



Preparation for the End Time Lesson 5 Q2 2018 Christ in the Heavenly Sanctuary

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FRIDAY

Read quote in question 1:

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. {GC 421.3}

What does it mean?

Do we take this literally, as if this this description is exactly what is happening in heaven, or do we realize this was written to communicate an idea but does not represent the exact way things happen?

What do I mean? Do we believe the Bible is inspired by God? Yes, then, do we take descriptions of things in heaven exactly as the Bible reads or not? Consider the story in 1Kings 22. The setting is Ahab meeting with Jehoshaphat trying to get Jehoshaphat to join him in attacking Ramoth Gilead. The prophet Micaiah is called and this is what the prophet told them:

Micaiah continued, "Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne with all the host of heaven standing around him on his right and on his left. ²⁰ And the LORD said, 'Who will entice Ahab into attacking Ramoth Gilead and going to his death there?'

"One suggested this, and another that. ²¹ Finally, a spirit came forward, stood before the LORD and said, 'I will entice him.'

²² " 'By what means?' the LORD asked.

" 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouths of all his prophets,' he said.

" 'You will succeed in enticing him,' said the LORD. 'Go and do it.'

²³ "So now the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouths of all these prophets of yours. The LORD has decreed disaster for you."

Do we take this literally, just as it reads? Why not? Isn't this the Bible record of an inspired prophet of God describing things occurring in heaven? Shouldn't we just accept it as it reads? No, we should



understand it through the lens of the rest of divine revelation. We should ask questions like: Does God actually lie? No, then this must mean something else—and what does it mean? That God is sending a message to Ahab, a man who worships Baal and believes all things happen by God who makes them happen. **So, in grace, God steps down and assumes the role of causing the lies** to be told in order to inform Ahab that going to war will result in his death. This was not about how things truly happen in heaven, but a message of mercy communicated in the only way the listener could comprehend that he had been lied to, all in order to save the sinner.

Could the description of what is written in Friday's lesson be similar, written in a certain way because of the mindset of the audience?

So, what questions do we need to ask about the quotation from Friday?

- Do we take this literally as it reads, by itself, isolated and disconnected from any other resource, or do we require our understanding of what is written there to harmonize with the Bible and the author's other writings?
- If Hebrews emphasizes that Christ is a High Priest in the order of Melchizedek, then why do we insist on ascribing to Him all the rituals of the Levitical priesthood?
 - If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the law was given to the people), why was there still need for another priest to come—one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron? ¹² **For when there is a change of the priesthood, there must also be a change of the law.** Heb 7:11-12
 - Could it be the law that changed was imposed to design?
 - What kind of law is ceremonial law? Imposed law—but what kind of law does God build reality to operate upon?
 - Then, when the priesthood changed from Levitical to Melchizedek, the followers were to leave behind all imposed law, not just ceremonial, but the idea of imposed law as applied to the moral law, and come back to seeing God's law as design law.
- Do we believe Jesus is dropping red corpuscles in a building in heaven to cleanse it from sin?
- Why do we say that the blood of Jesus must be taken into the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary on the day of atonement to remove the sins of the people, which were symbolically transferred to the sanctuary during the year by the blood of the various sacrifices when the blood from those sacrifices was never taken into the Most Holy Place?
 - Where did Jesus say His blood was to be applied? Inside the believer! John 6
- Why do we say the blood of the daily sacrifices that were applied to the altar defiles the sanctuary when, according to Scripture, everything that came into contact with the sacrificed lamb was made holy? Do we believe that when Jesus became sin, even though He knew no sin, that Jesus became contaminated, that sin won? Or did Jesus win and sin was overcome by Jesus? So, is the blood of Jesus contaminated with sin or is it a cleansing agent?
- LEV 6:24 The LORD said to Moses, ²⁵ "Say to Aaron and his sons: `These are the regulations for the **sin offering**: The sin offering is to be slaughtered before the LORD in the place the burnt offering is slaughtered; **it is most holy.** ²⁶ The priest who offers it shall eat it; it is to be eaten in a holy place, in the courtyard of the Tent of Meeting. ²⁷ **Whatever touches any of the**



flesh will become holy, and if any of the blood is spattered on a garment, you must wash it in a holy place. ²⁸ The clay pot the meat is cooked in must be broken; but if it is cooked in a bronze pot, the pot is to be scoured and rinsed with water. ²⁹ Any male in a priest's family may eat it; **it is most holy**.

