

“Prepare to Meet Thy God!”



*Then Shall the Sanctuary
Be Cleansed*

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Study Guide**

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The Sealing Truths Study Guides have been designed for those who are part of the remnant church, but they are especially for those who sense their calling to be part of the 144,000—that final group of people who will vindicate the character of God before the universe.

When Jesus entered upon His final work of redemption in the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary, He anticipated that His work, in cooperation with His people, would produce a cleansed remnant whose lives would reflect the beauty of holiness. They would love Jesus supremely and would desire to live every moment of their lives to please, honor and glorify Him. These will walk with Him in white, for they are worthy. (Rev. 3:4)

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Introduction



With great interest, the Israelites beheld the building that had been constructed in the wilderness. The blueprint of this holy abode had been communicated to Moses while he was in the mount with God. This building was to be a representation of the heavenly sanctuary. Moses carefully sought to make everything according to the pattern that had been shown him. God accepted their dedication, acknowledged their sacrifice and blessed them in a most remarkable way. He then revealed His glory by filling the sanctuary with His presence.

When Jesus came, He announced His mission as the Messiah to cleanse our soul temple. He gave an example of His work by cleansing the temple in Jerusalem. Since we were created to be a temple for the indwelling of the Creator, we likewise, through carefully following the pattern of the sanctuary, may identify the steps that will lead us back into oneness with God. Thus our soul temple will once again become a temple for God, filled with His presence as was the temple of old. “His presence will cleanse and sanctify the soul, so it may be a holy temple unto the Lord, and ‘an habitation of God through the Spirit.’” (Eph. 2:21, 22; DA 162)

1 What vital truth does the sanctuary doctrine teach us regarding God’s original purpose for the human soul?

“It was in the mount with God that Moses beheld the pattern of that wonderful building which was to be the abiding place of His glory. It is in the mount with God—in the secret place of communion—that we are to contemplate His glorious ideal for humanity. Thus we shall be enabled so to fashion our character building that to us may be fulfilled His promise, ‘I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.’” (2 Cor. 6:16, Ed 258)

“Through Christ was to be fulfilled the purpose of which the tabernacle was a symbol—that glorious building, its walls of glistening gold reflecting in rainbow hues the curtains inwrought with cherubim, the fragrance of ever-burning incense pervading all, the priests robed in spotless white, and in the deep mystery of the inner place, above the mercy seat, between the figures of the bowed, worshiping angels, the glory of the Holiest. In all, God desired His people to read His purpose for the human soul. It was the same purpose long afterward set forth by the apostle Paul, speaking by the Holy Spirit.” (Ed 36)

“Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.” (1 Cor. 3:16, 17)

“The apostle Paul points to these sacrifices as an illustration of what the followers of Christ are to become. He says, ‘I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service’ (Rom. 12:1). We are to give ourselves to the service of God, and we should seek to make the offering as nearly perfect as possible. God will not be pleased with anything less than the best we can offer. Those who love Him with all the heart, will desire to give Him the best service of the life, and they will be constantly seeking to bring every power of their being into harmony with the laws that will promote their ability to do His will.” (PP 352, 353)

Note: Just as the Israelites meticulously followed the instructions as given to them by God through His servant Moses, so likewise today, we must follow the order of the sanctuary. Then our soul temple, filled with the presence of God, will reflect the beauty of the spiritual temple above.

“His presence will cleanse and sanctify the soul, so it may be a holy temple unto the Lord, and ‘an habitation of God through the Spirit.’” (Eph. 2:21, 22; DA 162)

“Let us come into the presence of Christ. He is cleansing the heavenly sanctuary. Let us enter there by faith. Provision has been made for our cleansing. A fountain has been opened for sin and uncleanness. Ask in faith for the grace of God, and you will not ask in vain.” (RH May 28, 1889)

2 Why is the understanding of the sanctuary so important?

“The sanctuary in heaven is the very center of Christ’s work in behalf of men. It concerns every soul living upon the earth. It opens to view the plan of redemption, bringing us down to the very close of time and revealing the triumphant issue of the contest between righteousness and sin. It is of the utmost importance that all should thoroughly investigate these subjects. . . . 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.” (GC 488, 489)

