



The Yearly Feasts of the Ancient Hebrew Sanctuary

Fall Ceremonies 2

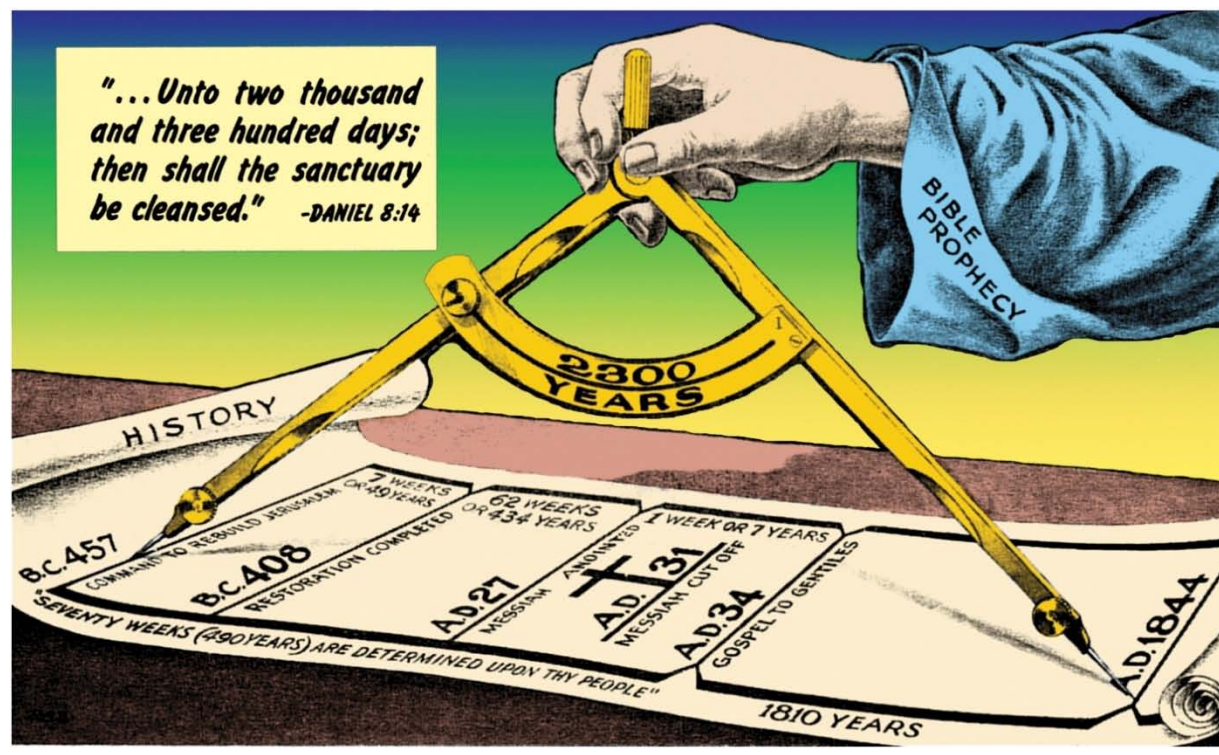
Prophetic Meaning of the Day of Atonement



THE DAY OF ATONEMENT: Prophetic meaning FULFILLMENT:

"Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come:"

