

LESSON #23 SANCTUARY STUDIES PART B

PREPARATION FOR ENTERING THE SHRINE

INTRODUCTION

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In part A of the “Preparation for Entering the Shrine,” we left off with the thought that just as Christ strengthened His soul by the thought of Satan, the prince of this world, being cast out because of His suffering; so will the final generation be strengthened by the thought that Satan will be banned to the bottomless pit and his final destruction by the suffering they must endure for the final victory and freedom from Satan’s kingdom forever!

Where is it that Satan is to be finally cast out from? In the context of this next statement it has to be from the dwelling place in the sanctuary of the soul of the believer! This is the sanctuary God must cleanse for his dwelling place on earth in this present day.

But first let us pray:

Holy Father, help us to understand and be blessed from the study of this lesson. May we experience the power of Your holy spirit as we study. As always, please forgive our sins and create a clean heart, a right way of thinking, within our minds. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son. Amen.

RH, NOVEMBER 24, 1904:3. “What does the Lord require of his blood-bought heritage?—The sanctification of the whole being,—purity like the purity of Christ, perfect conformity to the will of God. My brethren and sisters, God requires this of us. Into the holy city there can enter nothing that defileth, or maketh a lie. God’s word to us is, “I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.” **“Ye shall be holy unto me: for I the Lord am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine.”** “Ye are bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.” “In him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are

complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.” He “gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” {RH November 24, 1904, Art. A, par. 3}.

EPHESIANS 5:27. “That he might present it (the church) to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.”

6BC, 1118:10. “Reaching the Condition of Sinlessness—**Those only who through faith in Christ obey all of God’s commandments will reach the condition of sinlessness in which Adam lived before his transgression.** They testify to their love of Christ by obeying all His precepts.” (Manuscript 122, 1901). {6BC 1118.10 }.

JOHN 14:15. “If ye love me, keep my commandments.”

NOTE: Lest you might believe that this condition is bestowed on God’s people after they reach heaven. Please turn to Titus and read the following:

TITUS 2:12. “Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world”

NOTE: This is the condition we are privileged to enjoy living in before the close of probation, while still living upon this fallen world, in fact, it has to be this way for God’s people during the time of trouble because there is no mediator to perform the right of forgiveness during that time!

OFC (Our Father Cares). 318:8. “I saw that many were neglecting the preparation so needful and were looking to the time of “refreshing” and the “latter rain” to fit them to stand in the day of the Lord and to live in His sight. **Oh, how many I saw in the time of trouble without a shelter!** They had neglected the needful preparation; therefore, **they could not receive the refreshing that all must have to fit them to live in the sight of a holy God. Those who ... fail to purify their souls in obeying the whole**

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truth ... will come up to the time of the falling of the plagues, and then see that they needed to be hewed and squared for the building. But there will be ... no Mediator to plead their cause before the Father.

RH JANUARY 28, 1909:12, 13. “Today Satan presents the same temptations that he presented to Christ, offering us the kingdoms of the world in return for our allegiance. But upon him who looks to Jesus as the author and finisher of his faith, Satan’s temptations have no power. **He cannot cause to sin the one who will accept by faith the virtues of him who was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin.** {RH January 28, 1909, par. 12}.

“God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” **He who repents of his sin and accepts the gift of the life of the Son of God, cannot be overcome.** Laying hold by faith of the divine nature, he becomes a child of God. **He prays, he believes. When tempted and tried, he claims the power that Christ died to give, and overcomes through his grace.** This every sinner needs to understand. He must repent of his sin, **he must believe in the power of Christ, and accept that power to save and to keep him from sin.** How thankful ought we to be for the gift of Christ’s example!” {RH January 28, 1909, par. 13}.

NOTE: This life of Christ, that He lived on this earth, is what we receive, through faith, within ourselves as we walk on this earth hand and hand with Christ. We do all things He did while he was here with us. This is our hope of glory!

YI, OCTOBER 2, 1902:7-9. “In order to receive the virtue of the blood of Christ, even the forgiveness of your sins, you must consent to the conditions he imposes. “If any man will come after me,” he says, “let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.” Seeking pardon of sin from his cross, you will seek direction from his throne. Looking to and believing in Christ as your personal Saviour, is your only hope of salvation. Receiving

Christ in all his completeness, you are in truth able to sing: {YI October 2, 1902, par. 7}.

