

## GOD'S SANCTUARY, PART 2

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In our last lesson we looked at some of the services conducted in the earthly sanctuary, and started to compare them with the MINISTRY of JESUS our HEAVENLY HIGH PRIEST. In Part 2, we will develop those points further; we will look into the LIFE and MINISTRY of JESUS on earth, and then into HIS MINISTRY in THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY. This will enable us to see just how important it is for us to understand the services of both The Earthly and THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARIES.

The Sacrifices Centered in The Earthly Sanctuary from MOSES to CHRIST.

The life of CHRIST began in a manger in a particular town named Bethlehem, as predicted in THE SCRIPTURES, in Micah 5:2 (there were two towns named Bethlehem at that time, and there still is, according to the modern Tourist map of Israel. One being quite near to Jerusalem, "Bethlehem Ephratah", also known as "Bethlehem Judea" and the other very near Nazareth, where Mary and Joseph lived). HE was born on time, (as predicted) to a VIRGIN whose name was Mary. JESUS was born by a miracle that only GOD could perform; "GOD", "THE WORD", was to develop in a human mother in the same way other human babies developed.

The child JESUS grew up like any other boy, (except that HE NEVER SINNED); and HE must have been trained in the knowledge of THE SCRIPTURES by HIS mother, Mary. (See Lk 2:40,52). At twelve years of age JESUS attended HIS first PASSOVER FEAST, and HE detached HIMSELF from HIS earthly parents, and debated with the great religious scholars of the day. (Lk 2:41-51).

Jn 1:29

"... Behold THE LAMB of GOD, which TAKETH AWAY the SIN of The WORLD".

John the Baptist was inspired by GOD to recognise JESUS as "THE LAMB of GOD"; THE "ANTITYPE" of THE LAMB SLAIN for the FORGIVENESS of SIN in The Earthly Sanctuary Services.

Matt 4:6

".... If thou be THE SON of GOD, cast THYSELF down: ..."

JESUS refused to be drawn into doing foolish things to prove who HE was. HE answered satan with a SCRIPTURE instead, just as you and I should, - "Thou shalt not tempt THE LORD thy GOD". (See Matt 4:7).

Dan 9:27

"And HE shall CONFIRM THE COVENANT, [the agreement that GOD would give the Israelites 490 years to return to HIM, or they would be cast off as the children of GOD], with many for ONE WEEK: and in the MIDST of the WEEK HE shall cause The Sacrifice and the OBLATION to CEASE, ....".

THE MINISTRY of JESUS lasted three and a half years, which was half of the last seven years allocated for the Jews to comply with GOD'S COVENANT, of OBEDIENCE to HIM or be cast out as the chosen race. With all the evidence they were given during the LIFE of JESUS on earth; they did not change their understanding of the PROPHECIES of SCRIPTURE.

They did not accept JESUS as THE SON of GOD, or, HIS SACRIFICE to "TAKE AWAY the SINS of the WORLD". (Jn 1:29); so JESUS had to DIE on the CROSS, as "THE LAMB slain from the FOUNDATION of the WORLD". (See Rev 13:8).

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The temple services were no longer necessary. JESUS had sacrificed HIMSELF, and now The SERVICES that had been conducted in The Earthly Sanctuary, and which had pointed forward to HIM, were finished.

Matt 8:2

“And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped HIM, saying, “LORD, if THOU wilt, THOU canst make me CLEAN”.

GOD used ordinary people to show others that JESUS was GOD. Only GOD could heal leprosy, and give sight to the blind, and also control nature the way that HE did. There was an abundance of evidence that JESUS was TRULY GOD, but not everyone accepted that evidence. JESUS spent many hours in prayer to HIS HEAVENLY FATHER. HE often sought out solitary places so that HE could pray without any interruption, or distraction.

Titus 2:14

“Who gave HIMSELF for us, that HE might REDEEM us from ALL INIQUITY, ....”.

The Apostle Paul was in no doubt that JESUS is our REDEEMER and SAVIOUR from SIN.

Isa 53:5

“But HE was wounded for our TRANSGRESSIONS, HE was bruised for our INIQUITIES:”.

JESUS was TREATED, as we DESERVE to be TREATED, so that we can be TREATED, as HE DESERVES to be TREATED. (See 2 Cor 5:21). PRAISE GOD for the many privileges that we enjoy!

Jn 3:16

“For GOD so LOVED The WORLD, [not just the Jewish nation, but The WHOLE WORLD] that HE gave HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN [or CHIEF] SON, that whosoever BELIEVETH in HIM should not perish, but have EVERLASTING LIFE”.

Praise GOD for the assurance, and the comfort that verse brings to GOD'S people! JESUS is the ONLY “BEGOTTEN” SON, or The “CHIEF” SON of GOD, because HE is the ONLY SON of GOD who can give ETERNAL LIFE to MANKIND.