“The great plan of redemption, as revealed in the closing work of these last days, should receive close examination. . . . All need to become more intelligent in regard to the work of the atonement, which is going on in the sanctuary above. . . . Their faith will go with Him into the sanctuary, and the worshipers on earth will be carefully reviewing their lives and comparing their characters with the great standard of righteousness. They will see their own defects; they will also see that they must have the aid of the Spirit of God if they would become qualified for the great and solemn work for this time which is laid upon God’s ambassadors.” (5T 575)

“It was Christ who planned the arrangement for the first earthly tabernacle. He gave every specification in regard to the building of Solomon’s temple. The One who in His earthly life worked as a carpenter in the village of Nazareth was the heavenly architect who marked out the plan for the sacred building where His name was to be honored.” (COL 349)

3 Why are we admonished to follow Jesus in His work in the sanctuary above?

“We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man” (Heb. 8:1, 2). “Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.” (Heb. 7:25)

“From the Holy of Holies, there goes on the grand work of instruction. The angels of God are communicating to men. Christ officiates in the sanctuary. We do not follow Him into the sanctuary as we should. Christ and angels work in the hearts of the children of men. The church above united with the church below is warring the good warfare upon the earth. There must be a purifying of the soul here upon the earth, in harmony with Christ’s cleansing of the sanctuary in heaven.” (Mar 249)

“God’s people are now to have their eyes fixed on the heavenly sanctuary, where the final ministration of our great High Priest in the work of the judgment is going forward, where He is interceding for His people.” (Ev 223)

“It is those who by faith follow Jesus in the great work of the atonement, who receive the benefits of His mediation in their behalf; while those who reject the light which brings to view this work of ministration, are not benefited thereby.” (GC 430)

“I saw that everything in heaven was in perfect order. Said the angel, ‘Look ye, Christ is the head, move in order, move in order. Have a meaning to everything.’ Said the angel, ‘Behold ye and know how perfect, how beautiful, the order in heaven; follow it.’” (5MR 227)

Note: The enemy of our souls hates the truth that focuses on the atoning sacrifice of Christ and His work as our powerful mediator and intercessor. Satan occupies his time devising unnumbered schemes to occupy our minds and divert us from the work that is most important today—the cleansing of our soul temple (see GC 488). Our enemy attempts to pacify us with his “false theories such as the doctrine that there is no sanctuary” (Mar 192). He knows that if he could accomplish this, there will be no purified remnant prepared to meet Jesus.

4

How did God seek to establish communication with the children of Israel?

“And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among [Heb. in or within] them.” (Ex. 25:8)

“God commanded Moses for Israel, ‘Let them make Me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them’ (Ex.25:8), and He abode in the sanctuary, in the midst of His people. Through all their weary wandering in the desert, the symbol of His presence was with them. So Christ set up His tabernacle in the midst of our human encampment. He pitched His tent by the side of the tents of men, that He might dwell among us, and make us familiar with His divine character and life.” (DA 23)

“The vision given to Isaiah represents the condition of God’s people in the last days. They are privileged to see by faith the work that is going forward in the heavenly sanctuary. . . . As they look by faith into the holy of holies, and see the work of Christ in the heavenly

sanctuary, they . . . contrast their own weakness and unworthiness with the purity and loveliness of the glorious character of Christ. But if they, like Isaiah, will receive the impression the Lord designs shall be made upon the heart, if they will humble their souls before God, there is hope for them. The bow of promise is above the throne, and the work done for Isaiah will be performed in them. God will respond to the petitions coming from the contrite heart.” (4BC 1139)

Note: In the beginning when God created man, He desired to have unbroken communication with His children. Unfortunately, by believing the lies of the enemy, a barrier was erected between God and man, and we could no longer have face-to-face communion with our Creator. Yet God in His great love was ever reaching out to be with His people to forgive their sins, bring healing and comfort to wounded souls, and provide for their needs. Always extending grace toward His wayward children, God instructed Moses to build a sanctuary so He could once again have a way to communicate with His children and be close to them. God authored the pathway of the sanctuary in order to bring the human race back to their original state of sinlessness that existed prior to the fall. He will restore His people to an intimate relationship with Himself. What a wonderful God!

5

What are the three aspects of sin that God must deal with in eradicating the sin problem?

