

# *Light* FROM THE *Sanctuary*

Timothy R. Jennings, M.D. DLFAPA

President and Founder, Come And Reason Ministries  
Former President of TN and Southern Psychiatric Associations

**Author of:**

Could It Be This Simple?

The Journal of the Watcher

The God-Shaped Brain

The Remedy – New Testament Paraphrase

The God-Shaped Heart

The Aging Brain: Proven Steps to Prevent Dementia and Sharpen Your Mind

The Remedy of the Lord in Song: The Psalms



*Light*  
FROM THE  
*Sanctuary*

# William Miller

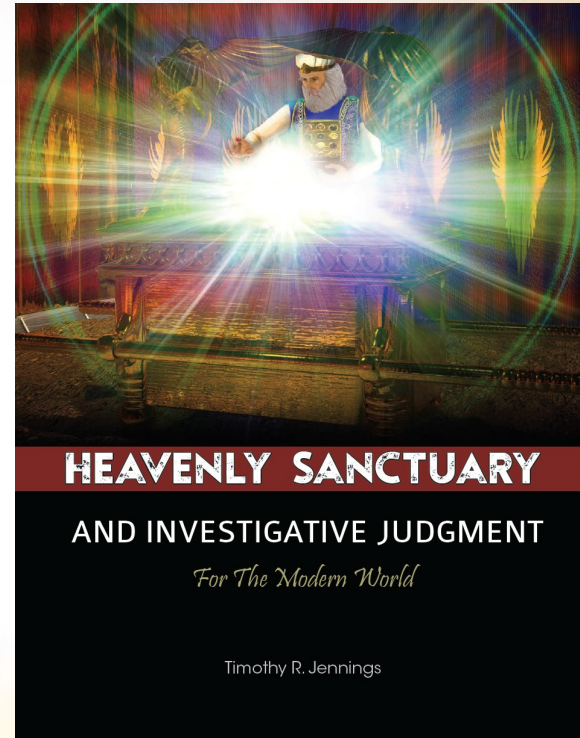
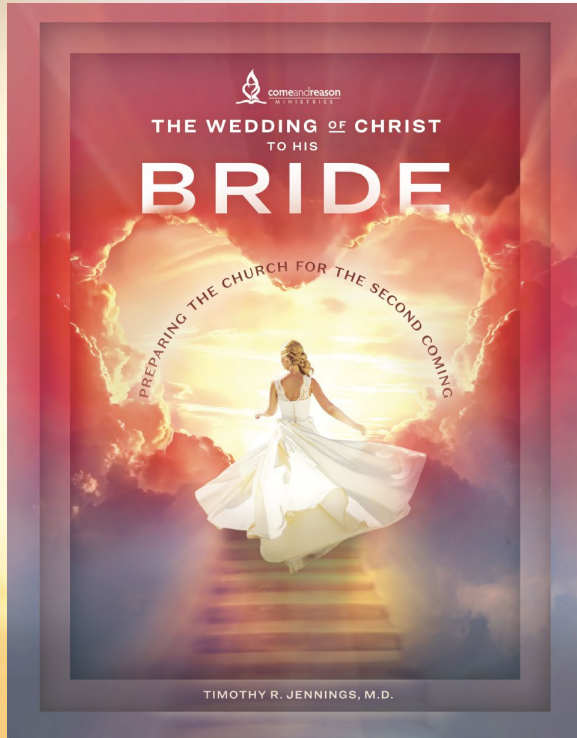
**Daniel 8:14:** 2,300 days/years  
and the sanctuary will be  
cleansed

**Cleansing of the Sanctuary:**  
Mistaken as Second coming of  
Christ October 22, 1844—the  
“Great Disappointment”

**SDA Church (1863):** The only  
church that teaches the  
cleansing of the sanctuary



# Resources



# What Law Lens?

## **Design Protocols**

The protocols upon which life is built: the laws of health, laws of physics, laws of thermodynamics, law of love, etc.

## **Imposed Rules**

Made-up rules that require the infliction of external punishment

# Questions to Consider

- What is the sanctuary that is being cleansed?
- Where is the cleansing of the sanctuary taking place?
- From what is the sanctuary being cleansed?
- Where does sin actually happen—in record books or in hearts and minds?
- Can God cleanse the universe from sin by erasing historical documents—by erasing records?
- Does adjusting legal status in books remove sin from hearts and minds?
- If God is going to cleanse His universe from sin, from where must the sin be removed?