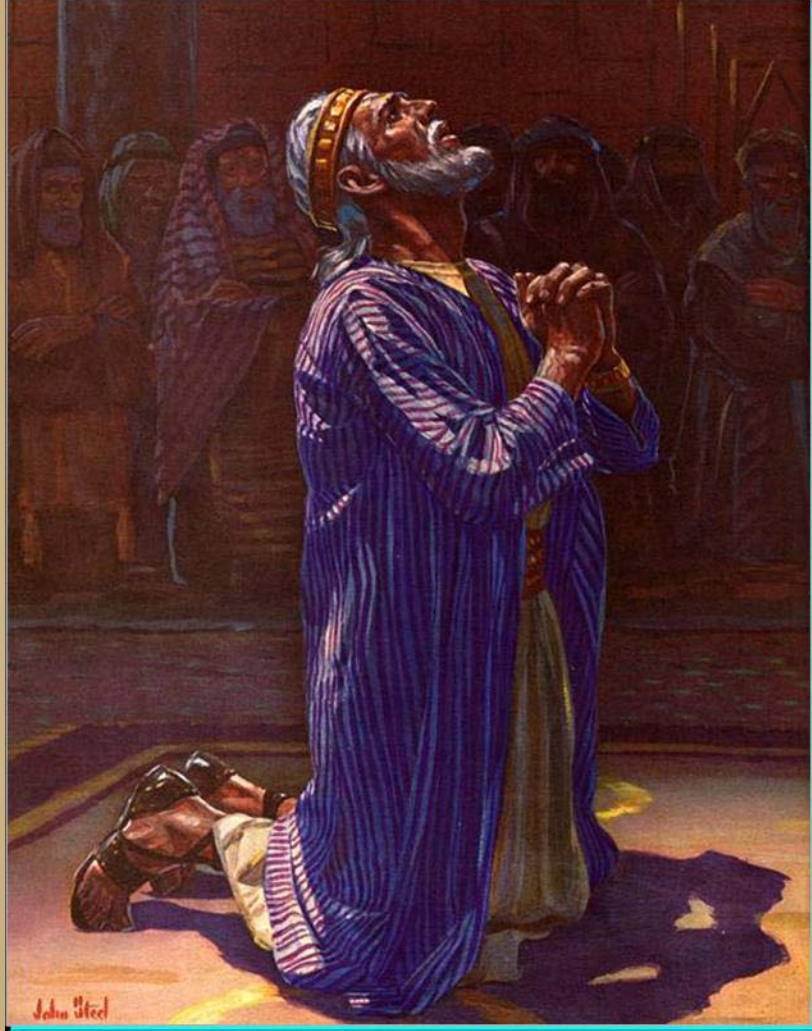
Revelation 14: 7



The 2300 day/year Time Prophecy of Daniel 8 and 9 was God's way of telling us the progress of things in the Plan of Salvation and when the time of the Judgment would begin. When Jesus returned to heaven after His death and resurrection, He served as our High Priest, interceding before God and His Law. Not with the blood of animals, as was used in the symbols here on earth, but His own perfect life and blood of His sacrifice.



As the sinner comes in prayer before God to repent and confess his sins, Jesus presents those prayers to the Father covered with His blood that paid the penalty of the broken Law and the incense of His perfect, sinless Life.



But at the end of the 2300 days, (prophetic years) in 1844, on the anti-typical Day of Atonement, Jesus begins the work of 'Cleansing the Heavenly Sanctuary'. All through the history of man, the sins have been recorded in the Heavenly Sanctuary. When we are forgiven, the Blood of Christ is applied to cover those sins; BUT THEY ARE STILL ON THE RECORDS!



"Why?" You say, "I thought they just disappear? Doesn't the Bible say God will cast them into the depth of the sea?"

Yes, but this is done **AFTER** the final examining of the records in Heaven. Because all our acts have continuing effects down through the ages the record of them must be kept until the final reckoning. The person is not present at this court in person, but the records of his life are examined.

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Sin doesn't just disappear, **Someone has to pay for that sin.** In the Sanctuary service it is clear that sin doesn't just vanish. All year long the sins of the people were symbolically transferred to the Sanctuary. Then the Day of Atonement service showed how the sins were finally disposed of.

The 'Lord's goat' represented the innocent Savior, whose blood became the means to remove the sin from the people by paying the penalty of the broken Law of God, for sins confessed, repented of and forsaken.



At the time when The High Priest takes that blood out of the sanctuary, symbolically carrying the sins out of the sanctuary, it represents the removal of sin's records, and the memory of sin, from our minds and our hearts. The High Priest would leave the sanctuary, leave the glory; the incense burner would continue to build up smoke, representing that throughout this period of time Jesus, is still mediating for us.