1. The first aspect of the sin problem that we will address is the wrong behavior of human beings. For the first 4,000 years of earth’s history, God had instituted the sacrificial system with its main emphasis on behavior and obedience to laws, rituals and requirements. It sufficed until Jesus came and ended the sacrificial system by shedding His own blood once and for all. The sacrificial system, however, brought no one to perfection. (Heb. 10:1–4)
2. The second aspect of sin was depicted in the work of Christ in the holy place, or the first apartment of the sanctuary. When He ascended to heaven and began His intercession, He dealt with sin on a deeper level. While He was on earth, Jesus introduced the

nature of His work by revealing that sin has a deeper level than just behavior. He endeavored to show the people that sin included the thoughts and feelings as well as the behavior. (See Matt. 5:27, 28)

Note: The spiritual leaders of the day were opposed to the teachings of Jesus. Their religious experience consisted of legalistic behavior by which they sought to obtain the favor of God. The requirements of a pure heart and mind seemed totally impossible to their darkened minds. In their ignorance and rebellion, they refused to progress with the light. For this reason they were unprepared to receive the blessings of Pentecost and the early rain of the Holy Spirit, which introduced the first apartment intercessory work of Jesus in the heavenly sanctuary.

3. In order for us to be fully cleansed and purified of all sin, there is one more aspect we must consider. We need to cooperate with Jesus in His second apartment work of a deeper cleansing of our hearts and minds.

Note: We all need further light [the extra oil of the Holy Spirit] to reveal to us the wrong motives, inclinations, desires and impulses that are responsible for our incorrect thoughts, feelings and behavior. As we cooperate with Jesus in His final work of atonement, He will reveal to us the hidden motives and inherited tendencies, heretofore unknown to us, which have actuated our lives. As these roots of sin are cleansed and blotted out of our lives, we are then prepared to receive the power of the latter rain to give the loud cry. Then we will be enabled to go through the time of trouble and be prepared to welcome our Bridegroom.

6

What are the three phases of the redemptive plan of Christ as illustrated by the typical service of the earthly sanctuary?

1. Justification—The ministry in the court of the sanctuary
2. Sanctification—The ministry in the holy place of the sanctuary
3. Glorification—The ministry in the most holy place of the sanctuary on the Day of Atonement

7

What was the work of the High Priest on the Day of Atonement for ancient Israel? What is His work for spiritual Israel today?

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

“As the priest entered the most holy once a year to cleanse the earthly sanctuary, so Jesus entered the most holy of the heavenly, at the end of the 2300 days of Daniel 8, in 1844, to make a final atonement for all who could be benefited by His mediation, and thus to cleanse the sanctuary.” (EW 253)

Note: Once a year on the Day of Atonement, the high priest entered the most holy place. There the sins were blotted out and placed upon the scapegoat, representing the removal of every sin from the congregation.

Today, Jesus is engaged in the final work of cleansing the most holy place of the sanctuary where He is blotting out the sins confessed by the people of God, preparatory to placing the sins upon head of Satan.

These precious truths were taught to the Israelites in the typical services of the sanctuary. Just as ancient Israel experienced forgiveness, cleansing and blotting out of sin, God’s people today must also cooperate with their High Priest in the closing work of the final atonement. This work is of utmost importance in order to fully reflect the image of Jesus and be at one with Him.

8

How does the cleansing of the sanctuary as recorded in Daniel 8:14 apply personally to us today? How is this accomplished?

“And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” (Dan. 8:14, KJV)

Note: This is a wonderful promise we may claim. God will cleanse our soul temple and beautify it with His presence. He has promised

to reveal to us those things in our lives wherein we are not like Jesus. As God's people earnestly seek His presence and cooperate with Him in the cleansing process, He will accomplish the work in them. How will God have a people prepared for His coming? "By the increase of knowledge a people is to be prepared to stand in the latter days." (2SM 105)

The wise will understand how to cooperate with Jesus in this work. "Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand." (Dan. 12:10)

"If [they] would make the actions of each day a subject of careful thought and deliberate review, with the object to become acquainted with their own habits of life, they would better know themselves. By a close scrutiny of their daily life under all circumstances they would know their own motives, the principles which actuate them. This daily review of our acts, to see whether conscience approves or condemns, is necessary for all who wish to arrive at the perfection of Christian character." (2T 512)

9 How thorough is the cleansing work that Jesus does in our lives?

"Behold, I have refined you . . . I have tested you in the furnace of affliction." (Isa. 48:10)

"Jesus sits as a refiner and purifier of silver. The furnace in which you may be placed may be very hot, yet you will come forth as gold seven times purified, reflecting the image of Jesus. Have courage. Look up, believe, and you shall see of the salvation of God." (HP 119)