# Points to Clarify

- What is the heavenly sanctuary?
- What contaminates it?
- What does it mean to cleanse it?
- What is atonement—and how is it related to cleansing the sanctuary?
- What are Christ's intercessions?
- What are the records in heaven and the judgment taking place during this time?
- Why wait until 1844?

# Common SDA View of the Antitypical Day of Atonement (Cleansing of the Sanctuary)

- Christ entered the Most Holy Place in a building in heaven.
- He began cleansing the sanctuary from the sins of people.
- The Investigative Judgment began.
- All cases of professed followers are reviewed.
- God judges each case, keeping some and rejecting others—based on whether sins have been retained in the books.
- Opening the books and doing this before the heavenly beings vindicates God's judgment.
- It culminates in the Second Coming.



THE LEGAL VIEW OF THE  
ATONEMENT IS ALL PREDICATED  
UPON A SINGLE IDEA:

**THAT GOD'S LAW  
FUNCTIONS NO DIFFERENTLY  
THAN THE LAWS THAT  
SINFUL BEINGS MAKE.**



**WHAT IS REALLY HAPPENING  
IN THE SANCTUARY IN HEAVEN?**

# Points to Clarify

- **What is the heavenly sanctuary?**
- What contaminates it?
- What does it mean to cleanse it?
- What is atonement and how is it related to cleansing the sanctuary?
- What are Christ's intercessions?
- What are the records in heaven and the judgment taking place during this time?
- Why wait until 1844?

# What Is the Heavenly Sanctuary?

“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**. 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.’ ... **Those who are far away will come and help to build the temple of the LORD**, and you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you. This will happen if you diligently obey the LORD your God.”

**Zechariah 6:12–15**

# **From What Is the Heavenly Sanctuary Built?**



# From What Is the Heavenly Sanctuary Built?

As you come to him, **the living Stone**—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—**you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house** to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. **1 Peter 2:4, 5**

# From What Is the Heavenly Sanctuary Built?

As you come to him, **the living Stone**—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, **like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house** to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:4, 5

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and **members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.**

And in him **you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.** Ephesians 2:19–22

# From What Is the Heavenly Sanctuary Built?

For we are God's fellow workers; **you are** God's field, **God's building.** 1 Corinthians 3:9



# From What Is the Heavenly Sanctuary Built?

For we are God's fellow workers; **you are** God's field, **God's building**. 1 Corinthians 3:9

Don't you know that **you yourselves are God's temple** and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and **you are that temple**. 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17

# From What Is the Heavenly Sanctuary Built?

For we are God's fellow workers; **you are** God's field, **God's building**. 1 Corinthians 3:9

Don't you know that **you yourselves are God's temple** and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and **you are that temple**. 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17

What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For **we are the temple of the living God**. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people." 2 Corinthians 6:16

# From What Is the Heavenly Sanctuary Built?

But Christ is faithful as a son over **God's house**. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast. **Hebrews 3:6**

# From What Is the Heavenly Sanctuary Built?

But Christ is faithful as a son over **God's house**. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast. Hebrews 3:6

The point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, and who serves in the sanctuary, **the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by man**. Hebrews 8:1, 2

# What Is the Heavenly Sanctuary?

- What tabernacle was set up by the Lord and not by man?
- Is it a building made out of non-living matter—gold, silver, dead trees, goats' skins—or is it built out of living beings?
- If the sanctuary already existed in heaven, why did Jesus leave heaven to build it?
- Why does Jesus need others far away to help Him build it?
- Is this temple that Jesus must build Himself one built by humans or by God?

# From What Is the Heavenly Sanctuary Built?

“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**. 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.’ ... **Those who are far away will come and help to build the temple of the LORD**, and you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you. This will happen if you diligently obey the LORD your God.”

Zechariah 6:12–15

# From What Is the Heavenly Sanctuary Built?

- Jesus left heaven to build the sanctuary where God dwells.
- It is built out of Himself as the chief cornerstone.
- With the help of the apostles, those far away
- And each one of us is to be living stones built together into a house for the Lord.
- This is why the Bible says ...

