

SANCTUARY STUDIES LESSON #26

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INTRODUCTION

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The atonement that Christ entered upon at His ascension into heaven is divided into two phases. There was no atonement other than the death of the victim ever made in the court yard of the earthly sanctuary. Christ's death on the cross, in the court yard, only provided the blood that was necessary for cleansing the people of their sins. (this was represented by the slaying of the sacrifice in the court-yard). This cleansing from sin is called the atonement. The blood He shed on the cross was enough for both phases of the atonement, or cleansing and forgiveness of sin that was to take place in the two apartments of the earthly sanctuary.

Notice the blood had to be taken into the sanctuary and applied for atonement, or forgiveness, to take place. The dead victim only supplied the blood.

The first phase of the atonement within the sanctuary proper consisted of covering the sin with the blood of Jesus, that is the forgiveness of sins past, thus the Father can only see Christ's life as the life of Christ is in the blood. See Leviticus 17.

LEVITICUS 17:11. "For **the life of the flesh *is in the blood***: and I have given it to you upon the altar **to make an atonement for your souls: for it *is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.*"**

NOTE: The sin was removed from the sinner and transferred to the sanctuary, thus defiling it. This was the process preformed in the first apartment of the sanctuary called the Trysting room (Moffett's translation). This is the first phase of the atonement!

The second phase was preformed in the second room of the sanctuary called the Shrine (Moffett's translation), or the most holy place. In this room

total perfection is achieved, the removal of all memory of sin, including the knowledge and experience of sin, from the individual, so that his mind is a new creation. This purification of the soul was to take place once each year, on the Great Day of Atonement, to remind the people of how God was to cleans the people, and His sanctuary in heaven, just before His second coming.

Let us pray:

Holy Father, grant Your holy spirit that we might better comprehend and understand the Great Day of Atonement. Please make this subject clear to each mind. Cause me to use words from the throne of God in trying to explain this subject. Forgive any sins we may have committed, and create in us a mind that is pure and acceptable to You! Cause us to have pure thoughts and actions. Is ask this prayer in the name of Jesus, Your Son. Amen.

PP 355:5. "Important truths concerning the atonement were taught the people by this yearly service. In the sin offerings presented during the year, a substitute had been accepted in the sinner's stead; **but the blood of the victim had not made full atonement for the sin. It had only provided a means by which the sin was transferred to the sanctuary.**

NOTE: "Not made full atonement for the sin." This is our condition, even though we are forgiven we still can remember the sin, and the experience. Also, we still have the knowledge of that sin. Even after we are forgiven and the sin is transferred to the sanctuary by the blood of the victim, that represents Jesus Christ. This is why there is not a full atonement made, because if you can still remember the sin, this remembrance is defiling to the mind! Let's finish PP 355:5:

"By the offering of blood, the sinner acknowledged the authority of the law, confessed the guilt of his transgression, and expressed his faith in Him who was to take away the sin of the world; **but he was**

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not entirely released from the condemnation of the law. On the Day of Atonement, the high priest, having taken an offering for the congregation, went into the most holy place with the blood and sprinkled it upon the mercy seat, above the tables of the law. Thus, the claims of the law, which demanded the life of the sinner, were satisfied.” {PP 355.5}. (Remember Christ life is equal to all life; His death is equal to all death).

HEBREWS 9:6-15. “Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But into the second *went* the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and *for* the errors of the people: The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all (the Shrine) was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:

NOTE: Stop for a minute. What does this mean? “The way into the holiest was not made manifest.” Evidently, there was to be a more profound and amazing revelation of the unfolding plan of God to show forth His ultimate desire for man to become one with Himself. And this could not happen while the tabernacle in Jerusalem was still standing and the old sacrifices of animals was still valid. Now let us continue in Hebrews 9.

Verse 9. “Which *was* a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; (what is the conscience a part of?—the mind). *Which stood* only in meats and drinks, and divers’ washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed *on them* until the time of reformation.”

NOTE: You can see that the blood of animals could not cleanse the soul from the stain, defilement and corruption of sin! Christ had to shed His blood. His blood is far more significant than the blood of animal. Then Christ had to apply His blood to the

various places in the soul sanctuary. This is His life, which is in the blood, to be lived out in the life of the true Christian. Therefore, it stands to reason, that Christ brings His blood with Himself upon entrance into the heart of man, which is entering within the veil of our flesh, in this instance (See Rev. 3:20). And begins to apply the blood as needed. You can surely see that is the process of becoming one with the Father and Son. His life is being assimilated into our very being making us one! Let us continue in Hebrews:

Verse 14. “But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: **How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?** And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions *that were* under the first testament, **they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.**”

NOTE: There is a process accomplished in the most holy place that many do not understand. What does the purging of the conscience really mean? It has to represent that the conscience has been cleared, or cleansed, of the memory and experience of sin and wrong acts.