- Why do we say that sins are transferred to the sanctuary in heaven?
 - Can inanimate objects be sinful? Isn't this contrary to the entire point of Romans 14 that things offered to idols are not affected by the idols, inanimate objects cannot sin.
 - Sin is lawlessness, rebellion, living in opposition to God's law of love and liberty, how can a building in heaven do this? And how can rebelliousness be transferred to a building?
- It is argued that Daniel 8:14 refers to the heavenly sanctuary because in 1844 there was no sanctuary on earth and the Bible speaks of no other sanctuary "This is the only sanctuary that ever existed on the earth, of which the Bible gives any information. This was declared by Paul to be the sanctuary of the first covenant. But has the new covenant no sanctuary?" {GC 412.4} – but what about:
 - 1Cor 6:19,20 "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body."

Isn't this a Bible defined temple/sanctuary on earth in 1844?
- We say that the sanctuary of the new covenant must be in heaven because Hebrews says it was pitched by God and not man, it was not made with human hands;
 - But who made human beings?
 - Consider 2Cor 5:1
 - Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. 2Cor 5:1
 - What is this tent that was not built by human hands? Could this be the sanctuary that needs cleansing?
 - Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." Jn 2:19 To what was Jesus referring?
- The same author who wrote the quote in Friday's lesson, from the same book five pages later writes:
 - **"The coming of Christ as our high priest to the most holy place, for the cleansing of the sanctuary, brought to view in Daniel 8:14; the coming of the Son of man to the Ancient of Days, as presented in Daniel 7:13; and the coming of the Lord to His temple, foretold by Malachi, are descriptions of the same event; and this is also represented by the coming of the bridegroom to the marriage, described by Christ in the parable of the ten virgins, of Matthew 25."** {GC 426.1}
- And what does Malachi say Christ cleanses when He comes to His temple?
 - "See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty. But who can endure the day of his



coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; **he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver.**" Mal 3:1-3.

- If you look in the SDA Bible commentary you will discover that the Hebrew word translated *cleansed* in Daniel 8:14 is more accurately translated *justified*. Unto 2300 days and then shall the sanctuary be *justified*.
 - But what does justified mean? To set right, to put in order, to put what is out of line back in line. For those of you who have a word processor on your computer there is a command at the top which allows you to *justify* your margins. If you justify the margins what happens? Everything that is out of line is put in line, everything that is out of order is put in order, everything that is out of harmony is put in harmony, everything that is wrong is set right.
 - Now the question is: what needs justifying? What is wrong that needs to be set right? What is out of line that needs to be put in line? What is out of order that needs reordering? What is out of harmony that needs to be brought back into harmony? The mind, heart and character of mankind!
- Another quote from the same author as the quote in Friday's lesson:
"Since the whole ritual economy was symbolical of Christ, it has no value apart from Him. When the Jews sealed their rejection of Christ by delivering Him to death, they rejected **all that gave significance to the temple** and its services" *Desire of Ages* 165:

Could this mean that when we confess our sinfulness then our sin is symbolically placed upon Christ, which means that He becomes our substitute in that He takes upon Himself our sinfulness, our sin, our sin-condition in order to cleanse humanity from sinfulness—is this the simple lesson that the sanctuary is to teach?

Surely he took up our infirmities
and carried our sorrows,
yet we considered him stricken by God,
smitten by him, and afflicted.
5 But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was upon him,
and by his wounds we are healed. Isa 53:4-6

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2Cor 5:21

- The Bible describes the Sanctuary, the Temple in another way, as the dwelling place of God:
 - And rejoice before the LORD your God at the place he will choose as a **dwelling for his Name**. Dt16:11
 - What does this mean? What is signified by God's name? His character, and what is to be the dwelling place of God's character? Adam and Eve, but they defiled themselves, their sanctuaries were defiled by fear and selfishness. So, a second Adam came, Jesus



to do what? To build and cleanse God's dwelling place, i.e. God's sanctuary.