# From What Is the Heavenly Sanctuary Built?

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and **I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.** *Psalm 23:6*



# From What Is the Heavenly Sanctuary Built?

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and **I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.** Psalm 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. **Revelation 3:12**

# From What Is the Heavenly Sanctuary Built?

**“We are God’s great building.** Every stroke, every stone put into the building is only a part of the whole. Every worker is himself to become just what God designs he should be in building his own life with pure, noble, upright deeds, **that at the end he may be a symmetrical structure, a fair temple, honored by God** and man. God must be in this work. ‘Ye are God’s husbandry, ye are God’s building.’ Through you He has worked, and will work to do honor to His name by trusting to you these great responsibilities. ...

# From What Is the Heavenly Sanctuary Built?

“... The Lord would have you stand forth as Daniel, every phase of your character under His own ministration, that day by day you may **grow into a structure** that will stand forth, **not as a perfect whole in itself, but connected with the work of other chosen workmen, as a beautiful temple for the Lord**, a living witness to the value, stability, and nobility of the man who keeps his eye single to the glory of God.”

2 Manuscript Releases, p. 339

# From What Is the Heavenly Sanctuary Built?

“The first tabernacle, built according to God’s directions, was indeed blessed of Him. The people thus were preparing themselves to worship in the temple not made with hands—a temple in the heavens. The stones of the Temple built by Solomon were all prepared at the quarry and then brought to the Temple site. They came together without the sound of ax or hammer. The timbers were also fitted in the forest. The furniture was likewise brought to this house all prepared for use.

“Even so, the mighty cleaver of truth has **taken out a people** from the quarry of **the world and is fitting this people**, who profess to be the children of God, **for a place in His heavenly temple**. We want the cleaver of truth to do its work for us ...

# From What Is the Heavenly Sanctuary Built?

**“We are taken from the quarry of the world. The material must not be a dead substance but living souls, and these souls must be brought out of the quarry of the world, where the hand of God can fit them for the temple in heaven. We are here as probationers, and we must pass under the hand of God. All rough edges and rough surfaces must be removed and **we must be stones fitted for the building.** We are brought into church capacity with defects of character, but we must not retain them. **We must be fitted and squared for the building. ...****

# From What Is the Heavenly Sanctuary Built?

**“... We must be “laborers together with God,” for we are “God’s husbandry,” we are “God's building.”** In view of this we must see that our temple is not defiled with sin. We should be lively stones, not dead ones, but live ones that will reflect the image of Christ. We must be worshipers in spirit and in truth.” **3 Manuscript Release, p. 231**

**FROM WHAT IS THE HEAVENLY  
SANCTUARY BUILT?**

**DEAD MATTER OR LIVING BEINGS?**

# Points to Clarify

- What is the heavenly sanctuary?
- **What contaminates it?**
- What does it mean to cleanse it?
- What is atonement and how is it related to cleansing the sanctuary?
- What are Christ's intercessions?
- What are the records in heaven and the judgment taking place during this time?
- Why wait until 1844?



# **What Contaminates the Heavenly Sanctuary?**



# What Contaminates the Heavenly Sanctuary?

When he [Satan] lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. [John 8:44 NIV84](#)

# What Contaminates the Heavenly Sanctuary?

When he [Satan] lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44 NIV84

**From the opening of the great controversy it has been Satan's purpose to misrepresent God's character and to excite rebellion against His law, and this work appears to be crowned with success.**

*Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 338*

# What Contaminates the Heavenly Sanctuary?

**God was represented as severe, exacting, revengeful, and arbitrary. He was pictured as one who could take pleasure in the sufferings of his creatures. The very attributes that belonged to the character of Satan, the evil one represented as belonging to the character of God. *Signs of the Times, January 20, 1890***

# What Contaminates the Heavenly Sanctuary?

God was represented as severe, exacting, revengeful, and arbitrary. He was pictured as one who could take pleasure in the sufferings of his creatures. **The very attributes that belonged to the character of Satan, the evil one represented as belonging to the character of God.** *Signs of the Times*, January 20, 1890

**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. *Review and Herald*, January 5, 1886, par. 8

# What Contaminates the Heavenly Sanctuary?

- Lies believed = broken love and trust.
- Broken love and trust = fear and selfishness (survival of the fittest).
- Fear and selfishness = destructive acts (sins).
- Destructive acts (sins) damage the mind, character, and body = a terminal condition.

