

# THE ONE TRUE GOD LESSON #9

## LOUD CRY OF THE FOURTH ANGEL

### INSIDE THE MOST HOLY WITH JESUS OR

### THE OUTPOURING OF THE LATTER RAIN

#### INTRODUCTION

I have held for the past 30 years or so that the Saviour and His Father would one day dwell within each one of us. I thought this indwelling was in addition to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Now I know the truth, that the Spirit is the presence of the Father and his only begotten Son and not a different god in the Godhead. This understanding came as a result of the study of the sanctuary that God instructed Moses to build in the wilderness. The outpouring of the latter rain and the identity of the spirit is clearly brought to our understanding in the study of the Holy Place experience.

Let us pray:

Dear Father: I ask You to send Your holy spirit (it is only God's spirit that can understand the mind of God) within our minds through Your Son that we may have that mind which was in Christ that we may understand the deep things of God. I thank You for doing this and we know we have received this request because we asked it in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

**Psalms 27: 5.** "in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of **His tabernacle** shall He hide me; He shall set me upon a rock."

**NOTE:** We have been told the rock is the belief that Jesus is the only Begotten Son of God. It is on this rock or belief that the church is built. See Matt. 16:13-18.

**SD, 354: 2. WE READ:** "The Christian's hope is big with immortality and full of glory. It reacheth to within the veil, and is as an anchor to the soul, both sure and steadfast. And when the storm of God's wrath shall come upon the ungodly, this hope will not fail them, but they are hid as in the secret of His pavilion" (sanctuary).

This is Christ's invitation to be with Him where He is. John 17: 24. This prayer begins with "Father, I will."

This will be part of His last will and testament before His death on the cross.

**"Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world."**

**NOTE:** Can this promise be fulfilled before His second coming? We will see that this request will be realized to an amazing degree in the near future. Even before His second coming. Let's open God's word and see what we discover.

**DA 161:1.** "In the cleansing of the temple, Jesus was announcing His mission as the Messiah, and entering upon His work. That temple, erected for the abode of the divine Presence, was designed to be an object lesson for Israel and for the world. From eternal ages it was God's purpose that every created being, from the bright and holy seraph to man, should be a temple **for the indwelling of the Creator**. Because of sin, humanity ceased to be a temple for God. Darkened and defiled by evil, the heart of man no longer revealed the glory of the Divine One. But by the incarnation of the Son of God, the purpose of Heaven is fulfilled. God dwells in humanity, **and through saving grace the heart of man becomes again His temple**. God designed that the temple at Jerusalem should be a continual witness to the high destiny open to every soul. But the Jews had not understood the significance of the building they regarded with so much pride. **They did not yield themselves as holy temples for the Divine Spirit**. The courts of the temple at Jerusalem, filled with the tumult of unholy traffic, **represented all too truly the temple of the heart**, defiled by the presence of sensual passion and unholy thoughts. **In cleansing the temple from the world's buyers and sellers, Jesus announced His mission to**

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**cleanse the heart from the defilement of sin,--from the earthly desires, the selfish lusts, the evil habits, that corrupt the soul.** ‘The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of His coming? And who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: and He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver.’ Malachi 3:1-3. {DA 161.1}

”Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit **of God** (the Father and the Son) dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, **which temple ye are.**’ 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17. **No man can of himself cast out the evil thron that have taken possession of the heart. Only Christ can cleanse the soul temple.** But He will not force an entrance. He comes not into the heart as to the temple of old; but He says, **‘Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him.’** **Revelation 3:20.** He will come, not for one day merely; for He says, **‘I will dwell in them, and walk in them; . . . and they shall be My people.’** ‘He will subdue our iniquities; and Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.’ 2 Corinthians 6:16; Micah 7:19. His **presence will cleanse and sanctify the soul,** so that it may be a holy temple unto the Lord, and ‘an habitation of God through the Spirit.’” Ephesians 2:21, 22. {DA. 162}.

**MALACHI 3: 1-6.** “Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth? For he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap. And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the

LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years. 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.”

**NOTE:** Notice that there are two messengers spoken of in Mal. 3: 1. “I will send my messenger.” “My” in verse one represents Christ. His messenger is Elijah the prophet Mal. 4: 5. “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.” Who is this messenger that prepares the way for Christ to come to His temple? It is Elijah!

