

SANCTUARY STUDY LESSON # 27

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STUDY ON THE ATONEMENT AS SEEN IN DANIEL 12:1

INTRODUCTION

All italics are in the original text. All other emphases are the authors except when noted. All Scriptures are from the K.J.V. Bible unless stated.

In this lesson we will address something of the mediatorial atonement in the light of Daniel 12:1.

DANIEL 12:1. “And at that time **shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble,** such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and **at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.**”

This can be better understood and appreciated if studied in the light of the dilemma God’s people will face in the time of trouble, when there is no intercessory work being done for God’s people in Heaven.

Let us pray:

Holy Father, I ask that You reveal Your spirit to each one studying this lesson. We need Your presence for understanding, comprehension, and clarity of thought. You have promised to answer our prayers if we ask it in the name of Jesus, Your only begotten Son, Amen.

Before we look at Daniel, I would like us to understand certain points that will make the study in Daniel clear. We will begin with a quote from:

EW 71:1. “I also saw that many do **not realize** what they must be in order to **live in the sight of the Lord without a high priest in the sanctuary through the time of trouble.** Those who receive the seal of the living God and are protected in the time of trouble **must reflect the image of Jesus fully.**”

NOTE: This statement is worrisome because a time of trouble such as described in Dan. 12:1, “a time of trouble

such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time,” is said to be coming. Notice there is no intercessory high priest officiating during this time. Why has there been no such time of trouble before that time? Because there is no high priest mediating in the sanctuary above. Before, all times of trouble have been mixed with mercy because Christ was interceding in the sinner’s behalf. This is not the case during this trouble that is spoken of here. We will look at two more similar statements, the first is in:

EW. 280:2. “In that fearful time, after the close of Jesus’ mediation, the saints were living in the sight of a holy God **without an intercessor.** Every case was decided, every jewel numbered.” The second is from:

GC. 425:1. “Those who are living upon the earth **when the intercession of Christ shall cease in the sanctuary above are to stand in the sight of a holy God without a mediator.** Their robes must be spotless, their characters must be purified from sin by the blood of sprinkling.”

NOTE: Why are these statements so troubling to serious minded Christians? Because these statements declare that we will have to stand before God, the Father, without an intercessor during the time of trouble.

Christians who believe there is no remedy for sin prior to Christ’s second coming do not want to hear that they have to be without sin in order to stand before the Father during the time of trouble without an intercessor!

Reflecting the image of Jesus fully is at that time required in order to be sealed and protected in the time of trouble. This is not a popular truth. It is for this reason many Christians “do not realize what they must be” in order to be sealed and protected in the time of trouble! It seems, for many, that the worst fear is the fear of hunger because they cannot buy or sell, or the fear of being persecuted by the hands of wicked men!

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Many do not seem to realize that standing in the Father's presence when His anger is poured out unmixed with mercy is of far greater consequence than standing before evil men, or being hungry! Man can only kill the body but God can destroy both soul and body. Matthew 10:28. We are talking about the wrath of God poured out without the mixture of mercy in the cup of His indignation (Rev.14:10) and the saints have to go through this without an intercessor. If you are without shelter at that time, it is much more serious than even death because to be without shelter at that time means eternal death!

Heb. 10:31. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

EW 64, 65. "Then I saw that the seven last plagues were soon to be poured out upon those who have no shelter; yet the world regarded them no more than they would so many drops of water that were about to fall. I was then made capable of enduring the awful sight of the seven last plagues, the wrath of God. I saw that **His anger was dreadful and terrible**, and if He should stretch forth His hand, or lift it in anger, the inhabitants of the world would be as though they had never been, or would suffer from **incurable sores and withering plagues** that would come upon them, and they would find no deliverance, but be destroyed by them. Terror seized me, and I fell upon my face before the angel and begged of him to cause the sight to be removed,"

ISM. 67:9. "The people of God must purify their souls through obedience to the truth, and be prepared to stand without fault before Him at His coming."

NOTE: Because many do not realize what the time of trouble is really all about, they also do not realize what they must be in order to survive!

REFLECTING THE IMAGE OF JESUS FULLY

Let us now look at what it means to reflect the image of Jesus fully! Some questions that beg to be answered are:

1. How does one come to the point in his Christian experience where he "reflects the image of Jesus **fully**?" Put that question on a shelf in your mind, we will come back to it later.