# What Contaminates the Heavenly Sanctuary?

“The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.” *Galatians 5:19–21 NIV84*

# What Contaminates the Heavenly Sanctuary?

- Lies about God
- Fear, selfishness, evil desires, lust, and carnal nature and habits



# Points to Clarify

- What is the heavenly sanctuary?
- What contaminates it?
- **What does it mean to cleanse it?**
- What is atonement and how is it related to cleansing the sanctuary?
- What are Christ's intercessions?
- What are the records in heaven and the judgment taking place during this time?
- Why wait until 1844?

# What Is the Cleansing of the Heavenly Sanctuary?

**“Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. ...  
Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and  
I will be whiter than snow.”** Psalm 51:2, 7 NIV84

# What Is the Cleansing of the Heavenly Sanctuary?

“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.** ...

# What Is the Cleansing of the Heavenly Sanctuary?

“... 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. ...**

# What Is the Cleansing of the Heavenly Sanctuary?

“... ‘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.” *Desire of Ages*, p. 161

# The Sanctuary Cleansing Event

“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.” *The Great Controversy, p. 426*

# Points to Clarify

- What is the heavenly sanctuary?
- What contaminates it?
- What does it mean to cleanse it?
- **What is atonement and how is it related to cleansing the sanctuary?**
- What are Christ's intercessions?
- What are the records in heaven and the judgment taking place during this time?
- Why wait until 1844?

IF THERE IS NO REALITY  
TO WHICH A METAPHOR POINTS,  
THEN IT IS NO LONGER METAPHOR.

***IT IS FANTASY!***



**THERE ISN'T EVEN ONE ELEMENT IN THE  
OLD TESTAMENT SANCTUARY THAT IS  
MEANT TO BE TAKEN LITERALLY.**

# Object Lesson

“The gifts and sacrifices being offered were **not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper**. They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings—external regulations applying until the time of the new order. ... But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins, **because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.**” *Hebrews 9:9, 10; 10:3, 4*

# Annual Feasts: The Fall to Restoration

- **Passover:** As soon as humanity fell into sin, God *passed over* their sins. “He left the sins committed before hand unpunished.” *Romans 3:25*
- Christ is the lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world.  
*Revelation 13:8*
- **Time covered by the Passover:** From Adam’s sin until Jesus’ victory at the cross.

# Annual Feasts: The Fall to Restoration

- **Unleavened Bread:** Immediately, God began dispensing truth unmixed with error to nurture and save, but it was internalized by those in sin, which is represented by the bitter herbs.
- This represents the time from Adam's fall until Christ's victory.
- Eating the unleavened bread symbolizes the internalization of Jesus.

# Annual Feasts: The Fall to Restoration

- **Feast of First Fruits:** The first fruits of the victory over death.
- **The Wave Sheaf:** Represents Jesus, the ultimate first fruit, who was buried and rose again in sinless perfection.
- Those who arose with Him on resurrection morning to everlasting life.

# Annual Feasts: The Fall to Restoration

- **Feast of Weeks (Pentecost):** The pouring out of the Holy Spirit to apply what Christ achieved and bring forth a harvest of healed souls.
- This occurred after Christ's death on the cross as the benefits of His achievement were dispensed into trusting human hearts.
- Symbolically spans the time from Pentecost (AD 31) until the Loud Cry.

# Annual Feasts: The Fall to Restoration

- **Trumpets:** A special message for the end time.
- **The Loud Cry:** Awake, prepare, get ready—it is time to be reconciled and brought back into unity, at-one-ment, with God again!
- **Late 18th and Early 19th Century:** The Great Awakening in Christianity and the Millerites.

# Annual Feasts: The Fall to Restoration

- **Atonement:** Reunification with God; oneness with Him
- The healing and restoration of Christlike character within; a settling into the truth from which one cannot be moved.
- From the mid-19th century until the second coming of Christ.



# Annual Feasts: The Fall to Restoration

- **Tabernacles:** After we have been restored to at-one-ment in heart, mind, and character, Christ returns and we tabernacle with Him again in the earth made new—our new Eden garden home for eternity!

# The Mystery of Atonement

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has ... made known to us **the mystery of his will** according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be **put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.**” *Ephesians 1:3, 9, 10 NIV84*

# Atonement Is The Marriage

“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.” *The Great Controversy, p. 426*

# The Wedding Imagery of Salvation

“Return, O backsliding children,” says the LORD; “for I am married to you.” **Jeremiah 3:14 NKJV**

For your Maker is your husband—the LORD Almighty is his name—the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth. **Isaiah 54:5 NIV84**

I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.  
**2 Corinthians 11:2 NIV84**



# **The Wedding Imagery of Salvation**

A marriage, as God designed, is not a legal declaration but an intertwining of hearts, minds, and selves into a greater whole—  
it is a holy union.