GC 620:1, sent. 2, Second part. “...If the people of God had unconfessed sins to appear before them while tortured with fear and anguish, they would be overwhelmed; despair would cut off their faith, and they could not have confidence to plead with God for deliverance. **But while they have a deep sense**

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of their unworthiness, they have no concealed wrongs to reveal. Their sins have gone before-hand to judgment and have been blotted out, and they cannot bring them to remembrance.” {GC 620.1}.

PP 357:3-5. “After His ascension, our Saviour was to begin His work as our High Priest. Says Paul, “Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures (or representations) of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.” Hebrews 9:24. As Christ’s ministration was to **consist of two great divisions, each occupying a period of time and having a distinctive place in the heavenly sanctuary**, so the typical ministration consisted of two divisions, the daily and the yearly service, and to each a department of the tabernacle was devoted.” {PP 357.3}.

“As Christ at His ascension appeared in the presence of God to plead His blood in behalf of penitent believers, so the priest in the daily ministration (in the earthly sanctuary) sprinkled the blood of the sacrifice in the holy place in the sinner’s behalf. {PP 357.4}.

“**The blood of Christ, while it was to release the repentant sinner from the condemnation of the law, was not to cancel the sin; it would stand on record in the sanctuary until the final atonement;** so in the type the blood of the sin offering **removed the sin from the penitent, but it rested in the sanctuary until the Day of Atonement.**” {PP 357.5}.

NOTE: We must understand that the heavenly sanctuary cannot be cleansed as long as the sins of the pennant are being transferred into it. **Therefore, the soul sanctuary must be cleansed first** so that there are **no more sins flowing into the heavenly.** How do we get an understanding of this soul cleansing? By looking at the Trysting room, the first apartment of the sanctuary called the holy place, and the atonement taking place within its precincts.

In the holy place, or Trysting room, experience there is forgiveness and removal of the sin from the individual by the transfer of that sin to the sanctuary by the sprinkling of the blood. But we can still remember the sin. The remembrance of sin continues because there must be a further revelation of this cleansing must be understood.

Satan will come to you and tempt you and you may fall. If you do, go to Jesus immediately and plead for forgiveness, determining in your heart never to fall again. If you do this pardon will be granted. Jesus offered Himself only once for sin, that is why He waits for the cleansing of the soul before He cleanses the sanctuary by removes the memory of all sin from your mind! If you were to fall into sin after that removal and cleansing you will have to be destroyed, for there will be no means of salvation left because the work of atonement will have been finished.

PP 357:6. “In the great day of final award, the dead are to be “judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.” Revelation 20:12. Then by virtue of the atoning blood of Christ, the sins of all the truly penitent will be blotted from the books of heaven. Thus, the sanctuary will be freed, or cleansed, from the record of sin. In the type, this great work of atonement, or blotting out of sins, was represented by the services of the Day of Atonement—the cleansing of the earthly sanctuary, which was accomplished by the removal, by virtue of the blood of the sin offering, of the sins by which it had been polluted.” {PP 357.6}.

PP 358:1-3. “As in the **final atonement** (the work in the Shrine, or most holy place) the sins of the truly penitent are to be blotted from the records of heaven, **no more to be remembered or come into mind**, so in the type (the earthly sanctuary) they were borne away into the wilderness, forever separated from the congregation. { PP 358.1}

“Since Satan is the originator of sin, the direct instigator of all the sins that caused the death of the Son

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of God, justice demands that Satan shall suffer the final punishment. **Christ's work for the redemption of men and the purification of the universe from sin will be closed by the removal of sin from the heavenly sanctuary and the placing of these sins upon Satan, who will bear the final penalty.**

So, in the typical service, the yearly round of ministration closed with the purification of the sanctuary, and the confessing of the sins on the head of the scapegoat. {PP 358.2}.

“Thus, in the ministration of the tabernacle, and of the temple that afterward took its place, the people were taught each day the great truths relative to Christ's death and ministration, and once each year their minds were carried forward to the closing events of the great controversy between Christ and Satan, **the final purification of the universe from sin and sinners.**” {PP 358.3}.

FLB 102:4. “God is approached through Jesus Christ, the Mediator, the only way through which He forgives sins. **God cannot forgive sins at the expense of His justice, His holiness, and His truth. But He does forgive sins and that fully. There are no sins He will not forgive in and through the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the sinner's only hope, and if he rests here in sincere faith, he is sure of pardon and that full and free.**

There is only one channel and that is accessible to all, and through that channel a rich and abundant forgiveness awaits the penitent, contrite soul and the darkest sins are forgiven. These lessons were taught to the chosen people of God thousands of years ago, and repeated in various symbols and figures, that the work of truth might be riveted in every heart, **that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins....** Justice demanded the sufferings of man; but Christ rendered the sufferings of a God. He needed no atonement of suffering for Himself; all His sufferings were for us; **all His merits and holiness were open to fallen man, presented as a gift.**” {FLB 102.4}.

