

**THURSDAY****The Lord's Judgment and the Sanctuary**

- establish foundation
  - God is love = light (righteous) = just
    - all of His actions are perfect = acts w/o partiality
  - He governs by love = never forces = Established boundaries
    - His love = TEN COMMANDMENTS from beginning in Genesis
  - Announced penalty of death / for unrighteous sinners
  - When Adam/Eve sinned = lost spiritual innocence = could not restore
  - God of justice = either be required to abolish His moral code of love
    - or mete out justly deserved punishment.
  - God's holiness demands justice = Justice requires judgment—
    - Judgment = legal transaction that demands our Heavenly Judge levies one of two possible verdicts:
      - Either to **condemn** accused person = declaring them **guilty** and worthy of punishment,
      - Or to **justify** person, pronouncing an acquittal of charges, and making an official declaration that accused is **innocent**.
  - God announced everlasting covenant of RBF
  - Instituted substitutionary sacrificial system = represented coming Messiah = immediately opened pathway to RBF
  - Everlasting covenant = God / become human
    - take our sin burden on Himself = pay our penalty of death.
  - God—in Christ—sacrificed Himself to satisfy His own justice.
    - suffered / died to uphold His righteous law of love.
  - As our Substitute = removed our guilt for breaking His law
  - making it possible for God to be “just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus” (Romans 3:26).
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- Sanctuary = theology in physical form =

- Outer court represented sacrifice of Christ on altar of cross to pay our **penalty** of sin [**Justification**]
- Holy Place=God's actions to separate us from **power** of sin [**Sanctify**]
- Most Holy Place = represented direct access to God
- Practical implications of sanctuary being place of divine judgment
  - Created constant awareness of God's holiness
  - Demonstrated God's requirements of righteous living for those who enter into covenant relationship w/Him (to be saved by grace thru RBF in Messiah-Christ)
- Sanctuary = designated as place of divine judgment

**Psalm 96:6–10** <sup>6</sup>Honor and majesty are before Him; Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. <sup>7</sup>Give to the LORD...glory and strength...the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts. <sup>9</sup>worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth. <sup>10</sup>Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved; **He shall judge the peoples righteously.**"

**Exodus 28:15, 28-30** = breastplate of judgment worn by High Priest over his heart who interceded for God's covenant people described = w/ urim/ Thummim = as High Priest sought Lord's will halo of light encircling the Urim expressed God's divine approval; shadow over the thummin evidenced His disapproval

**Isaiah 59:15-20** beautiful description / God intervened thru Christ

Isaiah 59:17 = Christ put on righteousness as breastplate

Isaiah 59:18 = will repay wrath to His adversaries

- **ACCORDING AS THEIR DEEDS DESERVE**

- Psalmist saw sanctuary as place of forgiveness of sin/ restoration of righteousness = Yet, also place from which God takes vengeance upon the wicked deeds of unrepentant people

**Psalm 99:8** You answered them, O LORD our God; You were to them God-Who-Forgives, Though You took vengeance on their deeds.

- Many Psalms depict God on His throne in sanctuary
  - Ready to judge world for its sin / evil.
- Sanctuary = environment where psalmist's understanding of the problem of evil was transformed

**Psalm 73:17** Until I went into the sanctuary of God; Then I understood their end.

The Lord's judgment from Zion results in the well-being of the righteous and the defeat of the wicked (*Ps. 132:13–18*). The sanctuary fostered the jubilant expectations of the Lord's coming as the Judge, especially during the Day of Atonement. Likewise, the Psalms strengthens the certainty of the impending arrival of the divine Judge (*Ps. 96:13, Ps. 98:9*), namely, Jesus Christ in the heavenly sanctuary (*Rev. 11:15–19*).

**Christ's ministry = heavenly sanctuary = good news for His people**

**Romans 8:34** Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

**Hebrews 7:25** 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.