

## Quarter Two: The Great Controversy

### Lesson 8—Light from the Sanctuary

#### Monday: In the Holy of Holies

May 20, 2024

- **Last Week:** “Motivated by Hope”
  - Hope in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ
    - 2,300 days / Great Disappointment (Cleansing of the Sanctuary)
    - Right time, wrong event
- **This Week:** “Light from the Sanctuary”
  - Millerites had the right time – 1844 as the conclusion of the 2,300 day prophecy
    - But the wrong event – it wasn’t the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Jesus; rather, the beginning of the Investigative Judgment in Heaven (pre-advent judgment in the heavenly sanctuary)
  - Judgment in heaven of Dan 7 / cleansing of the sanctuary of Dan 8

**Memory Text:** “Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: 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.” (Heb 8:1, 2, NKJV)

The week in brief:

- 1. **Sunday:** The Heavenly Sanctuary (John D)
  - Ex 25; Heb 8 – the earthly sanctuary as “type”; & the heavenly sanctuary as the “true tabernacle” – Dan 8:14 points to the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary; freedom of the believer in Christ (His sacrifice & His heavenly intercession on our behalf)
- 2. **Monday:** In the Holy of Holies (Jill)
  - Lev 16 & 23; Heb 9 – the Day of Atonement in ancient Israel; & the Day of Atonement (cleansing of the sanctuary) now; our responsibility during this time
- 3. **Tuesday:** The Judgment Has Come (Kenny)
  - Dan 7; Rev 14 – the investigative / pre-advent judgment (all finalized b4 2<sup>nd</sup> coming)
- 4. **Wednesday:** The Good News of the Most Holy Place (John L)
  - Heb 4; Heb 10 – Jesus’ power – forgiveness & cleansing from sin; freedom from sin’s penalty & its power
- 5. **Thursday:** Jesus, Our Advocate in the Judgment (Daniel)
  - Heb 6 & 10 – Jesus as our Intercessor

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Lev 16; Lev 23:26 – 32; Heb 9:23 – 28; Jer 17:1

- Monday’s lesson: “In the Holy of Holies” (2 sections)
  - The Day of Atonement in ancient Israel
  - The Day of Atonement now (5 takeaways from the Day of Atonement)
    - Cleansing of the Sanctuary
    - Investigative Judgment (Tuesday’s lesson)
    - Our role / responsibility during this time

- **Day of Atonement in ancient Israel**
  - **Daily sacrifices**
    - 1. The Burnt Offering (Lev 1)
      - Atonement offering for sin
    - 2. The Grain Offering (Lev 2)
      - A gift of gratitude for God’s provision of sustaining His people
      - (did not provide atonement)
    - 3. The Peace Offering (Fellowship Offering) (Lev 3)
      - Communal meal where the offerer ate, not just the priest
      - Purpose was the praise God, not provide atonement for a particular sin
    - 4. The Sin Offering (Purification Offering) (Lev 4 & 5)
      - Provided atonement for sin through the blood of the animal
    - 5. The Restitution Offering (Reparation or Guilt Offering) (Lev 5 & 6)
      - Provided forgiveness in cases where reparation or restitution was possible
  - Priests involved in these sacrifices
    - Blood was transferred into the sanctuary during the daily services, showing the record of sin
      - Blood sprinkled on the altar / horns of the altar / side of the altar
        - Depending on the type of sin
      - Blood sprinkled 7 times before the veil of the sanctuary
        - (Depending on who sinned)
- **Yearly cleansing (Day of Atonement: 10<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month)**
  - Day of Atonement = *Yom Kippur* (Heb)
  - Once per year; day of cleansing & judgment
    - Sins from the sanctuary transferred symbolically to Satan (scapegoat)
  - **Preparation by the High Priest**
    - Wash body with water (Lev 16:4)
    - Put on special garments (“Holy” / clean garments (Lev 16:4)
    - Censer full of burning coals from the fire on the altar
      - Cloud of incense to cover the mercy seat & 10 commandment / law of God inside so high priest wouldn’t die
  - **Preparation by the people**
    - Began the day before: the 9<sup>th</sup> day of the month
      - Take day off from any work
    - Afflict souls – meaning, “you shall afflict yourselves” (9<sup>th</sup> day of month)
      - Practice self-denial / fasting
      - Lev 16:31 – “It is a sabbath of solemn rest for you, and you shall afflict your souls. It is a statute forever.”
      - Lev 23:27b, 28 – “...it shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to the Lord. (28) And you shall do no work on that same day, for it is the Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before the Lord your God.”