**A HEALTHY, HOLY MARRIAGE REQUIRES  
HEALTHY, HOLY PEOPLE!**

# At-one-ment: A Wedding, Two Becoming One

“Jesus sent His angels to direct the minds of the **disappointed ones to the most holy place, where He had gone to cleanse the sanctuary** and make a **special atonement** for Israel. Jesus told the angels that **all who found Him would understand** the work which He was to perform. I saw that **while Jesus was in the most holy place He would be married to the New Jerusalem;** and after His work should be accomplished in the holiest, He would descend to the earth in kingly power and take to Himself the precious ones who had patiently waited His return.” *Early Writings, 251*



**WHO OR WHAT IS CHRIST'S BRIDE?**



# Who or What Is Christ's Bride?

“Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the **wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.** Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear. [Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.] Then the angel said to me, ‘Write: “Blessed are those who are invited to **the wedding supper of the Lamb!**”’” *Revelation 19:6–9 NIV84*

# Who or What Is Christ's Bride?

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I **saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from God, **prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband**. ... One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, ‘Come, **I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.**’ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and **showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from God. *Revelation 21:1, 2, 9, 10*

# The Most Holy Place & the New Jerusalem

- The MH was in the shape of a cube.
  - The MH was covered in gold.
  - The MH had three tribes encamped on each of its four sides.
  - The MH was lighted by the Shekinah.
  - Inside the MH was the covenant box, where the symbolic covenant of cleansing, uniting, was accomplished.
- The NJ is in the shape of a cube.
  - The NJ is paved in gold.
  - The NJ has three gates with names of the 12 tribes on each side.
  - The NJ is lighted by God's presence.
  - Inside the NJ are the saints in whom the real covenant of cleansing, uniting, has been accomplished.

# Symbolism of the Most Holy Place



# Symbolism of the Most Holy Place

Universe cleansed of sin and reconciled back to oneness with God



# Symbolism of the Most Holy Place

Universe cleansed of sin and  
reconciled back to oneness  
with God

Shekinah—God



# Symbolism of the Most Holy Place

Universe cleansed of sin and reconciled back to oneness with God

Shekinah—God

Angels—unfallen beings



# Symbolism of the Most Holy Place

Universe cleansed of sin and reconciled back to oneness with God

Shekinah—God

Angels—unfallen beings

Lid—solid gold, Jesus; in Romans 3 Paul uses the term to refer to Jesus





# Box Beneath the Lid



# Box Beneath the Lid

Porous wood covered in gold—sinful humans restored to unity with God.



# Box Beneath the Lid

Porous wood covered in gold—sinful humans restored to unity with God.

Wood symbolizes man—grown from the dirt of the earth as man was formed from the dirt of the earth.



# Box Beneath the Lid

Porous wood covered in gold—sinful humans restored to unity with God.

Wood symbolizes man—grown from the dirt of the earth as man was formed from the dirt of the earth.

To be part of the holy box, the wood had to be cut free of its roots, which tie to the earth, and covered in gold; we must also be cut free of our ties to this sinful earth and covered in the gold—righteousness of Christ.



# Box Beneath the Lid

Porous wood covered in gold—sinful humans restored to unity with God

It contained?



# Box Beneath the Lid

Porous wood covered in gold—sinful humans restored to unity with God

It contained?

Manna—Jesus



# Box Beneath the Lid

Porous wood covered in gold—sinful humans restored to unity with God

It contained?

Manna—Jesus

Ten Commandments—  
God's operating system



# Box Beneath the Lid

Porous wood covered in gold—  
sinful humans restored to unity with  
God

It contained?

Manna—Jesus

Ten Commandments—  
God's operating system

Aaron's rod—dead in sin brought to  
life; fruits of righteousness





# The Reality of Unity With God

**“I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.”** *Revelation 21:22*



# The Reality of Unity With God

“To 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.**” *Revelation 3:12*



# Points to Clarify

- What is the heavenly sanctuary?
- What contaminates it?
- What does it mean to cleanse it?
- What is atonement and how is it related to cleansing the sanctuary?
- **What are Christ's intercessions?**
- What are the records in heaven and the judgment taking place during this time?
- Why wait until 1844?