- Notice what God says through Zacheriah:
- Tell him this is what the Lord Almighty says: 'Here is the man whose name is **the Branch, and he will branch out from his place and build the temple of the Lord.** ¹³ **It is he who will build the temple of the Lord,** and he will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on his throne. **And he will be a priest on his throne.** And there will be harmony between the two.' Zech 6:12,13

If there was already a building in heaven that was *the* sanctuary, why would Jesus need to leave heaven in order to *build* the sanctuary?

- And where is our dwelling place?
 - "Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations." Ps 90:1
 - I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever Ps 23:6
 - Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name. ¹³ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. Rev 3:12,13
 - So is the temple a construct of unity which centers on God and is built out of living beings?
 - Then what needs cleansing to cleanse the temple? Sinners!

So what does all of this mean?

- Heaven itself was contaminated with lies about God and rebellion from His methods by Satan before the creation of humankind.
- God created humankind to be a temple, a holy place where God would dwell by His Spirit—where His name/character would dwell
- Satan's lies infected the human temple and the human temple became defiled
"Eve *believed* the words of Satan, and the *belief of that falsehood in regard to God's character, changed the condition and character of both herself and husband.* They were changed from good and obedient children into transgressors..." (RH, January 5, 1886 par. 8).
- Christ branched out, left heaven, and became the second Adam and restored God's character in the species human, defeated the lies, rewrote the law of love into humanity and thus cleansed the Temple from lies, fear and selfishness—restoring God's name/character into the living temple built by God
- Now Christ works to restore the damage done to heaven itself by preparing each of us for that place, cleansing each of us.



Two more quotes from the same author as the quote in Friday's lesson:

“In the building of the sanctuary as a dwelling place for God, Moses was directed to make all things according to the pattern of things in the heavens. God called him into the mount, and revealed to him the heavenly things, and in their similitude the tabernacle, with all that pertained to it, was fashioned.

“So to **Israel**, whom He desired to **make His dwelling place**, He revealed His glorious ideal of **character**. The pattern was shown them in the mount when the law was given from Sinai and when God passed by before Moses and proclaimed, "The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth." Exodus 34:6. ..

“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:

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God 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. (Education 34-36).

“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 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." Mal. 3:1-3. (DA 161).

So what cleanses the sanctuary? Jesus, first in His own personal work, but then in each human who trusts Him.

- In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. Heb 9:22

What does this mean? Is it red corpuscles or is it symbolic? Of what is the blood symbolic? Here again from the same author as the quote from Friday:

- “In the *study of the Bible* the converted soul eats the *flesh* and drinks the *blood* of the Son of God, which He himself interprets as the receiving and doing of His words, that are spirit and life.” (Fundamentals of Christian Education 378).
- “The leaven of *truth* works a change in the whole man, making the coarse refined, the rough gentle, the selfish generous. By it [*the truth*] the impure are cleansed, washed in the *blood of the Lamb*.” (Christ’s Object Lessons 102).

But more questions remain to be answered?

- Why investigate records?
- Who needs to investigate?
- Is there anything God doesn’t know?
- Who was the one lied about?
- Who needs the truth to cleanse them from lies?
- Then who needs to investigate and what?

There was another text referring to the same event, the Daniel 7 text. “The Ancient of Days took his seat...The court was seated, and the books were opened.” (Daniel 7:9,10).

Whose books were opened? In the investigative judgment, when the books are opened and the investigation is going on, whose books are opened? Churches are tax-deductible organizations. They receive donations, which means they keep books: who donated, how the money is spent etc. If the church opens the books for outside examination, who is being examined the contributors or the church?

In heaven, when God opens the books, who is being examined, God or us? Why would God need to open His books and why would God need to open His books about us?

Imagine I present myself to your community and claim I have a cure for cancer and have cured 50 people of cancer. I tell you they are all cancer free. I even present 50 people and ask your medical experts to examine them to see if they can find any cancer and sure enough, not one has cancer. Would you now believe I have a cure for cancer if all were cancer free? How would you know if they ever had cancer to start with?



Conversely, if instead I bring out some medical records that document the presence of cancer, and then, as you review the records you see where a treatment was given and the record indicates the cancer is cured. But, I won't let you examine any patients, would you believe I have a cure for cancer?