Rom 5:8

“But GOD commendeth HIS LOVE toward us, in that, while we were yet SINNERS, CHRIST DIED for us”.

JESUS did not wait for us to PROVE our LOVE for HIM; HE DIED to PROVE HIS LOVE for us. JESUS made the “PROVISION” for ETERNAL LIFE for all MANKIND, but EACH INDIVIDUAL must MAKE the DECISION to ACCEPT that OFFER, and should foolish man not accept GOD'S offer, then he can only blame himself and not GOD, for missing out on SALVATION.

“When I survey the wondrous cross,  
On which the PRINCE of GLORY died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride”.

In the words of the hymn writer we are reminded of The SACRIFICE that THE FATHER and THE SON made on our behalf. It was the CROSS of CALVARY that PROVED THEIR LOVE for MANKIND, and most importantly, it PROVED THEIR LOVE for you and me.

Desire of Ages, by Mrs. E.G. White, p 756.

“When the loud cry, “IT IS FINISHED”, came from the lips of CHRIST, the priests were officiating in the temple. It was the hour of the evening sacrifice, (3 p.m.), the lamb representing CHRIST had been brought to be slain. .... The priest is about to SLAY the VICTIM; but the knife drops from his nerveless hand, and the lamb escapes. “TYPE” has met “ANTITYPE” in the death of THE SON of GOD”. THANK YOU DEAR JESUS!

Here we see evidence that the sacrifices were no longer to be made in the temple. JESUS had died; HE was “HIMSELF” The SACRIFICE, instead of the lamb. He took the place of the INNOCENT LAMB; “HIMSELF”, therefore HE became THE INNOCENT VICTIM. HIS was a “ONCE ONLY” SACRIFICE; therefore, THE SACRIFICES POINTING FORWARD to HIMSELF were FINISHED.

Matt 27:51

“And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; ....”.

Another proof that the temple sacrifices were finished, and no longer necessary, is the fact that The Temple was no LONGER SACRED. No longer was it only the high priest who could see into The Most Holy Place, - the ordinary people could see into there now.

The SACRIFICES were from Moses to CHRIST.

CHRIST our “SACRIFICE”, CHRIST our “PASSOVER”, (See 1Cor 5:7). CHRIST our “FIRST-FRUITS”, (See 1 Cor 15:20), was taken down from the cross by HIS faithful followers, and taken to a tomb that had never before been used.

The body of JESUS was laid in a tomb, a stone rolled across the opening. The priests set a seal on the tomb; a Roman army guard was placed there to prevent the disciples from removing the body of JESUS.

The priests unknowingly furnished the greater proof of the DIVINITY of JESUS by taking all these precautions. It was an obvious miracle when HIS FATHER raised HIM from the dead. (See Gal 1:1). (Should you require more information on who raised JESUS from the tomb, please ask).

JESUS came from the tomb just as HE had said HE would, it was proof that HE WAS GOD. Now HE can give ETERNAL LIFE to HIS FAITHFUL, OBEDIENT people. No other person could give ETERNAL LIFE to another; only JESUS, THE CREATOR of the universe, “THE LAMB of GOD”. - HE was the only ONE WHO could “TAKE AWAY THE SIN of The WORLD”. (See Heb 2:9,10,14,15).

The followers of JESUS were shattered, they had forgotten that JESUS had said, “that HE would be RAISED the THIRD DAY”. Even Mary, who loved HIM so much, “because she had been forgiven much”, had allowed doubt to overcome her.

JESUS didn't leave her to her sorrow; HE came to her, [as HE will to you and me], in her need and spoke to her, HE assured her that HE LIVED, that HE must go to THE FATHER as the “WAVESHEAF”, and with HIS BLOOD, anoint THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY. (The Most Holy)

Lk 24:50,51

“And HE led them out as far as to Bethany, and HE lifted up HIS hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while HE blessed them, HE was parted from them, and CARRIED up into HEAVEN”.

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40 days after HIS resurrection, JESUS ascended into HEAVEN, and HE has promised TO RETURN to take HIS people to their HOME in HEAVEN.(Acts 1:9-11 ; 1 Thess 4:16,17).

Acts 4:12

“Neither is there SALVATION in any other: ....”.

Only JESUS is our SAVIOUR. Only JESUS can be our SAVIOUR. HE is our CREATOR; HE lived as a MAN, yet HE did not SIN. That is why HE is the only one who can be our SAVIOUR.

Heb 8:1,2

“....: We have such an HIGH PRIEST, .. ,in THE HEAVENS; a MINISTER of THE SANCTUARY, and of THE TRUE TABERNACLE, which THE LORD pitched, and not man”.