# Jesus Intercession

“Therefore he is able to **save completely** those who come to God through him, because **he always lives to intercede for them.**” *Hebrews 7:25 NIV84*

# Jesus Intercession

- Where does sin happen?

# Jesus Intercession

- Where does sin happen?
- Who is the accuser of the people?

# Jesus Intercession

- Where does sin happen?
- Who is the accuser of the people?
- Who listens to what Satan alleges?

# Jesus Intercession

- Where does sin happen?
- Who is the accuser of the people?
- Who listens to what Satan alleges?
- Then where or with whom is Jesus interceding?



# Jesus' Intercessions

**“As Satan accused Joshua and his people, so in all ages he accuses those who are seeking the mercy and favor of God. In the Revelation he is declared to be the ‘accuser of our brethren,’ ‘which accused them before our God day and night.’ The controversy is repeated over every soul that is rescued from the power of evil and whose name is registered in the Lamb's book of life. Never is one received from the family of Satan into the family of God without exciting the determined resistance of the wicked one. Satan’s accusations against those who seek the Lord are not prompted by displeasure at their sins. He exults in their defective characters. Only through their transgression of God's law can he obtain power over them. His accusations arise solely from his enmity to Christ. ...**

# Jesus' Intercessions

**“... Through the plan of salvation, Jesus is breaking Satan’s hold upon the human family and rescuing souls from his power. All the hatred and malignity of the archrebel is stirred as he beholds the evidence of Christ's supremacy, and with fiendish power and cunning he works to wrest from Him the remnant of the children of men who have accepted His salvation.”** *Testimonies, Vol. 5, 470.1*

# **Jesus' Intercessions**

**“He [Satan] leads men into skepticism, causing them to lose confidence in God and to separate from His love ...**

# Jesus' Intercessions

**“He [Satan] leads men into skepticism, causing them to lose confidence in God and to separate from His love; he tempts them to break His law, and then he claims them as his captives and contests the right of Christ to take them from him. He knows that those who seek God earnestly for pardon and grace will obtain it; therefore he presents their sins before *them to discourage them* ...**

# Jesus' Intercessions

“He [Satan] leads men into skepticism, causing them to lose confidence in God and to separate from His love; he tempts them to break His law, and then he claims them as his captives and contests the right of Christ to take them from him. **He knows that those who seek God earnestly for pardon and grace will obtain it; therefore he presents their sins before *them to discourage them*.** He [Satan] is constantly seeking occasion against those who are trying to obey God. **Even their best and most acceptable services he seeks to make appear corrupt ...**

# Jesus' Intercessions

“He [Satan] leads men into skepticism, causing them to lose confidence in God and to separate from His love; he tempts them to break His law, and then he claims them as his captives and contests the right of Christ to take them from him. **He knows that those who seek God earnestly for pardon and grace will obtain it; therefore he presents their sins before *them to discourage them*.** He [Satan] is constantly seeking occasion against those who are trying to obey God. **Even their best and most acceptable services he seeks to make appear corrupt. By countless devices, the most subtle and the most cruel, he [Satan] endeavors to secure their condemnation ...**

# Jesus' Intercessions

“He [Satan] leads men into skepticism, causing them to lose confidence in God and to separate from His love; he tempts them to break His law, and then he claims them as his captives and contests the right of Christ to take them from him. **He knows that those who seek God earnestly for pardon and grace will obtain it; therefore he presents their sins before *them to discourage them*.** He [Satan] is constantly seeking occasion against those who are trying to obey God. **Even their best and most acceptable services he seeks to make appear corrupt. By countless devices, the most subtle and the most cruel, he [Satan] endeavors to secure their condemnation. Man cannot meet these charges himself.** In his sin-stained garments, confessing his guilt, he stands before God ...