Who is the other messenger that “suddenly comes to His temple? Even the messenger of the covenant.” The answer is found In Exodus 23: 20-22, Moses is told, “Behold, I send an Angel (a messenger) before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: **for my name is in him.** But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries.” (Emphasis mine).

**NOTE:** By the context of these verses this messenger can be no other than Christ. It is the Father who sends the messenger. It is the Father speaking here and He is warning the Israelites through Moses not to provoke the Christ, the messenger of the covenant. That warning is still relevant to the Israel of today. This messenger is the One who stands at the door and knocks in Rev. 3:20. It is Christ who desires entrance so that He may perform the promise of Heb. 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.” Let us continue with verse 2 of Malachi 3.

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**Verse 2.** “But who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth?”

**NOTE:** This sounds like Jesus’ second coming. Don’t the saints ask, “Who shall be able to stand”? At the second coming. Christ brings His reward with Him to give every one according to his works? What does it say in the rest of the verse?

“For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap: 3. And He shall sit as a refiner and purify the sons of Levi and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.”

**NOTE:** It is Levi that is purged from sin. This must mean that those who are cleansed represent the royal priest. See 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:9. It is after this cleansing that he sends “the messenger of the covenant” and it is “the clean ones” that He sends as “My messenger.” But this other messenger (Christ) that comes as the messenger to the temple does not represent the second coming because Christ brings His reward with him at His second coming to give every man as his works has been! He does not purge sin in that day because that work was done during the investigative judgment, before the close of probation. No! This is not a description of Christ’s second coming but is a description of Christ’s coming to the heart! The temple of our body. Rev. 3:19, 20. “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.” **This coming is as real as was Christ’s first coming and is just as necessary. This coming of Christ to our soul temple must take place before Christ can come in the clouds the second time. It is the most holy place experience of the blotting out of sin.** This must happen personally on an individual basis. It is not a visible coming but it is just as real as His literal coming none the less. It is Christ coming to each of us as the Spirit. This is the literal fulfilment of John 14:15-18. Let’s continue in Malachi 3.

**Verse 4.** “Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years. 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.”

**NOTE:** What an accurate description of Christ’s work in the most holy place in the heavenly sanctuary! Each case is decided for life or death. In Zechariah 3 there is a more detailed DESCRIPTION of Christ’s work in the presence of the Father as He mediates for us there. Pay close attention! It is the work of Christ as He writes His mind and law in our hearts.

**ZECHARIAH 3:1-10.** “And he showed me Joshua **the high priest** standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

**NOTE:** It is the high priest, or royal priesthood, that is here being represented as being cleansed, not everyone. In Malachi 3:3 it is the sons of Levi who are cleansed, here it is the Royal Priesthood. This makes it clear that these who are cleansed are the first fruits. The 144,000 who are cleansed of all sin before the rest of the saved.

**Verse 2.** “And the LORD said unto Satan, the LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. And I said, Let them set a fair miter upon his head. So, they set a fair miter upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by. 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 you places to walk among these that stand by. Hear now, O Joshua the **high priest**, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I

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will bring forth my servant the BRANCH. For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, **I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.** In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbor under the vine and under the fig tree?

**NOTE:** This is not a supposed thing happening in a metaphorical sense but a situation which is real to each one of us, a position each one of us must face in the investigative judgment! The engraving represents the new name in the polished stones, and also the writing of God's law in the heart. We have talked of this before, but it bears repeating.

**S.D.A. BIBLE COMMENTARY VOL. 6 ON 2<sup>ND</sup> COR. 4:3-6. p. 1099.** We are told: "Justice demands that sin be not merely pardoned, but the death **penalty must be executed.** God, in the gift of His only-begotten Son, met both these requirements. By dying in man's stead, Christ exhausted the penalty and provided a pardon."

"Man, through sin has been severed from the life of God." {Par.3}. I will stop there and comment. If this is so how can Christ's death be my death? The "**death penalty must be executed.**" How does Christ's death equal my death? Is there real substance, real reality to this transfer of guilt, this blotting out of sin?

**To answer let us first look at John 1:1-4.**

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. **All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.** In him **was life;** and the life was the light of men."

Jesus is our creator. Second, He sustains all life through His power. See Colossians 1: 16, 17; Heb. 1:2, 3. What happens to you if the God who gives you your next breath were to die? Of course, you would also die! Is this not exactly what Christ did for each of us! (His death is equal to our death). This is the main reason for baptism, breathing is suspended representing death, and then breathing is resumed representing resurrection to

new life. Is this not literally what happens in reality of faith.

