

Daniel



Lesson 14-The Sanctuary and the Judgment

Focus: Dan.7:9-14

- ❖ **The Bible tells us about a Sanctuary (or Temple) which the Jewish people used (in various forms) for about 1500 years!** This Sanctuary taught about God's plan of Salvation through Jesus Christ! Let's notice about it together, and discover how it holds meaning for our lives today!
 - **What did God command Moses to do? (Exodus 25:8,9)** –the pattern that God gave for this temple was very specific. It held great meaning for us today!
 - **The book of Hebrews gives us a summary of what this Sanctuary looked like (Hebrews 9:1-5). Verses 6 and 7 (Heb.9) tell us about the two primary services done there.**
 - **The LAMB represented Jesus (John 1:29). The HIGH PRIEST also represented Jesus (Hebrews 8:1,2,4,5).** We, people, were separated from God because of sin. Sin is terrible and it brings death to all. Jesus is the only one who can restore us to the Holy God, by his own blood which He shed for us. By our sins, we have broken God's Law which was contained in the Most Holy Place of the Sanctuary...where God's presence dwells. Only Jesus' blood can atone (bring forgiveness) for that sin. The Courtyard of the Sanctuary represented what God would do as His work on earth. The Holy and Most Holy Places represented the work of Jesus in Heaven, for his people's sake.
 - **Notice what happened on the Day of Atonement in Israel (Leviticus 16:1,2,15,16, 18,19,29,30).** On this day the High priest came in before the presence of God the Father. This day was thought of as a Judgment day in ancient Israel. It was **a day of "cleansing" the Sanctuary, the Altar, and the people of all sin that had been laid up symbolically there throughout the year.** After this service, everything was completed for the year's services! The people confessed their sins and made sure their heart was right w/God.
- ❖ **How does the Bible describe God's Heavenly Judgment? (Daniel 7:9,10,13,14)**
 - Jesus is brought in before the Father (Just like on the ancient day of Atonement, the day of cleansing the Sanctuary) (v.13)
 - The **angel's are all gathered around (v.10).** **Revelation 5:11** tells us those great numbers of beings here are actually the angel's of God. **Jesus describes this scene also in Revelation 3:5.**
 - It is an **"investigative Judgment"** too because we can see they are investigating the **books, "...and the books were opened"** (v.10). Any Judgment generally always has three parts: INVESTIGATION, VERDICT, AND PAYING OUT THE REWARDS (sentencing is carried out). The Bible describes here the investigation. The last two are described in **Revelation 22:11,12.** Revelation tells us this Heavenly Judgment occurs during the last days of earth's history, just before Jesus comes (Revelation 14:6,7, 14), **"...the hour of His judgment HAS come!"**
- ❖ **Daniel 7 gives us the approximate timing for this Heavenly Judgment to start** (chapter 8 gives more detail on when it should start). The sequence of Daniel 7 goes...Little Horn, Heavenly

Judgment, God's Kingdom (Second Coming of Jesus). Three times that sequence is repeated (Daniel 7:8-10,14,21,22,25-27). *The Judgment must start some time after the 1260-year reign of the little horn power of Daniel 7. **This would be some time in history after 1798 AD.***

- ❖ **So what about those record Books in the Heavenly Judgment? And HOW can I be sure that my soul will be saved?** *(Keep in mind, the Lord is not trying to shut people out of heaven...NO, He wants us all to be there. It is "...in favor of the saints..." (Dan. 7:21).*
 - **The Book of Life** (Our name goes into this as we truly receive Jesus Christ and choose to be baptized) (**Revelation 3:5**). *If we aren't overcoming sin, it is possible that our names could be blotted out, Jesus says.*
 - **The Record of our sinful deeds (Ecclesiastes 12:13,14)** *(by the way, God's holy standard of righteousness is His Ten Commandment Law, by which we will be Judged—James 2:12. "...All will stand before the judgment seat of Christ..."-Romans 14:10; 2 Cor. 5:10. "Judgment must begin at the house of the Lord..." -1 Peter 4:17. Jesus says, even "...every idle word"-Matthew 12:36 will be brought into Judgment).*
 - **The Record of our good deeds (Eccl. 12:14)**. *These cannot save us either because they are "...like filthy rags" the Bible tells us (Isaiah 64:6). Christ's righteousness must cover our nakedness before God (Jeremiah 23:6; Ephesians 2:8,9).*
 - **How can we be forgiven our sins, and sure that our names will remain in the book of life?** *By confessing, repenting, and forsaking of our sins, the Bible tells us that Jesus fully cleanses us from our sins (1 John 1:9; Proverbs 28:13). The sins are blotted out, the good works (which are not so good) are covered by Christ's perfect righteousness, and our name remains in the book of life!*
- ❖ **A few last thoughts and questions:**
 - *God the Father (and even Jesus) are **the Judge** (John 5:22; Rev. 3:5). Jesus is our one and only **Lawyer** (1 John 2:1,2; 1 Timothy 2:5). The Devil is our accuser (Revelation 12:10). The angels are the jury (Rev. 3:5).*
 - **Doesn't God already know who's saved or lost before having a judgment?** *Yes. He knows everything (Hebrews 4:13). Then, **why does He need to have a judgment? Who is it for?** This judgment is presented "...before His angels" (Rev. 3:5). It is especially for their sake and for God's vindication. The angels deeply care about who is saved and lost. They love our souls too (ref. Luke 15:10). Many who claim to follow Jesus will not be in heaven, most unfortunately, Jesus tells us (Matthew 7:21-23), because they did not follow God's will. God will be declared fully "just" (Rev. 15:4) as this judgment is revealed to all. The Devil has accused God of not being just or fair. Satan started a war in heaven by confusing some of the angels about who God is (Rev. 12:7). Now, all will know; "God is just!"*

Question (s) for the Heart:

Would you like to have Jesus cleanse away all your sins in the Judgment? _____