2. How many Christians in past generations have reached the fullness of Christ? Answer. None. Only the last generation will have a perfect knowledge of the will of God. Eph. 4:13. "**Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.**"

3. If one can overcome every sinful habit and every bad behavior in his life, does that mean he is now reflecting the image of Jesus fully and in this way receive the seal of God? **Answer:** It will take more than overcoming sinful habits and adopting good habits to reflect the image of Jesus fully. If sin were just made up of bad habits and wrong words and actions, then overcoming these would be enough to reflect the image of Jesus fully. We must understand that to reflect Jesus requires and involves more than behavioral modification! Bad and sinful thoughts must be eradicated also! The mind must be pure. We must have the mind that Christ developed while here on this earth. We must be so in love with Jesus that we will hate sin just the way Jesus hated sin!

In **ROMANS 7:14-25**. We are told "Sin dwelling in me" is the root of man's problem. In verse 21 we are told that the problem is "sin that dwelleth in me." We know that this is not eradicated when sin is forgiven! We can all think about forgiven sins, and recommit the sin if not connected with Jesus! Just the remembrance of sin is also defiling.

As long as the "sin dwelling in me" is not taken away, we are not totally dead to sin and are continuously prone to sinning, because the love of sin still dwells within us! This means that it is impossible to reflect the image of Jesus fully. Are you beginning to see our dilemma?

Mark 7:21-23; Jer. 17:9. "For from with-in, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetous-ness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man." This must be eradicated from the soul in order to reflect the image of Christ fully. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"

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NOTE: The “heart” (mind) is where “sin dwelling in me” resides, it, the mind. is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. This is that Adamic nature of Adam that must be crucified. Christ cannot destroy the Adamic nature of Adam without our approval and surrender.

Isa. 64:6. “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.”

NOTE: Doing good deeds does not remove “sin dwelling in me.” Sin dwelling in me is that Adamic life we receive from Adam after he fell into sin.

Rev. 8:3-5. “And another angel (Christ) came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. (This is in the holy place). And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thundering, and lightnings, and an earthquake.”

NOTE: After conversion, “sin dwelling in me” taints even the very prayers we pray! It is the love for sin that each one cherishes. That is why Jesus must intercede for us. Here is how 1 SM. 344: 2 reads concerning this very thing.

1SM 344:2. “The religious services, the prayers, the praise, the penitent confession of sin ascend from true believers as incense to the heavenly sanctuary, **but passing through the corrupt channels of humanity, they are so defiled that unless purified by blood, they can never be of value with God.** They ascend not in spotless purity, and unless the Intercessor, who is at God's right hand, presents and purifies all by His righteousness, it is not acceptable to God. **All incense from earthly tabernacles must be moist with the cleansing drops of the blood of Christ.** He holds before the Father the censer of His own merits, in which there is no taint of earthly corruption. **He gathers into this censer the prayers, the praise, and the confessions of His people, and with**

these He puts His own spotless righteousness. Then, **perfumed with the merits of Christ's propitiation, the incense comes up before God wholly and entirely acceptable.** Then gracious answers are returned.”

NOTE: It is evident that for our prayers and request for forgiveness, and praise there must be a mediator to intercede to make them acceptable to the Father. But when probation is over and Michael stands up there is no more intercession in the sinners' behalf. At that time, we must be fully one with the Father and Son. See John 17:21.

We must look at Daniel `12:1 again for an understanding of what it means when Michael stands up.

DANIEL 12:1. “And at that time **shall Michael stand up**, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.”

NOTE: When “Christ stands up”, that means He puts on His kingly robes! At that time Probation has closed for the human race.

When a person becomes a ruler of a kingdom they are said to stand up. Here it is,

Daniel 8:23. “A king of fierce countenance, understanding dark sentences **shall stand up.**”

Daniel 11:2. “There **shall stand up** yet three kings in Persia.”

Daniel 11:3. “A mighty king **shall stand up.**”

Daniel 11:20. “Then **shall stand up**, a raiser of taxes.”

Daniel 11:21. “**Stand up** a vile person.”

Daniel 12:1. “At that time shall **Michael stand up, the Great Prince.**”

It is obvious that Michael (Christ) is standing up to take His Kingdom and rule. For this reason, probation will have closed at that time. He is no longer filling the position as mediator. He will have caused us to love Him with a love that has drawn us so close to Him and the Father

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that we will despise sin so intensely that we will have expelled it from our life entirely through the power of Christ's holy spirit!

Daniel and his three friends are a type of the people who shall be living in the time of the end, they represent those who will be the last generation.