# Jesus' Intercessions

“... But Jesus our Advocate **presents an effectual plea in behalf of all who by repentance and faith have committed the keeping of their souls to Him. He pleads their cause and vanquishes their accuser by the mighty arguments of Calvary ...**



# Jesus' Intercessions

“... But Jesus our Advocate presents an effectual plea in behalf of all who by repentance and faith have committed the keeping of their souls to Him. He pleads their cause and vanquishes their accuser by the mighty arguments of Calvary. His perfect obedience to God's law, even unto the death of the cross, has given Him all power in heaven and in earth, and **He claims of His Father mercy and reconciliation for guilty man ...**

# Jesus' Intercessions

“... But Jesus our Advocate presents an effectual plea in behalf of all who by repentance and faith have committed the keeping of their souls to Him. He pleads their cause and vanquishes their accuser by the mighty arguments of Calvary. His perfect obedience to God’s law, even unto the death of the cross, has given Him all power in heaven and in earth, and He claims of His Father mercy and reconciliation for guilty man. To the accuser of His people He declares: **“The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan.** These are the purchase of My blood, brands plucked from the burning.”...

# Jesus' Intercessions

“... But Jesus our Advocate presents an effectual plea in behalf of all who by repentance and faith have committed the keeping of their souls to Him. He pleads their cause and vanquishes their accuser by the mighty arguments of Calvary. His perfect obedience to God’s law, even unto the death of the cross, has given Him all power in heaven and in earth, and He claims of His Father mercy and reconciliation for guilty man. To the accuser of His people He declares: **“The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan. These are the purchase of My blood, brands plucked from the burning.’ Those who rely upon Him in faith receive the comforting assurance: ‘Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.’”** Testimonies, Vol. 5, 470.2

# Jesus' Intercessions

“The fact that the acknowledged people of God are represented as standing before the Lord in filthy garments **should lead to humility and deep searching of heart on the part of all who profess His name. Those who are indeed purifying their souls by obeying the truth will have a most humble opinion of themselves ...**

# Jesus' Intercessions

“The fact that the acknowledged people of God are represented as standing before the Lord in filthy garments **should lead to humility and deep searching of heart on the part of all who profess His name. Those who are indeed purifying their souls by obeying the truth will have a most humble opinion of themselves.** The more closely they view the spotless character of Christ, the stronger will be their desire to be conformed to His image, and the less will they see of purity or holiness in themselves. But while we should realize our sinful condition, we are to rely upon Christ as our righteousness, our sanctification, and our redemption. **We cannot answer the charges of Satan against us. Christ alone can make an effectual plea in our behalf. He is able to silence the accuser with arguments founded not upon our merits, but on His own.”**

Testimonies, Vol. 5, 471.1

# Points to Clarify

- What is the heavenly sanctuary?
- What contaminates it?
- What does it mean to cleanse it?
- What is atonement and how is it related to cleansing the sanctuary?
- What are Christ's intercessions?
- **What are the records in heaven and the judgment taking place during this time?**
- Why wait until 1844?

**WHAT ARE THE “RECORDS” IN HEAVEN?**

**PARCHMENTS? BOOKS?**

**DATA RECORDINGS?**

# What Is Recorded in the Heavenly Books?

But you have come to **Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God**. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose **names are written in heaven**.

Hebrews 12:22, 23 NIV84

Nothing impure will ever enter it [New Jerusalem], nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose **names are written in the Lamb's book of life**.

Revelation 21:27 NIV84



# What Is Recorded in the Heavenly Books?

At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose **name** is found **written in the book**—will be delivered. [Daniel 12:1](#)

He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his **name** from the **book of life**, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels. [Revelation 3:5](#)

IN SCRIPTURE, WHAT DOES  
A “NAME” SYMBOLIZE?

**CHARACTER**

## The founder of the SDA Church wrote:

“Remember, your **character** is being daguerreotyped [photographed] by the great Master Artist **in the record books** of heaven, as minutely as the face is reproduced upon the polished plate of the artist. What do the books of heaven say in your case? Are you conforming your **character** to the Pattern, Jesus Christ? Are you washing your robes of character and making them white in the blood of the Lamb?”

Letters and Manuscript Releases, Vol. 5, Letter 51

## **The founder of the SDA Church wrote:**

**“Remember that this world is God’s daguerreotype [photograph] office. The pictures of all who live here, old or young, are being made in the books of heaven. What shall the likeness be?”** Letter 78, 1901, 3MR 352

# What Is the Cleansing of the Sanctuary?

The final removal of all the defects from the characters of the people who have trusted Jesus.

It is the sealing, the settling, both intellectually and spiritually, of the saints into eternal loyalty to God so that nothing will shake them from it—the wedding, uniting, bonding of hearts to Jesus make us a pure people at-one with Him!