"Through affliction God reveals to us the plague spots in our characters, that by His grace we may overcome our faults." (DA 301)

"There is not an impulse of our nature, not a faculty of the mind or an inclination of the heart, but needs to be, moment by moment, under the control of the Spirit of God. . . . However great one's spiritual light, however much he may enjoy of the divine favor and blessing, he should ever walk humbly before the Lord, pleading in faith that God will direct every thought and control every impulse." (MYP 62)

“But when we are judged, we are chastened [disciplined] by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.” (1 Cor. 11:32)

Note: Often we go through trials because God allows us to reap the consequences of our wrong choices. Yet even then, God’s sustaining grace is with us and underneath are His everlasting arms of love.

“Wrong feelings and dispositions are to be rooted out.” (UL 218)

“The LORD searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts” (1 Chron. 28:9, NIV). “Every act is judged by the motives that prompt it.” (COL 316)

“Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted” (Matt. 15:13). Whatever lies and deceptions the enemy has planted in our hearts, these God will reveal to us. Then we are given the opportunity to give them up and align ourselves with the truth of God’s Word.

10 What is God’s pathway of redemption and holiness?

“Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary” (Ps. 77:13). God has given us the sanctuary in order to reveal the pathway that leads us into complete oneness with God. It will bring us back to the condition of holiness with which we were created. “Those only who through faith in Christ obey all of God’s commandments will reach the condition of sinlessness in which Adam lived before his transgression.” (6BC 1118)

Note: Everything in the sanctuary represents one of the seven facets of the life of Christ, His character and the plan of redemption. This divine pathway will teach us how to apply these principles to our everyday life, including our interpersonal relationships. When Thomas asked Jesus to show him the way back to the Father, Jesus answered Thomas by saying, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (John 14:6)

In Exodus 15:13, 17, NIV, we read, “In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling. You will bring them in and plant them on the mountain of your inheritance—the place, LORD, you made for your dwelling, the sanctuary, Lord, your hands established.” Psalm 43:3, NIV, states, “Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me; let them bring me to your holy mountain to the place where you dwell.” God will fulfill His promises to us as we seek His presence and His holiness.

Note: When this subject is properly understood, God’s pattern of worship will facilitate the healing of man’s separation from God, for it is the prescription for mental, emotional and spiritual healing. Each of the seven steps represents Jesus and the work that He wants to do in our hearts and minds. Since we were created to be a temple indwelt by God, the principles taught in each part of the sanctuary are to be experienced by us, as well.

11 What is the sanctuary pathway to connect with God and live in His presence now?

Step 1. Entering His courts with praise and thanksgiving

“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.” (Ps. 100:4)

“We should accustom the heart to dwell in a frame of gratitude and praise. The more we praise God, the more we shall have to praise him for, and our hearts will become attuned to his praise.” (RH May 28, 1889)

Note: Praise is the very language of heaven. Begin your prayer by praising God for His wonderful love and mercy so graciously showered upon you, and thanking Him for all the blessings and answered prayers. This will lift your spirit above trials and temptations, and bring your mind into harmony with the spirit of Jesus. Without praise, you will come into your worship by focusing on self, sins, problems, trials and the darkness that may be surrounding you.

“Praise the Lord even when you fall into darkness. Praise Him even in temptation. ‘Rejoice in the Lord always,’ says the apostle, ‘and again I say, Rejoice.’” (2T 593)

“There is no use in looking to our own defects. Looking unto Jesus, the darkness passes away, and the true light shineth.” (3BC 1143)

“Even in the night of affliction how can we refuse to lift heart and voice in grateful praise, when we remember the love to us expressed by the cross of Calvary?” (5T 315)

“Determine to praise Him. With firm determination comes increased will power; and soon you will find that you cannot help praising Him.” (3BC 1143)

Step 2. The Altar of Sacrifice

The next step in the sanctuary is the place where we humble ourselves, asking Him to reveal any sins in our lives—anything where our lives are not in harmony with His law. We then confess the sins that He brings to our minds and ask for His precious blood to cover these. We are to be crucified with Christ that we might be dead to sin and alive with Him. (See Rom. 6:6–8)

We then can offer our bodies as a living sacrifice. “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.” (Rom. 12:1)

We can also give Him our burdens and cares that concern us. “Cast your burden on the LORD, and He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.” (Ps. 55:22)

Note: In addition, we are to lay all our plans for the day before Him to be accomplished in His strength or given up as His providence indicates (see SC 70). We can claim what He has ordained for us for that day.