The experiences and trials they went through were recorded in Daniel to serve as models of the tests and trials the people of God will go through during the last moments of time.

So, the question arises, if we were living like Daniel and his three friends at the end of time would that life make us able and ready to live through the time of trouble without a mediator? Put that question also on a shelf in the corner of your mind and think about it. We will come back to it later. We will answer this and the question about reflecting the image of Jesus together.

If there were anyone who lived a sanctified life in the Bible it would be Daniel and his three friends. Here is the record,

- a. Daniel's temperance. Dan1:8.
- b. His skill to interpret dreams. Dan 1:7.
- c. His humility. Dan 2:30.
- d. An excellent spirit. Dan 5:12, 14; 6:3.
- e. His upright moral character. Dan. 6:4.
- f. He possessed a strong prayer life. Dan. 6:10.
- g. Daniel's self-denial. Dan. 6:10.
- h. Rather die than swerve away from God's will. Dan. 6:10, 16-18.

SL (Sanctified life) 52:1. "We are told of Daniel's outstanding sanctification in these words: "Daniel was a devoted servant of the Most High. His long life was filled up with noble deeds of service for his Master. His purity of character and unwavering fidelity are equaled only by his humility of heart and his contrition before God. We

repeat, the life of Daniel is an inspired illustration of true sanctification." {SL 52.1}.

COL (Christ's object Lessons" 360:2. "Let a living faith run like threads of gold through the performance of even the smallest duties. Then all the daily work will promote Christian growth. There will be a continual looking unto Jesus. Love for Him will give vital force to everything that is undertaken. Thus, through the right use of our talents, we may link ourselves by a golden chain to the higher world. This is true sanctification; for sanctification consists in the cheerful performance of daily duties in perfect obedience to the will of God."

NOTE: It would seem from this record that Daniel would be ready for translation, but there is something more that God requires of us! This brings us back to the two questions we asked earlier. You can take both questions off the shelf now; we will answer them at this time. If we were holy and truly sanctified to the same extent that Daniel was, are we ready to live in the time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation, without an intercessor, and does this reflect the image of Jesus fully?

Here is the question another way. If we demonstrated true sanctification like Daniel, would that make us ready for the time of trouble if it came today? The answer is "NO"; if we were to come up to the time of trouble and our only Christian experience was sanctification, which would be a saving experience at any other time, it would not be enough to survive the time of trouble without a mediator! If the time of trouble were only about lion's dens and fiery furnaces then sanctification would be enough to survive. We have something far more worrisome than lion's dens and fiery furnaces, angry mobs, and hunger; the worst fear in the time of trouble is going through the outpouring of God's wrath without an intercessor. We will not have Jesus to intercede for us any longer. We must be perfect with no love of sin, period. That includes unknown sins also.

During that time, more than sanctified living is needed to remain victory; to be ready we must reflect the image of Jesus fully! That is something no former generation has had to experience.

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We know that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Question? Can one have any kind of sin in their life and still reflect the image of Jesus fully? Answer, NO! **Christ had no sin and for us to reflect Him fully He must dwell within each of us and live out his life within us.** This is the only way to “reflect the image of Jesus fully.”

EW 71:1. “I also saw that many do not realize what they must be in order to live in the sight of the Lord without a high priest in the sanctuary through the time of trouble. Those who receive the seal of the living God and are protected in the time of trouble must reflect the image of Jesus fully.” {EW 71.1}

GC 425:1. “Those who are living upon the earth when the intercession of Christ shall cease in the sanctuary above are to stand in the sight of a holy God without a mediator. Their robes must be spotless, their characters must be purified from sin by the blood of sprinkling.” {GC 425.1}

NOTE: “Reflecting the image of Jesus fully” requires thought perfection, not just sanctification or behavioral modification. We are required to love the right and hate the wrong. Jesus made this clear in Matthew 5:20-48. Jesus told the Jews that thoughts (lust of the mind) were just as bad as the very act of sin! Let’s look at verses 27, 28. “Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.”

GC 623:1. “Now, while our great High Priest is making the atonement for us, **we should seek to become perfect in Christ.** Not even by a thought could our Saviour be brought to yield to the power of temptation. Satan finds in human hearts some point where he can gain a foothold; some sinful desire is cherished, by means of which his temptations assert their power. But Christ declared of Himself: ‘The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me.’ John 14:30. Satan could find nothing in the Son of God that would enable him to gain the victory. He had kept His Father’s commandments, and there was no sin in Him that Satan could use to his advantage. **This is the condition in which those must be found** who

shall stand in the time of trouble.” {GC 623.1}. (Emphasizes mine)

NOTE: This is reflecting the image of Jesus fully! We cannot have sinful thoughts at that time, this can be accomplished only by the indwelling of Christ life being worked out in our lives during the time of the Great Day of Atonement since 1844.

