

L.8 - Light From The Sanctuary - Thursday: Jesus, Our Advocate In The Judgment

1. "The Great Controversy" gives 114 Bible references in the 3 chapters on the Sanctuary: 38 texts in "What is the Sanctuary" (ch.23) / 27 texts in "In the Holy of Holies" (ch.24) / 49 texts in "Facing Life's Record" (ch.28)
2. Jesus said to His disciples ... and to us: *"Follow me."*
 - a. **Hebrews 9:12** – *Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.*
 - b. **Great Controversy p. 489** – *The intercession of Christ in man's behalf in the sanctuary above is as essential to the plan of salvation as was His death upon the cross. By His death He began that work which after His resurrection He ascended to complete in Heaven.*
3. What is Jesus *doing* in the Sanctuary?
 - a. **1 John 2:1** – *"... And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."*
 - b. An advocate pleads the cause of another –
 - c. **2 Samuel 24:14** – *"I am in great distress. Please let us fall into the hand of the LORD, for His mercies are great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man."*
 - d. **Hebrews 9:24** – *For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;*
4. But HOW is Jesus advocating for us? Is Jesus begging the Father?
 - a. **John 16:26-27** – *In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; ²⁷for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.*
 - b. **John 10:30** – *I and My Father are one.*
 - c. **Romans 5:8** – *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*
5. Jesus doesn't just "take" our side.
 - a. **Daniel 7:12** – *"One like the Son of Man"*
 - b. **Hebrews 4:15** – *For we do not have a High Priest who cannot SYMPATHIZE with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, YET without sin.*
6. Jesus paid a high price for us.
 - a. **Galatians 1:3-4** – *Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age*
 - b. **Our Father Cares, 35** – *"Having engaged in the work, the amazing work of our redemption, Christ determined in council with His Father to spare NOTHING, however costly, to withhold NOTHING however highly it might be estimated, that would rescue the poor sinner. He would give ALL HEAVEN to this work of salvation ... OF RESTORING the moral image of God in man."*
 - c. **Hebrews 7:25-26** – *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. ²⁶For such a High Priest was fitting for us,...*
7. Our Advocate is also our Judge
 - a. **John 5:22** – *For the Father judges no one, but has committed ALL judgment to the Son,*
8. The Plan of salvation is A COMPLETE PLAN
 - a. An Advocate doesn't say, "I fought hard for him ... so that I could leave him in the same weakened condition I found him."

- b. **2 Corinthians 12:9** – *And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”*
- c. **John 15:5** – *“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.*
- Jesus is NOT just an Advocate to shield you from a legal mess you’ve gotten into.
 - He is OUR Advocate against the power of sin IN MY LIFE...because He has a greater power – I NEED
- d. THEREFORE, I can **COOPERATE** with God’s will for me IN HIS STRENGTH ... *“being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ”* (Philippians 1:6)
9. **Great Controversy p. 430.2** – *It is those who by faith follow Jesus in the great work of the atonement who receive the benefits of His mediation in their behalf, while those who reject the light which brings to view this work of ministration are not benefited thereby.*
10. **OUR ADVOCATE – A Promise You Can Claim**
- a. **Romans 8:31-39** – *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. 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. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”*
- ³⁷ *Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
- b. **That I May Know Him, p. 112** – *If you are the conscious of your wants, do not devote all your powers to representing them and mourning over them, but look and live. Jesus is our only Saviour, and notwithstanding millions who need to be healed will reject His offered mercy, not one who trusts in His merits will be left to perish.... Satan suggests that you are helpless and cannot bless yourself. It is true; you are helpless. But lift up Jesus before him: “I have a Saviour. In Him I trust, and He will never suffer me to be confounded. In His name I triumph. He is my righteousness, and my crown of rejoicing.”*