“All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be” (Ps. 139:16, NIV). “Refer every thought and action to Him, inquiring: ‘Is this the way of the Lord?’ If [we] did, [we] would walk with God, as did Enoch.” (6T 393)

Note: We must also lay self at the foot of the cross. “Self is the most difficult thing we have to manage. In laying off burdens, let us not forget to lay self at the feet of Christ. Hand yourself over to Jesus, to be molded and fashioned by Him, that you may be made vessels unto honor. Your temptations, your ideas, your feelings, must all be laid at the foot of the cross. Then the soul is ready to listen to words of divine instruction.” (UL 218)

Step 3. The Laver

The Word of God washes and cleanses us at the laver. Previously, at the altar of sacrifice, God may have brought to our minds interactions in our relationships where we did not represent Jesus and sinned against God. We are then to look for Scriptures that tell us how we should have handled the situation. As we meditate upon these verses, we are to ask God to have them implanted into our hearts and minds by the Holy Spirit; thus our lives are transformed.

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.” (Eph. 5:25–27)

Here is an example: Someone has wounded us deeply and we struggle to forgive them. We search for an illustration of how we might apply the Word as we struggle to let the matter go and trust God with our case. In Colossians 3:12, 13, we read, “Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.”

Note: The Holy Scriptures are the transforming agent which restore the image of God in man. “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (Rom. 12:2)

“We are not to cling to our own ways, our own plans, our own ideas; we are to be transformed by the renewing of our minds, that we may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Besetting sins are to be conquered, and evil habits overcome. Wrong dispositions and feelings are to be rooted out, and holy tempers and emotions begotten in us by the Spirit of God.” (UL 218)

Christ emphasized the regenerating power of the Word. “You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.” (John 15:3)

Note: We sin because on some level we have bought into the lies and deceptions of the enemy. For this reason, we must give up our misconceptions and connect with the liberating power of truth. In this way, we are brought into holiness. “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.” (John 17:17)

“[The Holy Scriptures are] the leaves of the tree of life for the healing of the nations. The word of the living God is not merely written, but spoken. The Bible is God’s voice speaking to us, just as surely as though we could hear it with our ears. If we realized this, with what awe would we open God’s word, and with what earnestness would we search its precepts! The reading and contemplation of the Scriptures would be regarded as an audience with the Infinite One.” (6T 393)

The First Apartment—The Holy Place

Step 4. The Candlestick

At this point in prayer, ask Jesus to give you the measure of the Holy Spirit for your needs for that day and to minister to others with the gifts He has endowed you.

“You are the light of the world. . . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matt. 5:14, 16)

“All heaven is waiting for channels through which can be poured the holy oil, to be a joy and a blessing to others.” (6T 117)

Pray each day to be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit so that you might reveal the fruit of the Spirit: “love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.” (Gal. 5:22, 23)

Note: God gives us the Holy Spirit that He might guide us through the vicissitudes of each day. If our minds are open to His guidance, God promises that through the Holy Spirit He will guide every detail as we look to Him to direct us.

“But your eyes shall see your teachers. Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, ‘This is the way, walk in it,’ whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.” (Isa. 30:20, 21)

5. The Table of Shewbread

“And Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.’” (John 6:35, 56)

“His statement regarding eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of God, is to be taken in a spiritual sense. We eat Christ’s flesh and drink His blood when by faith we lay hold upon Him as our Saviour. Christ used the figure of eating and drinking to represent that nearness to Him which all must have who are at last partakers with Him in His glory. The temporal food we eat is assimilated, giving strength and solidity to the body. In a similar manner, as we believe and receive the words of the Lord Jesus, they become a part of our spiritual life, bringing light and peace, hope and joy, and strengthening the soul as physical food strengthens the body.” (5BC 1153)

“To eat the flesh and drink the blood of Christ is to receive Him as a personal Saviour, believing that He forgives our sins, and that we are complete in Him. It is by beholding His love, by dwelling upon it, by drinking it in, that we are to become partakers of His nature. What food is to the body, Christ must be to the soul. . . . We must feed upon Him, receive Him into the heart, so that His life becomes our life. His love, His grace, must be assimilated.” (DA 389)

Note: In our study of the Word, we also need to focus on the life of Christ as revealed in the gospels. We need to inquire, “What would Jesus do in my case?” The Holy Spirit will teach us how Jesus dealt with a particular situation He faced while on earth. We can learn from Him how to conduct ourselves as He did.