JESUS is now our HIGH PRIEST MINISTERING for us in THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY. So, THE LORD does have a HEAVENLY SANCTUARY, with JESUS as our HIGH PRIEST. With these and other verses, can we doubt the reality of “THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY”?

Heb 9:24

“For CHRIST is not entered into THE HOLY PLACES made with hands, which are the figures of THE TRUE; but into HEAVEN itself, [THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY itself] now to appear in the presence of GOD [THE FATHER] for us”:

There is no Earthly Sanctuary today, nor has there been since its destruction in 70 A.D., so the MINISTRY for our redemption is happening in THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY with CHRIST as our HIGH PRIEST. Could we have a better HIGH PRIEST?

Heb 4:14-16

“Seeing then that we have A GREAT HIGH PRIEST, that is passed into THE HEAVENS, JESUS THE SON OF GOD, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not AN HIGH PRIEST which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, YET WITHOUT SIN. Let us therefore come boldly, [confidently] unto THE THRONE OF GRACE, that we may obtain mercy, and find GRACE to help in time of need”.

Our HEAVENLY HIGH PRIEST lived as a MAN; was tempted as a MAN, yet HE did not SIN! JESUS alone can therefore be our SAVIOUR and substitute. HE wants to SAVE us from our SINS. HE is a FAITHFUL and MERCIFUL HIGH PRIEST. HE does not want any of us to perish, but HE wants us to have eternal life; that we can live together with HIM in HEAVEN and The EARTH MADE NEW.

Heb 8:5

“Who serve unto the example and shadow of HEAVENLY THINGS, ...”.

Paul explains that everything involved in The Earthly sanctuary, the PRIESTS, the SACRIFICES, the CEREMONIES all the items of FURNITURE, were only examples of, or a SHADOW of, or a demonstration of what JESUS was going to do for our SALVATION in the future, as our HIGH PRIEST in THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY.

Heb 9:9

“Which was a FIGURE [an example, a teaching aid] for the time then present, (Moses to CHRIST), in which were offered both GIFTS and SACRIFICES, ...”.

JESUS had to offer HIMSELF as a GIFT, to us - HIMSELF as THE SACRIFICE. Only CHRIST can be THE HIGH PRIEST, and at the same time be THE GIFT, THE SACRIFICE and THE

OFFERING. That's why JESUS is such a WONDERFUL SAVIOUR. HE is the entire world to me; HE loved me and gave HIS LIFE for me.

Heb 9:12

“Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by HIS OWN BLOOD HE entered in ONCE into the HOLY PLACE having obtained ETERNAL REDEMPTION for us”.

What a SAVIOUR we have, what a message we have for The World. JESUS is both our HIGH PRIEST, and OUR SACRIFICE. No one except GOD could do that for us, and cleanse HIS people from their sins.

THE EARTHLY SANCTUARY WAS A FIGURE OF THE HEAVENLY.

IS THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY ALSO TO BE CLEANSED?

Heb 10:4

“For it is NOT POSSIBLE that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away SINS”.

No, it is only THE BLOOD of JESUS CHRIST that can do that for MANKIND. The blood of the animals pointed forward to THE SACRIFICE of CHRIST, but it could not do what THE BLOOD of JESUS could. (Heb 9:22) ...“without the shedding of BLOOD there is no REMISSION”. [That is, from SIN, see Lk 1:77].

Dan 8:13

“....., How long shall be the vision concerning the DAILY *sacrifice*, [“sacrifice”, is a supplied word] and the transgression of desolation, [the Papal church would be continually transgressing GOD'S LAW and HIS TEMPLE SACRIFICES, which could only lead to desolation] to give both the sanctuary [THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY] and the host [GOD'S people] to be trodden under foot”.

Daniel had been shown, by Gabriel, the future of GOD'S people. He understood that a religious system would try to take the place of CHRIST our HIGH PRIEST, and institute a system of worship where the priest, a weak and sinful man, would FORGIVE SINS. Only GOD can FORGIVE SIN. Daniel saw this pseudo worship TRY to take CHRIST'S WORK of REDEMPTION from HIM.

He saw the massacre of millions of GOD'S people because of their LOVE of THE TRUTH. Yes! Daniel saw all these things in vision, [the transgressions and desolations], happening, and he asked how long would it be before GOD made an end of the pseudo worship, and put an end to the FALSE SYSTEM of WORSHIP that had usurped [by treading underfoot] CHRIST'S HIGH PRIESTLY MINISTRY in THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY; this religious power would substitute an earthly priesthood, with its claimed power to forgive sins, something that only GOD can do, and to COMMAND JESUS to COME BACK to EARTH at their DISCRETION in EVERY MASS they celebrate?

Dan 8:14

“....., Unto TWO THOUSAND and THREE HUNDRED DAYS; then shall the SANCTUARY be CLEANSED”.