Why is this analogy relevant? Because after Satan's original lies about God, which led others into sin, he had some new lies that needed to be dealt with as well. Again another quote from the same author from Friday:

“Many [angels] were disposed to heed this counsel, to repent of their disaffection, and seek to be again received into favor with the Father and His Son. But Lucifer had *another deception* ready. The mighty revolter now declared that the angels who had united with him *had gone too far to return*; that he was acquainted with the divine law, and knew that *God would not forgive...* PP 41

“So far as Satan himself was concerned, it was true that he had now gone too far to return. But *not so* with those who had been blinded by his *deceptions*. To them the counsel and entreaties of the loyal angels opened a door of hope; and had they heeded the warning, they might have broken away from the snare of Satan.” PP 41

So, not only were there the original lies about God, but when some of the angels who sided with Satan were warned and were considering returning to loyalty to God, Satan hit them with a new set of lies. Satan says, “Oh, no! God won't forgive. You can't return once you've chosen to rebel against God.”

Do you see how this second lie continues to infect Christianity today? God won't forgive—someone has to pay the penalty for sin. So, God is on trial, do you trust God, or not?

And thus, in Revelation Chapter 5 we have heavenly books that were sealed with seven seals and only Jesus the Lamb of God is worthy to open the book. And He opens the book for all to see its contents—and what is in the book? Who is examining the book sealed with 7 seals? Who wrote what is contained in the book? What time in human history did the book with seven seals begin to be opened?

Could this be the books that are opened to which Daniel 7 is referring, the Ancient of Days takes His seat and the court was seated and books were opened? This is the same event as Daniel 8:14, and Malachi 3—the investigating of the records—by whom? By those who believed lies and need their minds cleansed. Thus, the royal court of heaven sat and Jesus the worthy, opened the books.

The Bible doesn't say the books opened in Daniel 7 are legal records of sin, but the heavenly books. Revelation tells us of a sealed book that is opened in heaven at the end of time...could this be it?

And what is described in the book sealed before time began? The Great Controversy and God's solution for it along with the names of all the saved, the great multitude! Why? To reveal that God knows everything and yet His foreknowledge doesn't take our freedom, the book of God's foreknowledge matches exactly with the book of records recorded by the recording angels and God is exonerated as being Holy, Righteous, True and Trustworthy!



I encourage you to get *The Remedy* (it is free in the app store) and read Revelation chapters 5-11 with this idea in mind.

What about the idea that the records of our cases are there, our characters our names?

Imagine you have a child who has metastatic cancer, cancer all over their body. The doctors have told you the case is terminal; there is nothing that can be done. But you have heard of a doctor that no matter what disease the person has they always leave with a clean bill of health. So, you pack up your child. You gather all the medical records, the bone scans, biopsy reports, CT scans, MRI's, everything that documents the extent of the disease and you go to this doctor. Finally, you get your day with the doctor. You hand him the medical records documenting in great detail the extent of the cancer which is ravaging your child's body. Then the doctor takes the records and begins to remove all the pages documenting any record of disease and inserts clean blank sheets of paper. And when he has replaced the entire record with blank paper he hands it back and says, "There, no more record of disease. You go on home." Are you satisfied? If you have a doctrine that teaches Christ is in heaven cleansing record books without doing something in you, you are in trouble!

But what if you go to this doctor and he looks at the records documenting the cancer in your child, and then he goes and examines your child and begins to intervene *in your child*, what do you want to happen? You want the cancer to go into *remission*! "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission" (Hebrews 9:22). When cancer goes into remission the cancerous cells remit to their original, normal, healthy non-cancerous state. The cancer is gone. Without the shedding of blood we could not be remitted to our original sin-free state, to our original Christlikeness of character! Without the shedding of blood, without the truth being internalized, without the victorious life and self-sacrificing death of Christ we cannot be restored, we cannot be healed!

And so, the doctor treats your child and the medical records shows the disease, shows the damage caused by the disease, but also shows the treatment applied and the record now shows your child is cancer free! God has records in heaven showing our sickness of heart and mind and the damage sin has caused in us. And hopefully, His records are also showing that we are partaking of His remedy, His treatment, and the records are showing that the sickness of sin is being removed, the rich garments are being put on, the cancer of sin is going into remission, the character of Christ is being reproduced within, the law of God is being written on the heart!

