the end of the prophetic periods was the heavenly sanctuary and not the earth as we all supposed. The Saviour did enter the Most Holy Place in 1844 to cleanse the sanctuary and the investigative judgment had commenced for the dead. I have been repeatedly urged to accept the different periods of time proclaimed for the Lord to come. **{10MR 269.1}** (*Manuscript Releases Volume 10, 1990*)

God's Investigative Judgment will be Pronounced Upon the Living

In 1844 our great High Priest entered the most holy place of the heavenly Sanctuary, to begin the work of the investigative Judgment. The cases of the righteous dead have been passing in review before God. When that work shall be completed, judgment is to be pronounced upon the living. How precious, how important are these solemn moments! Each of us has a case pending in the court of heaven. We are individually to be judged according to the deeds done in the body. In the typical service, when the work of atonement was performed by the high priest in the most holy place of the earthly sanctuary, the people were required to afflict their souls before God, and confess their sins, that they might be atoned for and blotted out. Will any less be required of us in this anti-typical day of atonement, when Christ in the Sanctuary above is pleading in behalf of his people, and the final, irrevocable decision is to be pronounced upon every case? **{RH, March 22, 1887 par. 9}** (*The Review and Herald*)

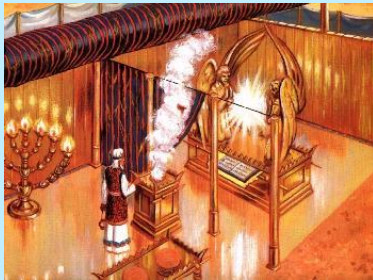
Consider the following

According to prophecy, the purification of the Heavenly Sanctuary – that is, the Judgment – began in 1844. Since then, the Adventist Church has loudly proclaimed that the hour of judgment has arrived, inviting everyone to worship God, and to live according to his commandments (**Rev. 14:7**).

But won't judgment take place when Jesus comes to Earth (**1Ch. 16:33**; **2Tim. 4:1**)?

When Jesus comes, He executes the judgment already carried out, since He comes with a “reward” to repay “each one according to what he has done” (**Rev. 22:12**); He sends his angels to gather the elect (**Mt. 24:31**); and resurrects those who believed in Him (**1Thes. 4:16**).

Note that dead unbelievers are not resurrected when Jesus comes and are therefore not judged at that time (**Rev. 20:4-5**).



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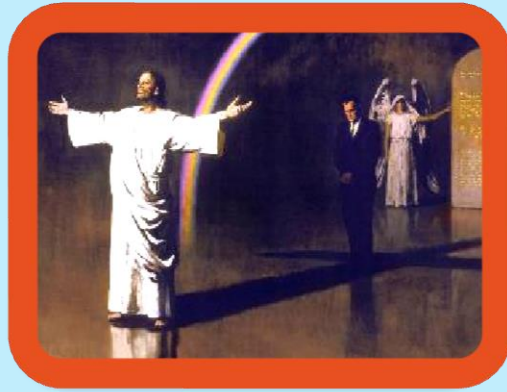
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[Hebrews 4:14-16](#); [Hebrews 10:19-22](#); [Revelation 11:19](#);

[Hebrews 8:10](#); [Hebrews 7:25](#).

“In love a throne will be established; in faithfulness, a man will sit on it one from the **house of David** one who in judging seeks justice and speeds the cause of righteousness.” (**Isaiah 16:5**)





"Saviours" will also be Identified in His Kingdom of Righteousness-**Obadiah 1:21**

What does this phrase mean, "a Man will Sit on it one from the HOUSE OF DAVID"? **Read Rev. 22:16**

What Prophecies Predict the Davidic Kingdom?

Dan. 2:44; Mic. 4:8; Hos. 3:4-5; Amos 9:11, 14; Jer. 30:3, 9, 10, 18; Ezek 37:21-25; Ezek. 36:24,28,33,35; Zech 2:12; Mic. 3:12; Mic 4:1-3; Joel 2:32; 3:17; Zeph 2:7; Isa. 11:10-12; Isa. 14:1-2; Zech.12:2-6; Zech 13:1; Jer.31:6-8,10,23

When will the Kingdom be Restored?