457 B.C. + 2300 = 1844, [when the adjustment for the change B.C.-A.D. is made] the year when the “INVESTIGATIVE” JUDGMENT began. This Judgment by THE FATHER, was to CLEANSE THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY of the CONFESSED SINS transferred there since the time of the first sin of Adam and Eve. Who knows when it will be finished? The only hope we will have is if we have made JESUS our SAVIOUR and FRIEND.

1Tim 2:5

“For there is one GOD, and one MEDIATOR between GOD and MEN, THE MAN CHRIST JESUS”;

Thank GOD for JESUS our MEDIATOR, our HIGH PRIEST, who takes our CONFESSED SINS UPON HIMSELF as our SINBEARER, and MEDIATES BETWEEN GOD [THE FATHER] and us, for our SALVATION.

In review what have we learned?

1. That the earthly sanctuary services were TEMPORARY [From Moses to CHRIST].
2. That JESUS (who was also GOD) was born as a HUMAN, to a human mother.
3. That JESUS lived as a HUMAN, but HE DID NOT SIN.
4. That JESUS lived by the “COVENANT” GOD made with Israel, (490 years to repent.)
5. That JESUS spent many hours in PRAYER to HIS HEAVENLY FATHER. So should we.
6. That JESUS gave HIMSELF as both a “GIFT” and as a “SACRIFICE”, when HE DIED on that CRUEL CROSS for YOU and ME.
7. That JESUS is MINISTERING right now as our HIGH PRIEST in THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY.
8. That the earthly sanctuary needed to be CLEANSED (each year) of the CONFESSED SINS, which had been transferred there throughout the year.
9. That THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY also needs to be CLEANSED of the CONFESSED SINS, transferred there throughout the years until the SECOND COMING of JESUS.
10. That “There is only ONE MEDIATOR between GOD and MAN, - THE MAN CHRIST JESUS.

The beautiful thing about this lesson is that there is so much to learn, and a good recommendation for this series is that it helps us to understand many of the unusual texts that we come across from time to time as we read our BIBLES. Even though I have given these lessons well over one hundred times as I have studied them with other people, and as I have used these subjects as I have preached to many congregations. I must say that I am constantly learning more from the texts I have just explained. There is always something new comes to my understanding of these vital truths

I may be giving a lesson on a similar subject, and as I read a certain text, I get a new insight into what that text means; and then I see how this knowledge will help in other lessons. I have always been an avid reader, but I could count on the fingers of one hand, the books that I have read more than once.

But there is only one book that I have read over and over for over forty years, and that “BOOK” is THE GOOD OLD BIBLE, INSPIRED by GOD.

I have found that this BOOK is an absolute MINE of INFORMATION. I have also discovered that if I want to know what to do in certain circumstances, THE BIBLE will have the right ANSWER. If I am stressed, or tired, I find that reading THE BIBLE will relax me. If other people come to me, telling me that they are worn out; I read extracts to them from THE BIBLE; and I have found that they also relax.

Let me put it to you another way:- The way that a far better writer than I am has written in her books, “Colporteur Ministry”, page 112, and Testimonies Vol. 6 page 339, by Mrs. E.G.White; “No sooner is the name of JESUS mentioned in love and tenderness, than Angels of GOD draw near to soften and subdue the heart”.

I have experienced this first-hand; I have seen miracles happen as a result of mentioning THE NAME of JESUS. I have seen angry people quieten down after I have spoken to them of the LOVE of JESUS. I have experienced very aggressive opponents of this BOOK, “THE BIBLE”, suddenly

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change their whole attitude and become HAPPY CHRISTIANS after they have allowed GOD'S WORD of LOVE speak to them. I hope that this small TESTIMONY about the LOVE of JESUS has been of assistance to you; I just felt like adding it to this lesson.

Do you have any questions on this lesson? As it has been a very complicated lesson, I will go through it again next time if that is what you would like. That way you will be able to pick up a lot more points. A lot of people ask me to do that. In all the years that I have been teaching these SANCTUARY lessons, I have never had one student who has already known about THE TWO SANCTUARIES and their connection with the MINISTRY of JESUS. This is a subject that is seldom, if at all, taught by the other churches. Yet as you have seen so far, it is a most important part of Christianity.

It is impossible to understand verses such as "Behold The LAMB of GOD, which taketh away the SIN of The WORLD". (Jn1:29), for instance, without understanding THE SANCTUARY SERVICES in the Earthly Sanctuary; and then applying that knowledge to the MINISTRY of JESUS in THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY, where HE is MINISTERING for HIS people RIGHT NOW. Our next lesson will bring in some interesting prophecies about a worldwide power that would dare to change GOD'S LAWS. I'm sure you would not want to miss that. Now it's time to go, so till we meet again, may GOD bless and keep you. 'Bye for now.

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