

The Sanctuary and Me

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The Yearly Service of the Earthly Sanctuary

“Kill the Spider”

A man was praying with his pastor at the altar. He prayed a prayer the pastor had heard many times before. “Lord, take the cobwebs out of my life.” Just as he said this the pastor interrupted, “Kill the spider, Lord.”

Many times we ask the Lord to forgive us of some sin, yet we leave the source of temptation in our life.

- Sanctuary Series
 - Last Sermon
 - Today’s sermon
- Summary of last Sermon

Great Controversy Chapter 28—Facing Life’s Record

The subject of the sanctuary and the investigative judgment should be clearly understood by the people of God. All need a knowledge for themselves of the position and work of their great High Priest.

Evangelism The Foundation of Our Faith

The correct understanding of the ministration in the heavenly sanctuary is the foundation of our faith.

- God instructed:

Exodus 25:8–9 ESV

And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.

- God wanted to
 - dwell among them.
- What else do we learn

- from the sanctuary?

Psalm 77:13 NKJV

Your way, O God, *is* in the sanctuary;
Who *is* so great a God as *our* God?

- Sanctuary teaches God's way
 - path
 - journey
 - truth
- It explains
 - way of Salvation
- In the sanctuary
 - two main services.
- These **two services**
 - explain way of salvation.
 - **Whole Gospel**

Partial vs. Whole Gospel

- First service,
 - daily service
 - talked about it last time.
- Lets review...

Courtyard

- Represents Jesus' earthly experience

Altar of Burnt Offering

Laver

Holy Place

- Represents Jesus ministry

- between resurrection and Judgment

Table of Show Bread

Candlestick

Altar of Incense

Curtain

Then there is the yearly service.

- **Partial vs. Whole Gospel**

- Day of Atonement

Most Holy Place

- Represents
 - Jesus ministry between
 - Judgment and 2nd Coming
- Day of Atonement
- Take Bull, Ram, 2 Goats
- Cast lots for goats
- Sacrifice Bull and Ram
- Sacrifice Lord's Goat
 - take blood into MHP
 - put on Mercy seat

Ark

- Take Scapegoat
 - put hand on head
 - confess sins over it
 - send into wilderness

- Represents Satan
 - Millennium

· What did the people do on that day?

Leviticus 16:29–30 NKJV

“*This shall be a statute forever for you: In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether a native of your own country or a stranger who dwells among you. 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.*”

- What did the people do?
 - afflict their souls
- What was actually being cleansed?
 - The sanctuary?
 - The People!
- How do they cooperate with the cleansing?
 - By afflicting their souls..
 - How?
- What if you refuse to afflict your soul?

Leviticus 23:26–32 ESV

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Now on the tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. It shall be for you a time of holy convocation, and you shall afflict yourselves and present a food offering to the LORD. And you shall not do any work on that very day, for it is a Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before the LORD your God. For whoever is not afflicted on that very day shall be cut off from his people. And whoever does any work on that very day, that person I will destroy from among his people. You shall not do any work. It is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwelling places. It shall be to you a Sabbath of solemn rest, and you shall afflict yourselves. On the ninth day of the month beginning at evening, from evening to evening shall you keep your Sabbath.”

- · What happens if they don’t do their part?
 - They are cut off...
 - How?

- Killed
 - Cast Out?
 - NO.
 - Eternally cut off.
- · How would anyone know?
- · How did they inspect?
- · Who decided this?
- What is really happening
 - On the day of atonement
 - That did not already
 - Happen in the courtyard?
- There is more than one phase
 - to the atonement.
- Jesus was not done
 - at the Cross!!
- What happened in
 - Daily Service?
 - courtyard?
 - Holy Place?
 - Yearly Service?
 - Most Holy Place?
- Bigger question...
 - What is forgiveness?
- Jesus is trying to teach...
 - There are really two phases
 - in the process of dealing
 - with our sins.

Two Phase

- **Covering of Sin**
- **Blotting Out of Sin**
- Why does it take two phases?
- Lets look at the first phase...

Covering of Sin

Psalm 32:1–5 ESV

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*

I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*

- First stage:
 - Covering
- What happens?
 - Admits
 - confesses
 - not hiding sin
 - God covers the sin
 - and forgives
 - (not counted against you)

Patriarchs and Prophets Chapter 30—The Tabernacle and Its Services

“The blood of Christ, while it was to release the repentant sinner from the condemnation of the law, was not to cancel the sin; it would stand on record in the sanctuary until the final atonement...”