Dan. 2:44 "In the days of these kings."; Mic. 4:1; Isa. 2:2-3 "In the last days."; Hosea 3:4-5 "After many years."; Jer. 30:18, 21-24; Num. 24:14, 17-19 "in the latter day."; Matt. 17:11; Mal. 3:1; 4:5-6 "At the time of restoration."; Luke 21:24 "After the times of the Gentiles is fulfilled."; Zech. 14:1, 2, 11, 16-17; Zeph. 2:4-7, 9 "after a world war at Jerusalem."

For detailed studies, please visit the following sites:

[Meat In Due Season - 6. The Establishment of the Kingdom of Glory \(google.com\)](#)

[Present Truth Lessons 2020 - Lesson 11: Kingdom of Glory \(google.com\)](#)

The Pentecostal Power Repeated, Read Zech. 12:8

What was the result of the outpouring of the Spirit upon the day of Pentecost? -- The glad tidings of a risen Saviour were carried to the utmost bounds of the inhabited world. The hearts of the disciples were surcharged with the benevolence so full, so deep, so far-reaching, that it impelled them to go to the ends of the earth, testifying, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." As they proclaimed the truth as it is in Jesus, hearts yielded to the power of the message. The church beheld converts flocking to her from all directions. Backsliders were reconverted. Sinners united with Christians in seeking the pearl of great price. Those who had been the bitterest opponents of the gospel became its champions. **The prophecy was fulfilled, that the weak shall be "as David," and the house of David "as the angel of the Lord."** Every Christian saw in his brother the divine similitude of love and benevolence. One interest prevailed. One subject of emulation swallowed up all others. The only ambition of the believers was to reveal the likeness of Christ's character and to labor for the enlargement of his kingdom. **{RH, April 30, 1908 par. 10}** (*The Review and Herald*)

Justice and Mercy are Revealed in the Light of the Cross - His Divine Character

When we study the divine character in the light of the cross we see mercy, tenderness, and forgiveness blended with equity and justice. We see in the midst of the throne One bearing in hands and feet and side the marks of the suffering endured to reconcile man to God. We see a Father, infinite, dwelling in light unapproachable, yet receiving us to Himself through the merits of His Son. The cloud of vengeance that threatened only misery and despair, in the light reflected from the cross reveals the writing of God: Live, sinner, live! ye penitent, believing souls, live! I have paid a ransom. **{AA 333.2}** (*Acts of the Apostles, 1911*)

Consider the following

The 10 commandments placed in the ark represent the standard of judgment and divine justice (**Eccl. 12:13-14**). The mercy seat placed between the law and the presence of God represents divine mercy (**1Jn. 2:1-2**).

The path to the Celestial Sanctuary begins by accepting the sacrifice of Jesus (His blood sprinkled on the altar of burnt offerings)

Continue a life in communion with Christ (His blood sprinkled on the altar of incense)

And it concludes when our case is presented before the Judge (His blood sprinkled on the veil, before the ark)

Justice requires compliance with the Law. Mercy accepts the perfect life of Jesus in place of ours (**1 Pet. 1:18-19; 1 John 4:17**).

Thursday - May 23, 2024

Jesus, Our Advocate in the Judgment - The Lawyer and Intercessor

[Hebrews 10:9-14](#); [1 John 2:1](#); [Hebrews 9:28](#); [2 Timothy 4:8](#); [Hebrews 6:19-20](#).