**Romans 6:6-11.** "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. 7. For he that is dead is freed from sin. 8. Now if **we be dead with Christ,** we believe that we shall also **live with him:** 9. Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. 10. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. 11. Likewise reckon ye also **yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin,** but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

"God in the gift of His only-begotten Son, met both these requirements. By dying in man's stead, Christ **exhausted the penalty and provided a pardon.**" Jesus's death is your death if you accept it by faith. Jesus was innocent; the law requires the death of only the guilty, death could not hold Him because He was not guilty: Jesus has come forth a conqueror therefore His victory enables Him to give gifts to men, one of which is pardon.

**Zechariah 3:9 last part.** "I will engrave the graving there of, sayeth the Lord of Host." This is the fulfillment of Heb

**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." That's the engraving: a new person is born of the Spirit. They are now born of God.

**NOTE:** In Revelation 3:5 it speaks of those that overcome as having their clothing changed into white raiment, the very thing that Christ is doing in the sanctuary for Joshua. And in verse 5 of Zechariah 3 it says, "Let them set a fair miter upon his head." This miter was never worn without the golden plate being connected by blue ribbons with the inscription HOLINESS TO THE LORD upon it. Also, it is reasonable to believe that

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since Joshua, being portrayed as victorious, would receive all the other promised rewards spoken of in Revelation 2, and 3 which are given to the overcomers.

**Zechariah 3:6.** “And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying, 7. Thus saith the LORD of host; 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:** Sounds like this is taking place in the temple in heaven while Joshua is on earth. It is evident that Joshua is not in heaven when the cleansing takes place because he is promised places to walk with the angels if he is obedient. The cleansing of Joshua is a type of the investigative judgment for the living: soon to be in progress in heaven. We are also promised places in heaven to walk if we are obedient and walk in the LORD’S way.

Please notice that Joshua appears in the most holy before the Father with Jesus our high priest, as His advocate. Are we not also to appear before the Father in the most holy place, for the investigation of our life’s record? It is only the High Priest that could enter the most holy. Surely it is the same in Heaven. Only the 144,000 may enter the temple in heaven. They are evidently the royal priesthood!

**HEBREWS 6:19, 20.** “Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and **which entereth into that within the veil; V. 20. Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest** for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

**GC 489:1.** “The intercession of Christ in man’s behalf in the sanctuary above **is as essential to the plan of salvation as was His death upon the cross.** By His death He began that work which after His resurrection He ascended to complete in heaven. **We must by faith enter within the veil, ‘whither the forerunner is for us entered.’** Hebrews 6:20. There the light from the cross of Calvary is reflected. **There we may gain a clearer insight into the mysteries of redemption.**” (G.C. p. 489:1).

**NOTE:** Have you ever talked to a non-Adventist Christian about what Adventist call the split atonement? If you have you know the almost satanic resistance to this truth! They most vehemently contend that salvation was completed at the cross of Calvary. The only response to this assertion is that if Christ completed salvation at the cross why did He leave us here when He went back to heaven? That, to me is the cruelest abandonment of God, to force us to live in this cruel world for no reason. For that is the case if He completed our salvation at the cross. **NO!** There is more that had to be done! Christ’s death provided the blood for covering sins past and His life of perfect obedience is credited to our past life but what is the guarantee that we will not sin next week. There is no guarantee of this with only the forgiveness of sin. There must be a means of blotting out sin once and for all time! That is what the atonement is all about! It is the means by which the Father and Son have provided to clean the soul temple without destroying the soul! While Christ’s death provided enough blood to cover all sins committed ever; still there must come a time when sin must stop. There has to be a cleansing of the soul sanctuary, we must become clean, that means we must be sinless. This has to happen before the close of probation. The only one who can apply the blood in our sanctuary is the Saviour. That requires His personal interaction. He must apply His blood to the different articles of furniture within the soul temple. Since our temple is not in heaven he stands at the door and pleads admittance to apply the blood for cleansing and to write the law of God, the divine mind, on the fleshly tables of the heart, just like writing them in stone on Mt. Saini except now in the heart with his finger, the spirit. The love, appreciation and thankfulness generated by these acts are beyond man’s ability and understanding for explanation. This leads the sinner to the point where he had rather die than to betray God with one wrong act toward Him or even to one of His creatures. This great love makes the individual eternally safe to save.