Again from the same author as the quote from Friday:

"The *cases* of all are pending in the *heavenly sanctuary*. Day by day angels of God are watching the *development of character*... All defects must be remedied. The *character* must be assimilated to the *character of Christ*... At an infinite cost a fountain has been prepared for *our cleansing*. In the *blood* of the Son of God *we may wash our garments of character*, and make them white." (ST, April 17, 1901).



Do you see the incredible importance of the Sanctuary message? And how totally corrupted the message becomes when we replace God's design law with human imposed law!

SABBATH

Read memory verse: "Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth" Philippians 2:9,10

What name? Why is the name above every other name?

Rev 19:12 says: "His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself."

Why?

Because He is infinite and name is about character and individuality and no other being can fully know the infinite Savior God.

SUNDAY

Read second paragraph, "God sent Christ..." What does it mean to condemn sin in the flesh?

Why was the death of Christ necessary?

Would the death of a sinless angel have been any help? Why or why not?

If a divine being could die, would the death of a divine being be of any benefit to our sin condition? No! why? Because the problem of sin is not a legal one and thus no being could die to pay a legal debt; such a payment would NOT resolve the sin problem, because the sin problem is a condition of being, not a legal one. The death of a divine being would have been truth to win us to trust, but would have still left us in a terminal condition.

A sinless human had to die while facing the infection of fear and selfishness in order for a human being to be freed from the infection of fear and selfishness. In other words, it was the only means to cure the human species from the infection of sin, while simultaneously revealing the truth to solidify loyal angels in their loyalty. No natural descendant of Adam could do this, so Christ joined His divinity with our humanity in order to remedy the sin problem.

MONDAY

John 1:29 reads: "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"



Is there a difference in taking away the *sin* versus *sins* of the world?

Why did the lesson authors pluralize it to sins? Because they have the wrong law concept and don't see the sin problem as a condition of being that needs curing, but a behavior problem that needs punishing.

While God has desired to teach men that from His own love comes the Gift which reconciles them to Himself, the archenemy of mankind has endeavored to represent God as one who delights in their destruction. Thus the sacrifices and the ordinances designed of Heaven to reveal divine love have been perverted to serve as means whereby sinners have vainly hoped to propitiate, with gifts and good works, the wrath of an offended God. {PK 685.2}

TUESDAY

Read first paragraph, "Christ is able..." What does it mean a permanent priesthood?

Does this mean we will need Christ to intercede for us for all eternity?

The lesson talks about Christ's intercessory role—with whom is Christ interceding?

Does Christ ever stop His intercessory role and remove His priestly garments? If so, why? And what does that mean for us?

The lesson says that God has the authority to forgive sins—when did God get that authority? Did God have that authority before Jesus died?

Third paragraph states, "After all, considering who it was who died on the cross, how could such an offering not be sufficient for every human being?"

What is implied here? What is being suggested? Why is it sufficient for every human being? Are they suggesting because of who died, meaning, because the divine Son of God died?

But in Sunday's lesson it states, "As an immortal Being, Christ could not die. Therefore, the Lord became a human, taking our mortality upon Himself so that He could die as our substitute... In a way known only to God, the divinity of Christ did not die when Jesus died on the cross."

Hmmm... so on the one hand they suggest because it was a divine being who died how could it not be sufficient for everyone. But on the other hand they say His divine self did not die.... Does anyone see any contradictions?

This is another example of the problem one gets into with the false imposed legal penal view. When



one returns to design law one realizes that divinity never needed to die to save us, but divinity needed to be united with humanity in order to eradicate selfishness and heal us!

So what did He accomplish, according to Heb 5:8,9: “Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him...”

Notice, He, as a human learned, and made Himself perfect by His choice to develop a perfect sinless character!

The law requires righteousness,--a righteous life, a perfect character; and this man has not to give. He cannot meet the claims of God's holy law. But Christ, coming to the earth as man, lived a holy life, and developed a perfect character. These He offers as a free gift to all who will receive them. His life stands for the life of men. Thus they have remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God. More than this, Christ imbues men with the attributes of God. He builds up the human character after the similitude of the divine character, a goodly fabric of spiritual strength and beauty. Thus the very righteousness of the law is fulfilled in the believer in Christ. God can "be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." Romans 3:26. {DA 762.2}

WEDNESDAY

Read second paragraph, “Jesus is the forerunner...” What do you hear in this paragraph? What is the problem as it is presented?