“I will follow thee, my Saviour,

Wheresoe’er my lot may be.

Where thou goest, I will follow;

Yes, my Lord, I’ll follow thee.” {YI October 2, 1902, par. 8}.

“God has given his Holy Spirit (the mind and life of Christ and the Father), as a power sufficient to subdue all your hereditary and cultivated tendencies to wrong-doing. By yielding the mind to the control of the Spirit (God’s mind), you will grow into the likeness of God’s perfect character, and will become an instrumentality through which he can reveal his mercy, his goodness and his love.” {YI October 2, 1902, par. 9}.

1888, 128:1-3. “Now when you commence to work, Satan is going to work in an opposite direction; and if you are unkind and harsh, and if you are not seen in the house of God bearing your cross, you have not the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ; you do not discern Him in His love and matchless purity. {1888 128.1}.

“Many will say, I am saved, I am saved, I am saved. Well, have they been cleansed from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit? and can they cleanse themselves by the righteousness of the law? Jesus Christ came to this world, and there is His righteousness to impart to the children of men who are obeying the law of God. The whole world can say, I am saved, as well as any transgressor today. They can say, I believe on Christ that He is my Saviour, but why do they disregard His law which is the transcript of His character? When they disregard the law of Jehovah, they disregard the Lord Jesus Christ. {1888 128.2}.

“Now, I want to say to you before closing, that we have a wonderful friend in Jesus, who came to save His people from the transgression of the law. What is sin? The only definition of sin is that it is the

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transgression of the law. Then here is Jesus Christ, who comes right in and imparts His righteousness to us; we cannot overcome in our own strength, but by faith in Him. If you will believe on Jesus Christ, you will have Him today. You must believe that He is your Saviour now, and that He imputes to you His righteousness because He has died, and because He has been obedient unto every requirement of that transgressed law of God. If you do this, you will have a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Adam and Eve lost Eden because they transgressed that law, but you will lose heaven if you transgress it.” {1888 128.3}.

EPHESIANS 3:18, 19. “May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; **and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.**”

BEcho, APRIL 16, 1894:12, 13. “God’s law is a copy of His mind and will. The sins forbidden there could never find a place in Heaven. It was love that prompted God to express His will in the ten precepts of the decalogue. Afterward He showed His love for man by sending prophets and teachers to explain and illustrate His holy law. {BEcho April 16, 1894, par. 12}.

“God has given man a complete rule of life in His law. Obeyed, man shall live by it, through the merits of Christ. Transgressed, it has power to condemn. The law sends men to Christ, and Christ points them back to the law. {BEcho April 16, 1894, par. 13}.

TDG (THIS DAY WITH GOD). 188;4. **You have the Bible. Study it for yourself. The teachings of the divine directory are not to be ignored or perverted. The divine mind** (the holy spirit) **will guide those who desire to be led.** Truth is truth, and it will enlighten all who seek for it with humble hearts. **Error is error, and no amount of worldly philosophizing can make it truth.**” {TDG 188.4}.

ST JULY 23, 1902:14, 15. “Everyone who by faith obeys God’s commandments, will reach the

condition of sinlessness in which Adam lived before his transgression. {ST July 23, 1902, par. 14}.

“Christ took upon Himself the nature of man, and by a perfect life demonstrated the falsity of the claims of him who constantly accuses those that are trying to obey God’s law. **And the blood of Christ shed on the cross is the everlasting, uncontrovertible testimony that God’s law is as immutable as is His own character.** In the day of judgment, when the death upon the cross is seen in all its meaning, every voice will be hushed. Every one will see that Satan is a rebel, and will acknowledge God’s wisdom, justice, and goodness; with one accord declaring, “Just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints.” {ST July 23, 1902, par. 15}.

NOTE: We have a copy of the divine mind given us in the law of God, written in stone. But that is not all that we have. We are promised in Hebrews 8:10 that the holy spirit will write this same divine mind in our minds and hearts! What an awesome promise this is, to have the mind of God written in our own minds!

SD (SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD) 341:4. “A divine element combines with the human when the soul reaches out after God.” {SD 341.4}.

NOTE: This is the consummation of the marriage of the Lamb of God! When this is completed then is the “living testimony” within man revived!