**SD 349:3.** “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**

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**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 sins, he must believe in the power of Christ, and accept that power to save and to keep him from sin.** {SD 349.3}

“The Christian is not to retain his sinful habits and cherish his defects of character; but he is to **be renewed in the spirit of his mind after the divine similitude.** Whatever may be the nature of your defects, the Spirit of the Lord will enable you to discern them, and grace will be given you whereby **they may be overcome.** Through the merits of the blood of Christ you may be a conqueror, yes more than a conqueror.” . . . {SD 349.4}

“The truth (which is Christ Himself) must be admitted into the soul, and it will work the sanctification of the character. It will refine, and elevate the life, and fit you for an entrance into the mansions which Jesus has gone to prepare for those who love Him.” {SD349.5} (Emphasis mine).

“Heaven is worth everything to us, and if we lose heaven, we lose all.” {SD 349.6}.

**NOTE:** This divine element is what keeps us safe through the ceaseless ages of eternity. So now we see how the Savior’s work in the sanctuary is as important as is His death on the cross. It makes us eternally secure!

**FLB (THE FAITH I LIVE BY). 203:3.** “The intercession of Christ in man’s behalf in the sanctuary above is as essential to the plan of salvation as was His death upon the cross. By His death He began that work which after His resurrection He ascended to complete in heaven. **We must by faith enter within the veil, whither the forerunner is for us entered.**” Hebrews 6:20. There the light from the cross of Calvary is reflected. There we may gain a clearer insight into the mysteries of redemption. The salvation of man is accomplished at an infinite expense to heaven; the sacrifice made is equal to the broadest demands of the broken law of God. **Jesus has opened the way to the Father’s**

**throne,** and through His mediation the sincere desire of all who come to Him in faith may be presented before God.” {FLB 203.3}

**7ABC 480:5.** “In all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God [mark the words], to make **reconciliation** for the sins of the people,” through the atonement. *The repenting sinner is to believe in Christ as his personal Saviour. This is his only hope. He may lay hold on the merits of the blood of Christ, presenting to God the crucified and risen Saviour as his worthiness. Thus, through Christ’s offering of Himself, the innocent for the guilty, every obstruction is removed,* and the pardoning love of God flows forth in rich streams of mercy to fallen man.”-- Letter 91, 1895.

**JOHN 14:6.** “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

**HEBREWS 9:11-14.** Please understand that this is not only referring to the heavenly temple but also to the temple on this earth—our body temple! “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?**”

**NOTE:** Please read this text in Heb. 9. In the context of Christ’s work in the soul.

**OHC 50:1, 2. AND ALSO IN HP. (“HEAVENLY PLACES”). 77:4** “Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:25. Christ is the connecting link between God and

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man. He has promised His personal intercession by employing His name. He places the whole virtue of His righteousness on the side of the suppliant. Christ pleads for man, and man, in need of divine help, pleads for himself in the presence of God, using the power of the influence of the One who gave His life for the world.

As we acknowledge before God our appreciation of Christ's merits, fragrance is given to our intercessions. Oh, who can value this great mercy and love! As we approach God through the virtue of Christ's merits, we are clothed with His priestly vestments. He places us close by His side, encircling us with His human arm, while with His divine arm He grasps the throne of the Infinite. He puts His merits, as sweet incense, in a censer in our hands, in order to encourage our petitions. He promises to hear and answer our supplications.” (Emphasis mine).

**NOTE:** This is amazing. It is as if we are actually present with Christ before the Father! In the wilderness Moses was in the place of God to Aaron when he dressed him with the priestly vestments of that office. Aaron was to perform duties and bear the iniquity of the people before God. (Leviticus 10:17). If Christ clothes us with these same vestments, does that mean we are to perform duties related to that office, and in some way, bear sins of the people also? Let's continue in **OUR HIGH CALLING.**

“Everyone who will break from the slavery and service of Satan, and will stand under the blood-stained banner of Prince Immanuel will be kept by Christ's intercessions. Christ, as our Mediator, at the right hand of the Father, ever keeps us in view, for it is as necessary that He should keep us by His intercessions as that He should redeem us with His blood. If He lets go His hold of us for one moment, Satan stands ready to destroy. {OHC 50.3}

As the prayers of the sincere and contrite ones ascend to heaven Christ says to the Father, "I will take their sins. Let them stand before you innocent." As He takes their sins from them, He fills their hearts with the glorious light of truth and love.” {OHC 50.4}.