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

19MR 176:1. “Will the churches heed the Laodicean message? Will they repent, or will they, notwithstanding that the most solemn message of truth—the third angel's message—is being proclaimed to the world, go on in sin? This is the last message of mercy, the last warning to a fallen world. **If the church of God becomes lukewarm, it does not stand in favor with God any more than do the churches that are represented as having fallen and become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and the cage of every unclean and hateful bird.** Those who have had opportunities to hear and receive the truth and who have **united with the Seventh-day Adventist church, calling themselves the commandment-keeping people of God, and yet possess no more vitality and consecration to God than do the nominal churches, will receive of the plagues of God just as verily as the churches who oppose the law of God. Only those that are sanctified through the truth will compose the royal family in the**

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heavenly mansions Christ has gone to prepare for those that love Him and keep His commandments.” {19MR 176.1}.

NOTE: What a statement is this! You should read it over and over again until you comprehend what Ellen is saying here. if the S. D. does not remain true, they are no different than the churches who follow the beast and receive his mark. How many Adventist? How many Christians. will receive this counsel? We are all called to a higher standard than if we had never understood the three angel’s messages! What is the atonement? How is Christ’s blood applied to us? We know that “every violation of God’s law must receive its just retribution” GC88 540:1. If God cannot violate “His justice,” “holiness,” and “truth” how is it that we are not punished with immediate death? “Christ the sinless became sin for man. He bore the guilt of transgression, and the hiding of his Father’s face, until his heart was broken and his life crushed out.” GC88 540:1. Jesus had no sin: we are the sinners, so how can His death be counted as our death? Well, I was told, you just have to accept this by faith. Ok, I accept it by faith, but the question still remains. How does Christ accomplish this justly? I was told “you ask to many questions.” Well, maybe I do. But doesn’t Scripture tell us to “Come now, let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as crimson, they shall be as wool.” Isa. 1:18. So, the Lord has instructed us to reason about this very subject.

I have wondered if anyone else has questioned this transfer of guilt to the saviour? As I thought about His death, understanding He did not die for any sin He had committed, but instead for all the sins I had committed, thus making me the one who, in reality, killed Him! And since He died in my place, Him being the creator and sustainer of my life, then His death had to be equal to my dying and everyone else who lives. If the one who gives and sustains all life dies, especially for three days, then it is not hard to understand how His death can be applied as our individual death.

ROMANS 6:3-8. “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness of his resurrection*: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:”

NOTE: His death was not for Himself—**He was innocent; therefore, death could have no hold on Him—this gave Him the authority and the power to apply His death and blood to each believers’ lives, covering sins past.** Christ has chosen to apply these merits to everyone who confesses and pleads Christ’s blood for the forgiveness of sin.

Since we have died in Christ Jesus, the demand of the law for our death has been satisfied and we go free from its demand! Now when the Father looks at us **all He can see is the blood, or life, of His dear Son.** All the beatings, the mocking, the crown of thorns, the nails in His hands and feet. The spear in His side, He allowed all of for the purpose of shedding His blood to cover our sins that they might be hidden from the sight of His Father. What terrible punishment is this for sin? Do we think there will be no portion of His punishment that we will not endure for the sins we have committed? Every sin will receive its just reward. Whatsoever we sow, so shall we also reap the harvest. We must experience some of His pain in order to truly turn from all sin! thank god we don’t have to endure as much as Christ, even though it may seem as hard.

That is the process and work performed in the holy place. or Trysting room, the place of engagement, for sins past. But what about future sin? what is to

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guarantee that we will not sin again in the future? Remember, Christ has promised that sin will not rise up the second time! This is also answered in the same passage. “**we believe we shall also live with Him.**” How does Christ heal us from ongoing sin so that we never sin again? This is probable, the most important function of the atonement. How does the cleansing of the soul sanctuary take place?

As we struggle to overcome sin, it becomes very clear, after some time, that we are helplessly bound in Satan’s prison house of sin. We need a supernatural power to break us free and to maintain that freedom. This struggle drives us to Christ in desperation. We do not want to die. Our request for deliverance is sincere and Christ gives peace and freedom. But then we fall again into Satan’s trap. If we confess and ask, Jesus comes to the rescue and liberates us again. Sometimes it takes time to fully and truly overcome sin. But if we refuse to give up and keep on with Jesus the victory is assured! As we struggle with sin pleading for help from Jesus, claiming the merits of His atonement, we become more and more like Him. For “by beholding we become changed” until every desire for every sin has been overcome. Even to the point of hating sin so much we would rather die than commit a wrong act. This kind of victory is only gained by a loving relationship with Christ and His Father, this is how we become one with them just as Christ was one with His Father.