RH JANUARY 28, 1909:18. “When the judgment shall sit, and the books shall be opened, and every man shall be judged according to the things written in the books, **then the tables of stone, hidden by God until that day, will be presented before the world as the standard of righteousness.** Then **men and women will see that the prerequisite of their salvation is obedience to the perfect law of God.** None will find excuse for sin. **By the righteous principles of that law, men will receive their sentence of life or of death.**” {RH January 28, 1909, par. 18}.

1888 127:3. “Now Christ is in the heavenly

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sanctuary. And what is He doing? Making atonement for us, cleansing the sanctuary from the sins of the people. **Then we must enter by faith into the sanctuary with Him, we must commence the work in the sanctuary of our souls. We are to cleanse ourselves from all defilement. We must “cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” Satan will come and tempt you and you will give way to his temptations. What then? Why, come and humble your hearts in confession, and by faith grasp the arm of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary. **Believe that Christ will take your confession and hold up His hands before the Father—hands that have been bruised and wounded in our behalf—and He will make an atonement for all who will come with confession.** What if you cannot understand about this matter? He says, “He that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins” (2 Peter 1:19). {1888 127.3}.**

2nd PETER 1:2-10. “Grace and peace be multiplied unto you **through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,** According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby **are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.** And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither *be* barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.** Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, **ye shall never fall.**”

RH SEPT 17, 1901:3. “God made everything good and beautiful; but evil gained entrance into the earth, and with it came defilement and degradation. **It is God’s purpose to obliterate all traces of sin from His handiwork, to restore human beings to their original purity.** To fulfill this purpose, God’s only Son, equal with the Father, assumed human nature. **He stooped to our estate that He might lift us from a fallen, degraded condition to the pure and holy condition of Adam when he came from the hand of the Creator.** As soon as man joined Satan in transgression, Christ took the field to fight in his behalf. **He entered the conflict, and fought successfully the battle with the prince of evil.**” {RH September 17, 1901, par. 3}.

NOTE: From all this evidence it is clear that we must be victorious over every sin in our lives before the close of probation. God expelled Adam and Eve from the garden of Eden for the violation of eating something He had expressly forbidden them to eat. Yet we think God does not mean exactly what he has spoken. Do you today alter the plain teachings of God’s Word? Pay attention to What God tells us concerning this subject:

PROVERBS 24:20-22. “For there shall be no reward to the evil *man*; the candle of the wicked shall be put out. My son, fear thou the LORD and the king (the Father): *and meddle not with them that are given to change: For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?*”

MALACHI 3:5, 6. “And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in *his* wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger *from his right*, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts. **For I am the LORD, I change not;** therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.”

ISAIAH 45:21-23. “Tell ye, and bring *them* near; yea, let them take counsel together: **who hath**

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declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for **I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return,** That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.”

ISAIAH 55:10, 11. “For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: **So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.**”

NOTE: Can you see that God never changes His word? What has gone out of His mouth remains, without change, until the end of time! Man takes certain verses from Scripture that seem to nullify what He has said before. **They twist them to mean He has changed His word into something different than what He said of old.** But, **if the context of the passage is studied it is found that it does not contradict, change, or deny what God has said before in times past!**

My hope is that you can now better understand the things we must understand in order to enter the Shrine, the most holy place. This is where God and His Son are working, and where we are to work also, by faith, to prepare ourselves for that perfection of the human race to be restored to the perfection of God Himself, for our occupation in the heavenly Canaan!

Today is the antitypical Day of Atonement in which we are now living! It is imperative that we are victorious before the close of probation spoken of in Revelation 22:10-12. After probation's close there will be no more opportunity for forgiveness of sin because there will be no mediator to stand between us and an offended God, the Father, to intercede for

us. We must stand before God, during this time, in a sinless state for a short period of time before Christ's second coming, while the plagues are being poured upon the unrepentant and the wicked. This is the reason for such urgent attention being called by God to this subject during this probationary period. He has invited us to enter into His pavilion and to shut the door for a little while till the indignation is past!

Let us pray:

Holy Father, grant Thy holy spirit to be given to each of us that we might be prepared for this great event. Help us to understand the great truths You have revealed in Your Word to us. Please cleanse us from all unrighteousness and sin, create in us a new mind wherein dwells Your righteousness! I ask these blessings in the name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Your brother in Christ

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