**NOTE:** Since Christ is the creator, and sustainer of all life, and also our redeemer, it stands to reason that if Christ dies, His death would be equivalent to the death of all living things. Therefore, the death penalty for sin has been satisfied. We become a different person. We stand before God innocent. Praise the Lord. How does this happen? When Abraham paid tithe to Melchizedek doesn't scripture say that Levi, being in Abraham's loins also paid tithe. Heb. 7:9, 10. This same concept is to Christ concerning us. We were in Him when He died. Let us continue in OHC.

“Our need of Christ's intercession is constant. Day by day, morning and evening, the humble heart needs to offer up prayers to which will be returned answers of grace and peace and joy. ‘By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually.’” Hebrews 13:15. {OHC 50.5}

**5MR 338, 339:2.** “Until Perfection of Character Is Reached. At this time in the history of the world, we should have but one object in view--to gain eternal life. Every other desire should be subordinate to this. The work of regeneration must go on in every soul until perfection of character is reached; for nothing short of this will meet the mind of God.”--Manuscript 119, 1899, p. 1. ("Words to Parents," August 21, 1899.) {5MR 338.2}

**NOTE:** What is said to be the mind of God and how is this perfection realized?

**3T 538.** “The word of God is to us a daguerreotype (picture) of the mind of God and of Christ, also of man fallen, and of man renewed after the image of Christ, possessing the divine mind. We may compare our thoughts, feelings, and intentions with the picture of Christ.”

**ISM 21:2.** “The divine mind is diffused. The divine mind and will is combined with the human mind and will; thus, the utterances of the man are the word of God”

**OHC 132:5.** “The law of God given from Sinai is a copy of the mind and will of the Infinite God. It is

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sacredly revered by the holy angels. Obedience to its requirements will perfect Christian character, and restore man, through Christ, **to his condition before the fall.** The sins forbidden in the law could never find place in heaven.”

**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.”

**PHILIPPIANS 2:5.** “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.”

**NOTE:** When this blending of the divine and the human has been realized then will the marriage of the Lamb to the sealed ones be consummated. By beholding we become changed from glory to glory. Change is facilitated by studying God’s word. Listen to what our prophet says in:

**EW 280:1.** “The subjects of the kingdom were made up. **The marriage of the Lamb was consummated.** And the kingdom, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, was given to Jesus and the heirs of salvation, and Jesus was to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords.”

**SR 402, 403.** “Every case had been decided for life or death. While Jesus had been ministering in the sanctuary, the judgment had been going on for the righteous dead, and then for the righteous living. Christ had received His kingdom, having made the atonement for His people and blotted out their sins. **The subjects of the kingdom were made up. The marriage of the Lamb was consummated.** And the kingdom, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, was given to Jesus and the heirs of salvation, and Jesus was to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. {SR 402.3}.

**SR 403:1.** “**As Jesus moved out of the most holy place,** I heard the tinkling of the bells upon His garment; and as He left, a cloud of darkness covered the inhabitants of the earth.” {SR 403:1.}

**5MR. 339:1.** “**A Partaker of the Divine Nature.** He who cooperates with God, striving earnestly to separate himself from the world and its corrupt influences, becomes a partaker of the divine nature, (or mind) "having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." (Emphasis mine)

**NOTE:** At this time, we are in the most holy place with Jesus. It is by the divine element being combined with the human that we are able to prevail in our combat and struggle with sin and Satan. Without the mind of Christ being combined with our mind we have no power against our archenemy the Devil. We have already read a similar statement but I want to impress this idea upon your mind.

**HP 77:4.** “What condescension! What a privilege is granted us! Christ is the connecting link between God and man. . . . **As we approach God through the virtue of Christ's merits, we are clothed with His priestly vestments. He places** us close by His side, encircling us with His human arm, while with His divine **arm He grasps the throne of the Infinite.** He puts His merits as sweet incense **in a censer in our hands** in order to encourage our petitions. He promises to hear and answer our supplications. Yes; Christ has become the medium of prayer between man and God. He also has become the medium of blessing between God and man. **He has combined divinity and humanity.**” {HP 77.4}.

This Christ does in each of His children.

Let us pray:

Holy Father, I thank You for Your presence in the study of this lesson. May the truths presented here have effect. I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

May God bless you as you study His word:

Your brother in Christ.

Virgil Prindle

**As with all lessons—freely ye have received, freely give!**

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