Most are familiar with the text in Revelation 3:20. “Behold I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with Him, and he with me.” We all understand, this represents Christ entering into the most holy place in the mind to start the process of cleansing the soul. There can be no cleansing without the application of Christ’s blood.

LEVITICUS 17:11. “For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you: upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.”

NOTE: This means Christ, by the holy spirit, and through our own diligent effort, applies His blood to the various places within the mind, as we struggle to overcome, that need cleansing. This is a metaphorical, figurative, and symbolic, (just like John 6 where Christ tells the people to eat His flesh and drink His blood), to help us understand Christ’s work in the most holy performing the cleansing work of the mind.

Here we are dealing with the most holy place in the mind! Our high priest is applying the blood. On the horns of the altar of incense, representing the cleansing of the will and uniting it with His. He sprinkles the blood on the part of the mind that controls thought and our thoughts are patterned after His thoughts. Our mind is united with His mind. He does this with speech, sight, hearing and all places that His blood is needed. Remember, His life is in His blood, therefore his life is being applied until we are one with Him and His Father!

HEBREWS 8:10. “For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; **I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people.”**

NOTE: He writes, or amalgamates, His mind and character into our mind and character. They are as one mind. By His blood being brought within the veil (that is our flesh) in this case His life (law, character, mind), is placed within us. That we might realize a new and living way in our lives. His life is infused, or imparted, into our life and we become one. This is a type of the work, explaining in parable form, the work of Christ in the Shrine or most holy place of the sanctuary in heaven. It is the second phase of the atonement being performed in our behalf.

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**

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transgression. They testify to their love of Christ by obeying all His precepts.” (Manuscript 122, 1901). {6BC 1118.10 }.

ISP 123:3. “Those who have delayed a preparation for the day of God, cannot obtain it in the time of trouble, or at any future period. The righteous will not cease their earnest, agonizing cries for deliverance. **They cannot bring to mind any particular sins; but in their whole life they can see but little good.** Their sins had gone beforehand to judgment, and pardon had been written. **Their sins had been borne away into the land of forgetfulness, and they could not bring them to remembrance.** Certain destruction threatens them, and, like Jacob, they will not suffer their faith to grow weak because their prayers are not immediately answered. Though suffering the **pangs of hunger, they will not cease their intercessions. They lay hold of the strength of God, as Jacob laid hold of the angel; and the language of their soul is, “I will not let thee go except thou bless me.”** The saints at length prevail, like Jacob, and are gloriously delivered by the voice of God.” {ISP 123.3}.

NOTE: My sincere hope is that you have gained a better understanding of the two phases of the atonement. We need to see this subject clearly in order to appreciate all the Father and Son are accomplishing in our behalf for salvation. It is a most profound work being preformed in the heavenly sanctuary and also within our souls. I am sure that understanding this subject will greatly increase the love we hold for God and His Son.

EXODUS 34:10, 11. “And he (Christ the angel of the Lord) said, Behold, I make a **covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation:** and all the people among which thou *art* shall see the work of the LORD: for it *is* a terrible (awesome) thing that I will do with thee. Observe thou that which I command thee this day:”

NOTE: Please understand there was no animal

blood sprinkled to ratify this covenant. But Christ said, “I make a covenant before the people.” This then, has to be the New Covenant that was ratified by the blood of Christ upon the cross. That was the ratification of this covenant! That is very significant for us to understand. This covenant was never ratified with animal blood! For this reason, it was not ratified, causing it to have no force at all, until Christ’s death, see Heb. 9:16,17.

HEBREWS 9:16, 17. “For where a testament *is*, there **must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.**”

NOTE: You can read the whole covenant in Exodus 34:10-27. Remember what Joshua was told in Zechariah 3:

ZECHARIAH 3:6, 7. “And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying, **Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.**”

NOTE: If we are to be cleansed as Joshua was, we also must keep Christ’s charge in Exodus 34, notice that the feast days are a part of Christ’s charge in this New Covenant! They are part of the New Covenant also!

Let us pray:

Holy Father, thank You for Your salvation and the sacrifice that provided the means of cleansing from sin. words are not adequate or sufficient to praise You for this atonement. Please grant the holy spirit to make this subject clear to each mind. Forgive our sin and cleans us from all impure thoughts and actions. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son. Amen.

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