- If the people refused to do this preparation, they would be “cut off” from God’s people (no longer part of His chosen people)
- **Animals**
    - Ram as a burnt offering (supplement the quantity of the purification offering; had the same function as a single sacrifice; the burnt offering simply added to the quantity of the purification offering, without adding separate meaning)
    - Bull as a sin offering, for the sins of himself & his household
    - 2 goats (cast lots)
      - Lord’s goat
        - Offered as a sin offering for sins of the people
      - Scapegoat
        - Allowed to live
- **Blood**
  - From bull sprinkled on & before the mercy seat, 7 times
  - From Lord’s goat sprinkled on & before the mercy seat
  - From bull & Lord’s goat – place on horns of the golden altar & the brazen altar – 7 times – to cleanse it & consecrate it from the uncleanness of Israel
- **Scapegoat (live goat)**
  - High priest confessed sins of all of Israel over its head
  - Goat sent into the wilderness & bear on itself all the iniquities of Israel
  - Released into the wilderness
  - Represented Satan bearing the ultimate responsibility for the sin problem
- **Post washing & cleansing**
  - High priest to wash body with water again
  - Clean garments
  - Another burnt offering made for himself & the people
- **Objective**
  - 1. Make atonement for himself, his household, & all the assembly of Israel
  - 2. Make atonement for altar, Most Holy Place, & sanctuary
    - Remove the sins which had been symbolically transferred to the sanctuary – final eradication of sin
    - Transfer the sin to the place where it belongs – on Satan
  - End of day – God had a
    - Pure / clean people
    - Pure / clean sanctuary
    - Sin placed where it rightfully belonged

- **Day of Atonement now** (since October 22, 1844) (5 takeaways from the Day of Atonement)
  - Heavenly Sanctuary needs cleansing, too
  - Heb 9:22 – “And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.”
    - **Takeaway #1: Christ’s blood brings forgiveness of sins**
      - Bulls & goats can’t forgive us (they were the types)
      - John 1:29 – only the Lamb of God can take away the sins of the world
      - Forgiveness doesn’t come thru trying harder
        - Meditating more
        - Self-denial or self-punishment
        - Living in guilt / fear
  - Heb 9:23 – “Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.”
    - Heavenly sanctuary needs cleansing, too
      - Needs to be purified with Christ’s blood (not blood of bulls or goats)
      - Judgment needs to take place (work of cleansing & judgment)
    - **Takeaway #2: Only Christ brings ultimate cleansing**
      - Not just forgiveness of sins (justification), but cleansing / eradication from sin (sanctification)
        - Freedom from the penalty & the power of sin (Pastor John’s day)
  - Heb 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...”
    - **Takeaway #3: Christ is our High Priest in heaven**
      - Even now, He is interceding on our behalf
  - Heb 9:25, 26 – “not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with the blood of another—(26) He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.”
    - **2 appearances described here**
      - 1. Christ appears to “put away sin” = Day of Atonement
        - Time to afflict our souls
        - Work in our lives through the indwelling Christ
          - He can put “His laws in our hearts & minds”
      - 2. Christ appears “for salvation” – judgment = second coming of Christ
    - **Takeaway #4: Christ purifies us & “puts away sin” from our lives**
      - Not legalistic – us striving harder
      - During Day of Atonement, we “afflict our souls”
        - He removes the sin from our lives
      - We repent & confess sin / He forgives & cleanses
      - We ask for a new heart / He removes our heart of stone & gives us a heart of flesh
      - We ask for the Holy Spirit / His Spirit empowers us to follow Him

- We read His Word / He writes His law in our hearts
  - We surrender to Him & His way / He reveals the hidden sins in our lives
  - We make choices for Him (intentionality) / He transforms us from the inside out
- GC, pp. 489, 490 – “We are now living in the great day of atonement. In the typical service, while the high priest was making atonement for Israel, all were required to afflict their souls by repentance of sin & humiliation before the Lord, lest they be cut off from among the people. In like manner, all who would have their names retained in the book of life should now, in the few remaining days of their probation, afflict their souls before God by sorrow for sin & true repentance. There must be deep, faithful searching of heart. The light, frivolous spirit indulged by so many professed Christians must be put away. There is earnest warfare b4 all who would subdue the evil tendencies that strive for the mastery...”
- Heb 9:27, 28 – “And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, (28) So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him, He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.”
    - **Takeaway #5: Christ will return for His purified people**
      - He has already put the sin away from our lives
      - Now, He will return – removed from the penalty, power & now presence of sin
- **5 Takeaways from the Day of Atonement**
    - #1: Christ’s blood brings forgiveness of sins
    - #2: Only Christ brings ultimate cleansing
    - #3: Christ is our High Priest in heaven
    - #4: Christ purifies us and “puts away sin” from our lives
    - #5: Christ will return for His purified people