# What Is the Judgment?

There are four judgments in Scripture. The first two apply to the cleansing of the sanctuary. The last two come after and won't be discussed in this presentation.

# First Judgment

- Satan lied about God.
- Jesus reveals the truth about God.
- We must judge: Is God like Satan says— or is God like Jesus revealed?
- This judgment of ours determines whether we choose to trust God and open our hearts or not.
- “Let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: ‘That You may be justified in Your words, And may overcome when You are judged.’” **Romans 3:4 NKJV**

# Second Judgment

God's diagnostic and therapeutic judgments to deal with the sin problem and bring the promised Messiah of Genesis 3:15.



# Second Judgment

God's diagnostic and therapeutic judgments to deal with the sin problem and bring the promised Messiah of Genesis 3:15.

Examine me, O God, and know my mind; test me, and discover my thoughts. Find out if there is any evil in me and guide me in the everlasting way. *Psalm 139:23, 24 GNT*

## Second Judgment

“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. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years. **‘So I will come near to you for judgment.’**” *Malachi 3:1–5*

# Second Judgment

- This is the Judgment of the Great Physician, diagnosing what is wrong and determining the best therapeutic intervention.
  - God bringing “judgments” upon rebellious people throughout history to alert, to convict, to redeem, to protect, to redirect, and to keep open the avenue for Messiah (Flood, Sodom, captivity).
- Jesus’ work in the heavenly sanctuary to identify (judge):
  - Who has trusted Him and given Him access to their hearts.
  - What residual elements of sin remain to be removed in order to perfect them for the resurrection and Second Coming.

# Points to Clarify

- What is the heavenly sanctuary?
- What contaminates it?
- What does it mean to cleanse it?
- What is atonement and how is it related to cleansing the sanctuary?
- What are Christ's intercessions?
- What are the records in heaven and the judgment taking place during this time?
- **Why wait until 1844?**

**BECAUSE OF HOW REALITY WORKS!**

# Because of How Reality Works!

“For though we live in the world, we do not **wage war** as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish **arguments** and every **pretension** that sets itself up against the **knowledge of God**, and we take captive every **thought** to make it obedient to Christ.” [2 Corinthians 10:3–5](#)

# What Kind of War?

“I beheld, and the same horn **made war** with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days came, and **judgment was given** to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.” *Daniel 7:21, 22 KJV*

# Paul Describes the Little Horn Power

“Don’t let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the **man of lawlessness** is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he **sets himself up in God’s temple, proclaiming himself to be God.**” [2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4](#)



# What Temple?

## The Spirit Temple!

### How did Satan “set himself up” in God’s temple?

- By changing how we view God’s law—from design to imposed. **Daniel 7:25**
- And by presenting God as a dictator, cosmic executioner, the source of punishment and death.
- Thus, the world goes into an age of darkness.
- And God’s ability to cleanse His people is obstructed.

IF THE SPIRIT TEMPLE  
IS THE ONE DEFILED,  
**HOW IS IT CLEANSED?**

# Jesus Cleanses Us!

“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.” *Malachi 3:1–3*

# The Heavenly Temple

“I did not see a **temple** in the city,  
because **the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.**”

Revelation 21:22 NIV84

# Summary

- What is the heavenly sanctuary?
  - The unity built by God out of living beings
- What contaminates it?
  - Lies about God and our own sinfulness
- What does it mean to cleanse it?
  - To remove the lies and the fear and selfishness and restore trust in Jesus, His character, love, truth, freedom, holiness, and righteousness, so that we become the righteousness of God.

# Summary

- What is atonement—and how is it related to cleansing the sanctuary?
  - Bringing us into at-one-ment with God, the wedding of Christ to His bride, when we are sealed and settled so that nothing can move us from our loyalty to Him
- What are Christ's intercessions within the sanctuary?
  - His pleas to you and me to trust Him and let Him heal us, His actions to intervene with Satan, lies, distortions, our guilt, shame, and anything else that separates us from Him to win us back to love and trust and purify us.

# Summary

- What are the records in heaven and the judgment taking place during this time?
  - The accurate transcript of every individual, who we actually are in heart, mind, character, and our judgments, to trust Jesus and His' therapeutic judgments to heal and cleanse.
- Why wait until 1844?
  - Because God wins only with His methods, truth, love, freedom—and it wasn't until that time in history that the truth, the Bible, was available to cleanse our minds of the lies.