

Treasures of the Sanctuary—Lesson 14—“Jesus Christ in the Heavenly Sanctuary”

OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS/TALK:

1. Did you ever have a coloring book when you were little? Did you always color carefully within the lines? How does that make the end result look?
2. When you've had heavy burdens on your heart, who could you always talk to about it? Did it help to talk about things?

READING AND STUDY QUESTIONS:

1. In the Sanctuary system, how would a priest be prepared for his ministry work? (Exodus 40:12, 13)
(Note: in the courtyard, he was _____ with water, then _____ with oil. After this, the first Sacrifices could be made.)
2. Jesus is our high priest today. Did anything like this happen to him? (Luke 3:21,22; 4:18; Acts 10:38)
 - a. *Three and a half years after this, Jesus was offered as the Lamb (See John 1:29)*
3. The next step, after the Lamb was offered was to bring the blood into the Sanctuary. Did this happen?
 - a. Let's go to Revelation 4 and 5. These chapters give us a glimpse inside the Heavenly Sanctuary.
 - b. What did the Apostle John see in the vision of Revelation 4? (Revelation 4:2-5). *(Note: the imagery of the Sanctuary is used to describe these heavenly realities—This is the Holy Place of the Sanctuary)*
 - c. What kind of a song did they sing in chapter 4:11? Why was God worthy?
 - d. What did John see happening in chapter 5? (Rev. 5:1-4, **5,6**, 7-12) *(note: the slain Lamb who wasn't there a minute before is now there. The blood of this Lamb is being presented before God in the Heavenly Holy Place for the redemption of all mankind)*
 - e. What is the new song that they sang? (Rev. 5:9)
4. From the scene of Revelation 5 starts the 7 Seals of Revelation (chapters 6 & 7). They tell the history of the Church from the 1st Century to the Second Coming of Christ.
5. Just as the 7 Trumpets of Revelation are about to start (which begin at the same time as the 7 Seals), John sees something amazing. What is it? (Revelation 8:2-4)
 - a. Does it sound to you like this “angel” or “messenger” is starting a new work?

- b. Is this still in the Holy Place? What is pictured there?
 - c. Where does he get the incense from? (Compare w/Rev. 5:8)
 - d. So, who presents the prayers of the saints before God? Who is our only mediator? (See 1 Timothy 2:5) *(Note: the Bible teaches we are not to pray to any dead people or to confess our sins to any earthly priests.)*
 - i. Sins were to be placed on the head of the Lamb—DIRECTLY from the sinner to the Lamb. Jesus is that Lamb. Jesus is also the Priest who presents our prayers before the Father by the merit [value, quality] of His blood. *(it is NOT by the virgin Mary's help or any other. They have NO part in this!!)*
6. When the angel begins this Heavenly work, what does he do? (Rev. 8:5)
- a. What did Jesus promise his disciples just before He left to come to Heaven? (John 16:7)
 - b. How did Jesus fulfill this promise? (Acts 1:7,8; **2:1-4**)
 - c. *Note: Jesus was beginning His work as our High Priest and Heavenly mediator the same day that His church on earth was starting with the outpouring of the power of the Holy Spirit! This was the day of Pentecost. It happened in AD 31 (year he died on the cross).*
 - d. *Note: this event began the sequence of the 7 Trumpets (ref. Rev. 8:6) which cover history to the coming of Christ.*
7. At the end of the 7 Trumpets, what work does Jesus do for us? (Revelation 11:15,16, **19**) What part of the Sanctuary is this in? *(you can also see Rev. 10:7)*
- a. This work closes all of Salvation history!! We're living in this hour right now!!

HEART QUESTION(S):

1. Can you see the work of Christ clearly revealed in His Sanctuary? _____ Can you see that we are very near to the end of Jesus Christ's work to save us? _____
2. Do you want to commit your life fully to Jesus Christ—to serve and obey Him always, and to be cleansed from all your sins by His blood? _____

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