“Therefore he is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them” (**Hebrews 7:25**)



The Grace of Christ in Our Lives - We Must Believe

Jesus has risen from the tomb. He lives. In the trial of your faith, show that you know you have a living Saviour, one who is making intercession for you and your loved ones. If they will only come to Jesus, he will receive them. You can show them the way. Jesus ever liveth to make intercession for us. He has no pleasure in the death of the sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sins and live. What more positive language could be employed than the following: "Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance"? To make God's grace our own, we must do our allotted part; we must believe Christ, we must show the grace of Christ in our lives, bearing fruit to the glory of God. Do not please Satan by carrying a sad, mournful countenance. When the furnace fire kindles about your soul, is the time to fight the good fight of

faith, to reveal your confidence, your trust in Jesus. {RH, August 25, 1891 par. 7} (*The Review and Herald*)

Jesus Christ the Righteous, Our Advocate with the Father

The intercession of Christ in our behalf is that of presenting his divine merits in the offering of himself to the Father as our substitute and surety; for he ascended up on high to make an atonement for our transgressions. "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." "He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." {ST, July 4, 1892 par. 2} (*The Signs of the Times*)

Consider the following

Throughout our lives and, of course, at the time of judgment, Jesus is our Advocate (**1Jn. 2:1**).

The work of Jesus in the Celestial Sanctuary teaches us:

- A clear understanding of the plan of redemption
- The demands of the Law of God
- The infinite price of our salvation
- The path that Jesus opened to reach the Father
- The security of being able to approach God with confidence

Soon, the Judgment will end and Jesus “will appear a second time, without regard to sin, to save those who wait for him” (**Heb. 9:28**)

Friday - May 24, 2024

Insights and Further Study

We have a living Saviour. He is not in Joseph's new tomb; he is risen from the dead, and has ascended on high as a substitute and surety for every believing soul. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." The sinner is justified through the merits of Jesus, and this is God's acknowledgment of the perfection of the ransom paid for man. That Christ was obedient even unto the death of the cross is a pledge of the repenting sinner's acceptance with the Father. Then shall we permit ourselves to have a vacillating experience of doubting and believing, believing and doubting? Jesus is the pledge of our acceptance with God. We stand in favor before God, not because of any merit in ourselves, but because of our faith in "the Lord our righteousness." **{ST, July 4, 1892 par. 6}** Jesus stands in the holy of holies, now to appear in the presence of God for us. There he ceases not to present his people moment by moment, complete in himself. But because we are thus represented before the Father, we are not to imagine that we are to presume upon his mercy, and become careless, indifferent, and self-indulgent. Christ is not the minister of sin. We are complete in him, accepted in the Beloved, only as we abide in him by faith. **{ST, July 4, 1892 par. 7}** (*The Signs of the Times*)

Questions to Ponder Upon

1. Have you seen the parallelism between the Cleansing of the sanctuary and the Pre-advent judgment? Are they the same? How are they related to the second coming of Christ?
2. Why is it so significant to understand the sanctuary?
3. How is the earthly sanctuary related to the heavenly sanctuary?
4. What is the significance of the Sanctuary doctrine in our lives?
5. How is the harvest in **Matthew 13** related to the cleansing of the Sanctuary in heaven (**Dan. 8:14**)?
6. Is the purification or cleansing only applicable in the investigation for the dead or to the living as well?
7. Based on the statement above **{ST, July 4, 1892 par. 7}**, In what way is man's salvation secured and assured?

From the Pen of Inspiration

“We are now standing in the outer court, waiting and looking for that blessed hope, the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. [...] In His intercession as our advocate, Christ needs no man's virtue, no man's intercession. He is the only sin-bearer, the only sin-offering. Prayer and confession are to be offered only to Him who has entered once for all into the Most Holy Place. He will save to the uttermost all who come to Him in faith. He ever liveth to make intercession for us.” **EGW (Jesus Our Advocate, November 1)**

“As the books of record are opened in the judgment, the lives of all who have believed on Jesus come in review before God. Beginning with those who first lived upon the earth, our Advocate presents the cases of each successive generation and closes with the living.

Every name is mentioned, and every case is closely investigated. Names are accepted, and names are rejected. [...]

All who have truly repented of sin, and by faith claimed the blood of Christ as their atoning sacrifice, have had pardon entered against their names in the books of heaven; as they have become partakers of the righteousness of Christ, and their characters are found to be in harmony with the law of God, their sins will be blotted out, and they themselves will be accounted worthy of eternal life.” **EGW (The Great Controversy, pg. 483)**

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