Blotting Out

- Second Phase
- How can I have the
 - Most Holy Place experience?

Acts 3:19 ESV

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out...

- What is the condition?
 - Repentance
- Context
 - Known sin,
 - confessed
 - put in sanctuary

Great Controversy Chapter 23—What Is the Sanctuary?

As anciently the sins of the people were by faith placed upon the sin offering and through its blood transferred, in figure, to the earthly sanctuary, so in the new covenant the sins of the repentant are by faith placed upon Christ and transferred, in fact, to the heavenly sanctuary. And as the typical cleansing of the earthly was accomplished by the removal of the sins by which it had been polluted, so the actual cleansing of the heavenly is to be accomplished by the removal, or blotting out, of the sins which are there recorded. But before this can be accomplished, there must be an examination of the books of record to determine who, through repentance of sin and faith in Christ, are entitled to the benefits of His atonement. The cleansing of the sanctuary therefore involves a work of investigation—a work of judgment. This work must be performed prior to the coming of Christ to redeem His people; for when He comes, His reward is with Him to give to every man according to his works. Revelation 22:12.

Letting Go

Gary Richmond gained an interesting perspective on snakes while working with a snake handler in a zoo. Richmond and four others milked the venom of

a King Cobra. This was an extremely dangerous task as the King Cobra has enough venom to kill one thousand adults.

An entire roll of paper towels was pushed into the cobra's open mouth which then promptly closed. Once the paper towels were saturated with the lethal venom and they were ready to release the snake, the curator gave an important warning: "More people are bitten trying to let go of snakes than when they grab them." If the cobra was not released properly, it could turn and bite its captors.

Many people claim to repent of sin, but they do not forsake it. That is like letting go of the cobra's head but not its tail.

- David explains how to have
 - sins blotted out.

Psalm 51:9-12 ESV

Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

- We learn a few things
 - from this passage.
- Blotting out sins
 - is connected with
 - cleansing the person's heart.
- Those who do not
 - have their sins blotted out
 - (who don't afflict their souls)
 - (who are cut off)
 - Have Holy Spirit Taken Away.

- When the HS is
 - take away from person.
- They are abandoned in
 - their sins.
- Unpardonable sin...
 - they are lost.
- A questions about our sins.
 - We have confessed them.
- But...
- Have they really been dealt with
 - in our hearts?

Broken Gospel

The pastor made no reply until they passed a dirty little child making mud pies in the gutter. Seizing the opportunity, the pastor said, "I see that soap hasn't done much good in the world either; for there is much dirt, and many dirty people around."

The soap man said, "Oh, well, soap is only useful when it is applied."
And the pastor said, "Exactly, so it is with the Gospel."

- Jesus promises,
 - there is going to be
 - "a blotting out"
 - one way,
 - or another.

Revelation 3:5 NKJV

He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

- Either,
 - we will have our
 - sins blotted out.

- Or,
 - we will have our
 - names blotted out...

- Once again,
 - there is a condition.

- How can we make sure,
 - we are not blotted out?
 - We must be overcomers
 - by God's grace...

- What does that look like in our lives?
 - Speak to me...
 - How can we cooperate
 - with our Great High Priest
 - in the cleansing
 - of the sanctuary?

- We need to be
 - overcomers.

- People who
 - by God's grace
 - are repentant.

- Not living in the
 - same exact sins
 - and praying the same
 - prayers of forgiveness.

Deadly Crackers

In 1981, a Minnesota radio station reported a story about a stolen car in California. Police were staging an intense search for the vehicle and the driver, even to the point of placing announcements on local radio stations to contact the thief. On the front seat of the stolen car sat a box of crackers that,

unknown to the thief, were laced with poison. The car owner had intended to use the crackers as rat bait.

Now the police and the owner of the Volkswagen Bug were more interested in apprehending the thief to save his life than to recover the car. Often when we run from God, we feel it is to escape His punishment. But what we are actually doing is eluding His rescue.

- God is chasing us down
 - trying to save us
 - from ourselves.

- Let's turn around
 - and let God
 - save us
 - from ourselves.