“If the eye is kept fixed on Christ, the work of the Spirit ceases not until the soul is conformed to His image.” (DA 302)

“Study carefully the divine-human character, and constantly inquire, ‘What would Jesus do were He in my place?’ This should be the measurement of our duty.” (MH 491)

“Through faith in Christ, every deficiency of character may be supplied, every defilement cleansed, every fault corrected, every excellence developed.” (Ed 257)

6. The Altar of Incense

“Ministering angels are waiting about the throne to instantly obey the mandate of Jesus Christ to answer every prayer offered in earnest, living faith.” (2SM 377)

Note: The altar of incense was the place of communication between God and His people. Through Christ, each child of God can come boldly to the throne of grace to obtain grace and mercy. At this point, we have been cleansed by His blood and covered by His righteousness, filled with the Spirit and empowered by the Word. Now we present our intercessory prayers on behalf of ourselves and our loved ones before the Lord, with the assurance that they will be answered according to His will and according to His timing.

“We must be co-workers with Christ if we would see our efforts crowned with success. We must weep as He wept for those who will not weep for themselves, and plead as He pleaded for those who will not plead for themselves.” (1SM 118)

The Second Apartment—The Most Holy Place

7. The Ark of the Covenant

“For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil” (Ecc. 12:14). “Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults.” (Ps. 19:12)

Note: Since we are in the time of the judgment of the living, we need to participate with God in searching for wrong motives, roots of sin and sins of ignorance. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to reveal these things to us. Daniel 2:22 gives us a beautiful promise: “He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, and light dwells with Him.”

We must pray earnestly that God will show us any area of our lives where we are not in agreement with Him. As we confess these, He covers them with His blood and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. We then ask God to write His law in our hearts and minds. This is righteousness by faith as it applies in the most holy place.

We fully dedicate and consecrate ourselves to Him in order to fulfill our ministry for Him that day. He promises to give us a special measure of wisdom to accomplish our tasks for Him.

“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” (Heb. 8:10)

Note: Give God an opportunity to speak to you. It was before the ark that God communicated with the high priest in behalf of His people (see PP 349). Likewise today, God wants to communicate with His people as they seek answers and direction for their lives.

“And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.” (Ex. 25:22)

12 What did Jesus say about the importance of always staying connected to Him?

“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” (John 15:4, 5)

Note: The sanctuary is specifically designed by God to enable us to connect with Him and teach us the way of salvation. We either connect with a holy God or we connect with the father of lies. There are no other choices.

13 What will be the final result of this cleansing process?

“Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.” (Rev. 19:7, 8)

“Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.” (Eph. 5:25-27)

“There is a peculiarly close union between the transformed soul and God. It is impossible to find words to describe this union. It is a treasure worth infinitely more to the true believer than gold and silver.” (RC 124)

Your Commitment to Jesus

Believing that Jesus is the architect of the sanctuary especially designed by Him to show me the way back to holiness, I will accept Heaven's gracious invitation to follow Him in the pathway of restoration that He has laid down for me.

Your Response

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NOTES

Key to Abbreviations of E. G. White Book Titles

COL	Christ's Object Lessons
DA.....	The Desire of Ages
Ed	Education
Ev	Evangelism
EW	Early Writings
GC.....	The Great Controversy
HP	In Heavenly Places
Mar	Maranatha
MH.....	The Ministry of Healing
MYP.....	Messages to Young People
PP	Patriarchs and Prophets
RH.....	Review and Herald Periodical
RC	Reflecting Christ
SC.....	Steps to Christ
UL.....	Upward Look
3BC	SDA Bible Commentary, Volume 3
4BC	SDA Bible Commentary, Volume 4
5BC	SDA Bible Commentary, Volume 5
6BC	SDA Bible Commentary, Volume 6
5MR	Manuscript Releases, Volume 5
1SM.....	Selected Messages, Volume 1
2SM.....	Selected Messages, Volume 2
2T	Testimonies to the Church, Volume 2
5T	Testimonies to the Church, Volume 5
6T	Testimonies to the Church, Volume 6

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