The problem is an angry, punishing, sometimes called holy and just, God that is the source of legal infliction of pain, suffering and death, except Christ presents, in the Catholic view His sacrifice to pay for our sins so the Father will forgive us; and in the Protestant view present His merits to the Father to remind the Father that our sins were already paid for at the Cross and now we are legally applying them to our account so the Father pronounces us pardoned.

Both views fail to realize they have a pagan god who requires a payment be made to him in order not to punish and both views are part of Satan's lie.

Christ is not presenting His merits to the Father, but is before the Father carrying out the Father's purpose in reaching each of us with the healing remedy He has procured!

We are the ones who need to be pled with, not God; we are the ones who need convincing, who need truth, who need the righteousness of Jesus—God doesn't need these things—we do!



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**April 28, 2018: New Two Lecture Seminar: 3PM at Hamilton Community Church:
The Sanctuary & Feast Days: A Hidden End-Time Message**

Talk 1: The OT Sanctuary: Decoding the Secret Meaning

Have you ever studied the Old Testament sanctuary and found yourself confused? Have you struggled to understand the meaning of all the various symbols and rituals? The OT sanctuary was a play, an acted out theatrical production directed by God for the purpose of revealing His plan to save humanity from sin. In this presentation we will decode the symbols of the sanctuary to reveal the reality of God's amazing plan to save humanity from sin.

Talk 2: The Day of Atonement and the Feast Days: God's Hidden Plan for Human History

Ancient Israel was instructed by God to celebrate annual feasts or festivals (holy-days, i.e. holidays) to which all the people were to participate. These festivals occurred in a certain order and were to be celebrated every year. Ancient Israel, in addition to being real historic people who did real events, were also God's people to reveal God, His kingdom, methods and plan for saving humanity from sin. In this presentation we will discover, God's plan for human history, hidden in the symbols of the ancient feasts.

May 4-5, 2018: Dr. Jennings will be doing two presentations at Grace Fellowship, York PA, in conjunction with the AACC

May 25, 26, 2018: Dr. Jennings will be speaking in London England at the Stanborough Park SDA Church, 609 St Albans Road, Watford, WD25 9JL

July 27-28, 2018: Dr. Jennings will be doing two presentations at Houston, TX, in conjunction with the AACC

September 14,15, 2018: Dr. Jennings will be Keynote Speaker at Crossroads Community Church in Georgetown, Delaware.

September 27-29, 2018: Dr. Jennings will be speaking at the Mega National Conference of the American Association of Christian Counselors in Dallas, TX

September 30-Oct 2, 2018: Dr. Jennings will be speaking at NAD of SDA Mental Health Education retreat for pastors at Kettering, OH.



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Mental Health Matters

Community Gatherings for Help, Hope and Healing

The Mind- God's Design & What Went Wrong Thursday, May 10, 2018

The human mind was designed with separate and distinct faculties to operate in a beautiful harmony. Something has damaged that balance and caused pain, suffering and illness. Discover God's design for the mind, what went wrong and how to restore balance to your mind.

The Aging Brain Thursday, August 13, 2018

What happens to the brain as we age? This presentation will examine the evidence-based lifestyle and non-pharmacological interventions which will protect your brain and diminish your risk of dementia. Copies of Dr. Jennings brand new book, *The Aging Brain*, will be available.

Fix for Failing Families Thursday, September 13, 2018

Families are under attack, more than 50% of marriages end in divorce, in the U.S. almost 900,000 children are victims of abuse each year, and 77% of childhood deaths are caused by one or both parents. Discover principles and practice to bring healing to your family.

The Science of Belief Thursday, October 12, 2018

In this seminar we will examine the science of belief and demonstrate how modern quantum understanding provides a scientific basis for the impact belief, including prayer, has on our physical health and can even impact the physical world around us.

Guilt Resolution Thursday, November 8, 2018

Do you struggle with guilt? Discover the difference between legitimate and illegitimate guilt and how to resolve each and how to prevent people from manipulating you with guilt.

The God-Shaped Brain Thursday, December 13, 2018

Our brains are in a constant state of flux. Moment by moment new connections are forming, idle tracks are being pruned back and brain circuits are changing. Discover how our beliefs change our brain wiring, our physical health, and even which genes are turned on or turned off. Do your beliefs matter – more than you ever knew!