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**2nd Quarter Lesson written by Pastor Mark Finley:
THE GREAT CONTROVERSY**

#9 - THE SANCTUARY AND THE LAW

The visibility of Christ return: Revelation 11:19 (NKJV) “Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.”

Exodus 25:16 (NKJV) “And you shall put into the ark the Testimony which I will give you.”

Exodus 31:18 (NKJV) “And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.”

Revelation 12:17 (NKJV) “And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”

What do these verses indicate was in the Ark of the Covenant in the Most Holy Place of the sanctuary?

The Day of Atonement was a day of judgment. All Israel was commanded to take part in this event by repentance, soul searching, and refraining from all work.

Leviticus 23:29–31 (NKJV) “(29) For any person who is not afflicted in soul on that same day shall be cut off from his people. (30) And any person who does any work on that same day, that person I will destroy from among his people. (31) You shall do no manner of work; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.”

On this day alone the high priest would enter the Most Holy Place to make atonement for sin. There, in the innermost apartment of the sanctuary, was the Ark of the Covenant. Within the ark was God’s Ten Commandment law, written on tables of stone. The golden cover of the ark was called the mercy seat, where blood was sprinkled to cleanse the sanctuary from sin. God’s presence was manifest in Shekinah glory above the mercy seat.

- 1. Every sacrifice offered revealed God’s mercy toward sinful human beings, but the Day of Atonement shows that sin is remembered until the day of judgment: (Hebrews 10:3 (NKJV) “But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year.”)**
- 2. Sin could really be removed only through faith in the blood of Christ to cleanse from sin (1 Peter 1:18–19 (NKJV) “(18) knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, (19) but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a**

lamb without blemish and without spot.”). There, in the presence of God, mercy and justice beautifully combine.

“Within the holy of holies, in the sanctuary in heaven, the divine law is sacredly enshrined—the law that was spoken by God Himself amid the thunders of Sinai and written with His own finger on the tables of stone. The law of God in the sanctuary in heaven is the great original, of which the precepts inscribed upon the tables of stone and recorded by Moses in the Pentateuch were an unerring transcript. Those who arrived at an understanding of this important point were thus led to see the sacred, unchanging character of the divine law.”—Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 434.

Early Adventist believers studied the Bible’s teaching on the sanctuary, they realized the significance of the law of God and the Sabbath in the heart of God’s law.

Exodus 20:8–11 (NKJV) (8) “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. (9) Six days you shall labor and do all your work, (10) but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. (11) For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.”

The Injunction to never forget, is a motif throughout Scripture.

Deuteronomy 8:11 (NKJV) “Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today,”

Deuteronomy 8:19 (NKJV) “Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish.”

Psalm 119:109 (NKJV) My life is continually in my hand, Yet I do not forget Your law.”

Hosea 4:6 (NKJV) “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.”

SOLOMON: Ecclesiastes 12:1 (NKJV) Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, I have no pleasure in them.”

DR. LUKE: Luke 17:32 (NKJV) “Remember Lot’s wife.”

GOD: Exodus 20:8 (NKJV) “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.”

Think about the Sabbath, which, at one thousand miles an hour, comes to us every week, and without exception.

What should that tell us about the importance of the doctrine of creation?

What other doctrine has such a powerful, and reoccurring, reminder?

1. The Sabbath it’s a sign of our allegiance to God. –

- a. **Exodus 20:10 (NKJV)** “The seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God.”The Sabbath is the component by which we are sanctified.

- 2. The Sabbath is the medium through which true worship is established.**
 - a. Revelation 14:7 (NKJV) “worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.””**
- 3. The Sabbath is a sign that we acknowledge God as the creator of the world.**
 - a. Exodus 20:11 (NKJV) “For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.”**
- 4. The Sabbath is a sign that our rest is found only in obedience.**
 - a. Hebrews 4:9 (NKJV) “There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.”**

Revel In the thought that God was in charge of His creation.

Revelation 14:7 worship the one who made heaven and earth.

Genesis 2:1-3 God rested, blessed and sanctified the seventh day.

Exodus 20:8-11: the Sabbath is a sign of allegiance to God.

Psalm 89:34 – God does not alter his covenant.

Lesson 10 – Spiritualism Exposed