

Daniel Perrin – L7: Foundations For Prophecy – Monday, 12: The Two Cherubim

1. Put yourself in Adam's or Eve's position:
 - a. SIN: Everything Changed – Everything
 - b. NAKED: Righteousness Gone – Robes of Light
 - **Daughters of God, p.25** – *The clear and perfect light that had hitherto surrounded them had lightened everything they approached; but deprived of that heavenly light, the posterity of Adam could no longer trace the character of God in His created works.*
 - Instead of GREATER knowledge moment by moment
 - They saw darkness before them — even IN God's Creation
 - Sensing the absence of the guiding presence of God upon their words,
 - Their words to each other become accusatory and defensive.
 - c. They have an appointment with God — as we all do.
 - They know He will be calling to them — as we all do.
 - They run away from Him. Why?
 - They give the answer (**Genesis 3:10**): *"I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."*
 - d. God offers NO SMOOTH WORDS
 - The character of their sin is fully revealed with a direct line that proceeds to death
 - Angels stand by and watch (also learning) as a symbol is revealed that will for all eternity embed itself in the heart
 - An innocent animal is sacrificed
 - But it declares the love of God in a way that would have been impossible to understand or even conceive just hours before.
 - The same message is given that God spoke to David through the prophet Nathan in **2 Samuel 12:13** – *"...you shall not die."*
 - e. They might think it's over:
 - THEN, God escorts them OUT
2. BUT *What* will keep them from pressing in to the Garden as time passes?
 - a. **Genesis 3:24** – *So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.*
 - b. NOW, where would YOU stay?
3. These Cherubim aren't just "Security Officers" manning a Guard Station
 - a. **Exodus 25:22** – *"And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony..."*
 - **Exodus 26:31** – *"You shall make a veil woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen. It shall be woven with an artistic design of cherubim."*
 - b. **2 Kings 19:15** – Hezekiah's prayer, *"O LORD God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim..."*
 - c. **Psalms 99:1** – *"...[the Lord] dwells between the Cherubim..."*
 - d. **1 Timothy 6:16** – *"...who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light..."*
4. What does all this mean for Bible prophecy?
 - a. Speaking of the Angels, **Hebrews 1:14** says, *"Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?"*
 - b. The Angels have a ministry role
 - c. They are NOT just warriors and guards – but they *are* those things
 - d. The angels at the gate of the Garden are there to minister to Adam and Eve

- e. *THEY* still have *their* righteous covering.
 - f. They bring with them the righteous character of Christ.
 - g. Adam and Eve have *lost* the robe of light
 - h. In the midst of the Cherubim at the Garden's edge they can see what they lost
5. God is not in the business of simply keeping you out
- a. Adam and Eve can't come INTO the Garden
 - b. So the light of God's presence proceeds to the edge of the Garden
6. What does this mean for us today?
- a. We have angels sent to be with US.
 - b. AND We have the privilege of prayer
 - Where we can literally come into God's presence
 - c. God has given us a way to have access to the Tree of Life – NOT the physical Tree
 - BUT the sustaining Righteousness of Christ
 - d. **Proverbs 11:30** – *The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.*
 - Just like LOSING the pure covering changed everything
 - God offers to restore your covering of righteousness
 - AND it will change everything
 - **Adventist Home, p.424.1** – *Those with whom Christ dwells will be surrounded with a divine atmosphere. Their white robes of purity will be fragrant with perfume from the garden of the Lord. Their faces will reflect light from His, brightening the path for stumbling and weary feet.*
 - God wants you to have His presence WITH you in this sinful world
 - He has sent His Angels to minister to you.

Daniel 12:3 - Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.

Luke 24:4-5 - And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments.⁵ Then, as they were afraid and bowed *their* faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

Matthew 17:2 - and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

Exodus 34:29-30 - Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony *were* in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him.³⁰ So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.

1 John 1:5 - This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

Revelation 3:4-5, 18 - You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.⁵ He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. ... I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

Adam & Eve's eyes were opened to realize their nakedness. This is illustrated in that they tried to clothe themselves, or rather, cover what had at one time been covered. They wanted to clothe what was "hidden" before. Now that covering is noticeably missing. God confirms the absence of this divine covering by giving to them a covering of skins pointing to salvation through Jesus.

Ephesians 5:8 - For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light
This is a dim anticipation of what is to come (now we see dimly / as the heavens are higher than the earth).
The light is God's glory and wisdom.