The only way to reflect Jesus fully and to have “sin dwelling in me” removed and replaced with the spotless robe of character is to receive it as the benefit of Christ’s final atonement in the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary. See Zach, 3:1-5. One’s “filthy garments” must be taken away and replaced with Christ’s robe of perfect character before Jesus leaves the heavenly sanctuary.

This experience is beyond sanctification; it is called character perfection and is obtained through a deep and abiding love relationship with God. See Eph. 3:19. This is obtained through much agonizing prayer with God. (See EW. P. 269.) The whole chapter on “The Shaking.”

The righteous dead receive their white robes while dead at the beginning of the investigative judgment in 1844. See Rev. 6:9-11; Dan. 8:14.

The righteous living receives white robes during the “closing scenes of the great day of atonement.”

PK 587-591. We will look at page 588:2, in particular. “Zechariah’s vision of Joshua and the Angel applies with peculiar force to the experience of God’s people in the closing scenes of the great day of atonement.” (This has to be during the judgment of the living).

NOTE: Daniel died before the time of the final atonement; because of his sanctified condition he would have been ready to receive the white raiment (see Zac. 3:1-3) if Jesus had made His final atonement while Daniel was alive, instead Daniel receives the white raiment when his name comes up in the investigative judgment. See Rev 6:9-11. This white raiment given to the dead is made possible, even though these did not experience the Great Day of Atonement, because the 144,000 have gained the vic-

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tory over Satan thus proving that all humanity could obtain that same victory over Satan. This allows God to save everyone who has received Christ by faith.

SANCTIFICATION IS NOT ENOUGH DURING TIME OF TROUBLE!

Let us understand why Daniel's sanctified life is not enough to stand in the time of trouble.

We have looked at Daniels sanctified life experience, it still involved the confession of personal sins.

RH. March 15, 1887:11. "Daniel humbled himself before God, to confess his sins and the sins of his people."

NOTE: We must realize that even unknown sin must be overcome. In order for that to happen it must be revealed to us.

Acts 17:30, 31. "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead."

NOTE: Each generation receives special truth that was unknown prior to that generation, or that has been forgotten and reintroduced. In both instances it is important to accept that special revelation and live our lives in compliance with that truth even though it might mean that what we understood as the will of God in the past might be counted as sin after new knowledge has come. For instance, the coming of the Sabbath truth.

"The present truth must come to the people. They need Bible truth, the special truth for this time. Our churches must be a living temple for God; every stone composing the temple must be a living stone; emitting light." {4MR 143.1}

NOTE: There is no instant cleansing of sin from the soul, It must be accomplished with stern battles with self. This takes much agonizing prayer and total dependence upon Christ!

"The Scriptures are constantly opening to the people of God. There always has been and always will be a truth especially applicable to each generation. The message given to Noah was present truth for that time." {RH, June 29, 1886:9}

"Different periods in the history of the church have each been marked by the development of some special truth, adapted to the necessities of God's people at that time. Every new truth has made its way against hatred and opposition; those who were blessed with its light were tempted and tried. The Lord gives a special truth for the people in an emergency." {GC88 609.1}

NOTE: Dear brothers and sisters, I believe we are living in the final time of this emergency and God is sending us a special message for this special time. Daniel did not have all the truth that the last generation will of necessity have to understand and believe. Daniel's prayers from his sanctified lips still were so defiled that Jesus's priestly intercession is needed before his prayer can be presented to God. This is ok as long as the sanctuary is open and Christ is interceding in our behalf. But not so when that intercession is finished.

ISM 344:2. "The religious services, the prayers, the praise, the penitent confession of sin ascend from true believers as incense to the heavenly sanctuary, but passing through the corrupt channels of humanity, they are so defiled that unless purified by blood, they can never be of value with God. They ascend not in spotless purity, and unless the Intercessor, who is at God's right hand, presents and purifies all by His righteousness, it is not acceptable to God. All incense from earthly tabernacles must be moist with the cleansing drops of the blood of Christ. He holds before the Father the censer of His own merits, in which there is no taint of earthly corruption. He gathers into this censer the prayers, the praise, and the confessions of His people, and with these He puts His own spotless righteousness. Then, perfumed with the merits of Christ's propitiation, the incense comes up before God wholly and entirely acceptable. Then gracious answers are returned." {ISM 344.2}.

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To be forgiven of sin requires a priestly atonement, (See Leviticus 4:27-31). This is still possible now, but not in the time of trouble because there will be no high priest to perform this work for the sinner.

EW 48:1. “When Jesus leaves the sanctuary, then they who are holy and righteous will be holy and righteous still; for all their sins will then be blotted out, and they will be sealed with the seal of the living God. But those that are unjust and filthy will be unjust and filthy still; for then there will be no Priest in the sanctuary to offer their sacrifices, their confessions, and their prayers before the Father’s throne. Therefore, what is done to rescue souls from the coming storm of wrath must be done before Jesus leaves the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary.”

3SP (SPIRITUAL GIFTS) 235:1. “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.”

GC 620:1. “Had not Jacob previously repented of his sin in obtaining the birthright by fraud, God would not have heard his prayer and mercifully preserved his life. **So, in the time of trouble, if the people of God had confessed 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 of their unworthiness, **they have no concealed wrongs to reveal.** Their sins have gone beforehand to judgment and have been blotted out, and they cannot bring them to remembrance.”

NOTE: In sanctification, “sin dwelling in me” in some degree remains intact. Why? Because the sin and the experience of that sin can be remembered.

Sanctification is reflecting the image of Jesus to some degree but is not “reflecting the image of Jesus fully.”

In the experience of, “reflecting the image of Jesus fully,” the root of the sin problem is completely removed and there is no memory of sin. This is more than sanctification for all sin has been blotted out from the mind, from memory, from the life, and from the books of heaven.

Heb. 8:10-12. “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: And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.”

NOTE: If we have the mind of Christ in us “fully” then we will not need to tell our neighbor about Christ because he will have Christ mind fully also. This is beyond sanctification and is possible only by the miracle of Christ dwelling within each.

Lev 16:30. “For on that day shall the priest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you that ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.”

NOTE: If you will have it, it is the work of Christ in the most holy place, it is the judgment of the living. This is taking place within the soul sanctuary after Jesus is allowed entrance there. (See Rev, 3:20.)

Sanctification is a benefit of the daily service of the sanctuary available to the faithful of all ages. But character perfection is a benefit received in the final ministration of Jesus in the most holy place for the final generation and is received while they are alive. It is achieved during the time of the atonement after 1844. It doesn’t happen instantly but is a process of time.

Sanctification requires an intercessor who will forgive sins and take defilement from the sinner. Character perfection allows the saints to stand during the time of trou-

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ble without an intercessor, in this condition the intercessor (Christ as the third person holy spirit), has moved from the heavenly sanctuary to the soul sanctuary and His character is revealed in the individual. Sanctification prepares a person for death; character perfection prepares for translation! And is reflecting the “image of Christ fully!”

It must be understood that the time to prepare for the work of final atonement is almost over. Those who realize this will need to reorder their priorities and develop a sense of urgency never experienced before. It is a call to afflict the soul as found in Lev. 16:29, 30. This we must do as the coming of Christ draws near.

Heb. 10:5. “Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first that he may establish the second.”

NOTE: I understand this is talking of Christ’s incarnation but it also has a dual application to the last generation, and to their, if you will, incarnation, or rebirth, to becoming sons of God. This is the uniting of the human spirit with the divine spirit of God within each believer, the union of divinity and humanity. This is to happen because the Father does not want the cycle of forgiveness and sin, forgiveness and sin to continue forever. So “sacrifice and offerings and burnt offering and offerings for sin thou wouldest not. (This statement has application for today just as it did during the time of Christ for the end of all blood sacrifices. Just so does it have reference to Christ ending His Mediatorial work (no more sin) in the sanctuary in heaven! No more blood sacrifices of Christ in the sanctuary. Neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; then said he lo, I come to do thy will.” By this is also the revelation that He comes to the

soul sanctuary to recreate it for the reflecting of “the image of Christ fully” within each of us.

It is said that a concept must be repeated at least five times for remembrance and acceptance in the human psychic. For that reason, please forgive my redundancy.

Let us pray:

Holy Father, I thank You for Your desire to cleanse us and recreate us to reflect the image of Your Son fully within each of us. Grant that each of us may surrender to Your will for this privilege. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

May the Lord bless us as we walk in His light.

Your brother in Christ

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