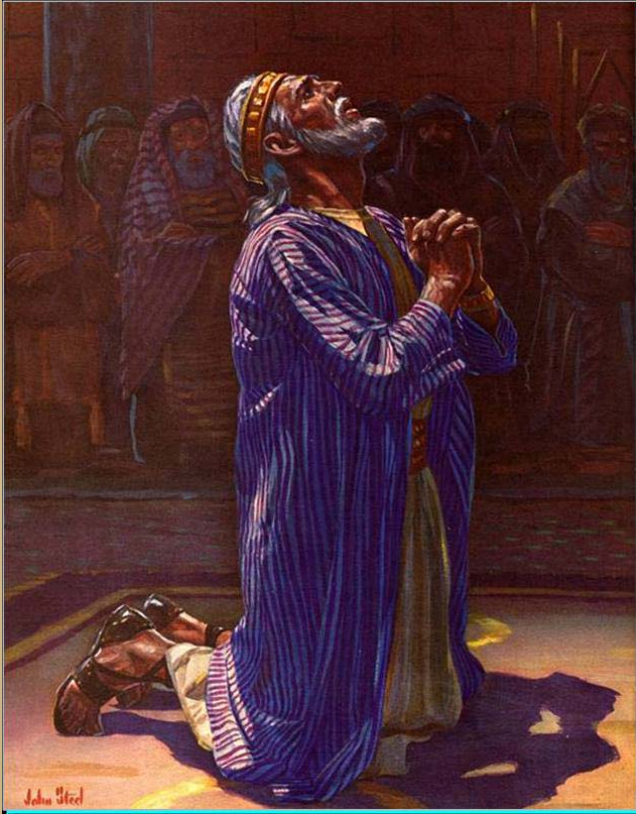


These feasts are perfectly fulfilled with Christ as our Priest in the heavenly sanctuary. This indicates that at the end of this world's history; in the very time in which you and I live; Christ is finishing up His work in the heavenly sanctuary. Before He comes, every one of us is to co-operate with Him in the work of putting away all sin from our lives; bringing them to the Savior, so that in the near future He can obliterate those sins and our lives will remain eternally clean.



But if He ends His work, friend, while you have unconfessed and unforsaken sins still in your life and you have not by faith placed them on the Lamb of God, and that work comes to an end forever; you will bear your sins forever. You will perish in the great destruction coming at the end of time. Just as those who failed to afflict their souls and repent of all sin in the time before that Great Day of Atonement in Israel were considered cut off, and no longer part of God's people.

The Day of Atonement



This is the time we live in, and this work has been going on in Heaven since 1844! Just like those people back there in the time of the earthly sanctuary, today we have to carry out a similar work. As these people gathered around on this Day of Judgment, or Day of Atonement, they fasted and prayed.

The Day of Atonement

One thing they did is took off all their jewelry, and they dressed modestly and humbly in the presence of God. They believed they were coming right into God's presence to receive their final judgment. We are in that day today. We are living just before the coming of Christ.

Revelation chapter 14 says that John saw an angel preaching the everlasting gospel to all them that dwell upon the earth, to return to proper worship of God, for the hour of His **Judgment is come**.



Today we are to take all of our jewelry off.

Today we are to dress humbly before God, not to gather attention to ourselves, today we are to take the Spirit of Christ into our lives.

Today we are to fast and pray. We are to live a healthful life, to eat that which is right, to keep our minds clear so we can afflict our souls, stay close to Jesus, and keep our mind pure, and our words pure, just as they did back then anciently.



I know some people are uncomfortable with it, but you cannot find another meaning in this sanctuary service!. This is exactly what it represents. Jesus took those sins upon Himself. He bore them. He suffered for them. He shed His blood and paid the penalty for the broken Law of God.



Jesus death was not to 'do away with the LAW'—that LAW is as enduring as the throne of God Himself! Jesus was the LAW lived out in human flesh.

His BLOOD—pays the penalty of the broken law;
His Sinless LIFE—provides the Power to overcome sin by Faith in the indwelling Christ.



What about the second goat; Azazel, the scapegoat? When the books are examined, each person who has truly repented of their sins and accepted the Savior as their only hope, and **HAVE ALLOWED JESUS TO REMOVE SIN FROM THEIR LIVES**; co-operating with His mighty power, placing His perfect life into their characters in place of their fallen, sinful ways; then when the sins of the people of God are removed forever from the people and the Sanctuary, those sins will be placed on the head of the father of sin, Satan, and he will have to suffer for them because he is responsible for them.



Jesus died so that He would have the privilege of bearing sin away from us, and taking them and putting it back on Satan where it originated. It's Jesus that is our Sin Bearer and our Redeemer; but Satan is going to pay eventually for all those sins that were confessed, because he is the source of them.



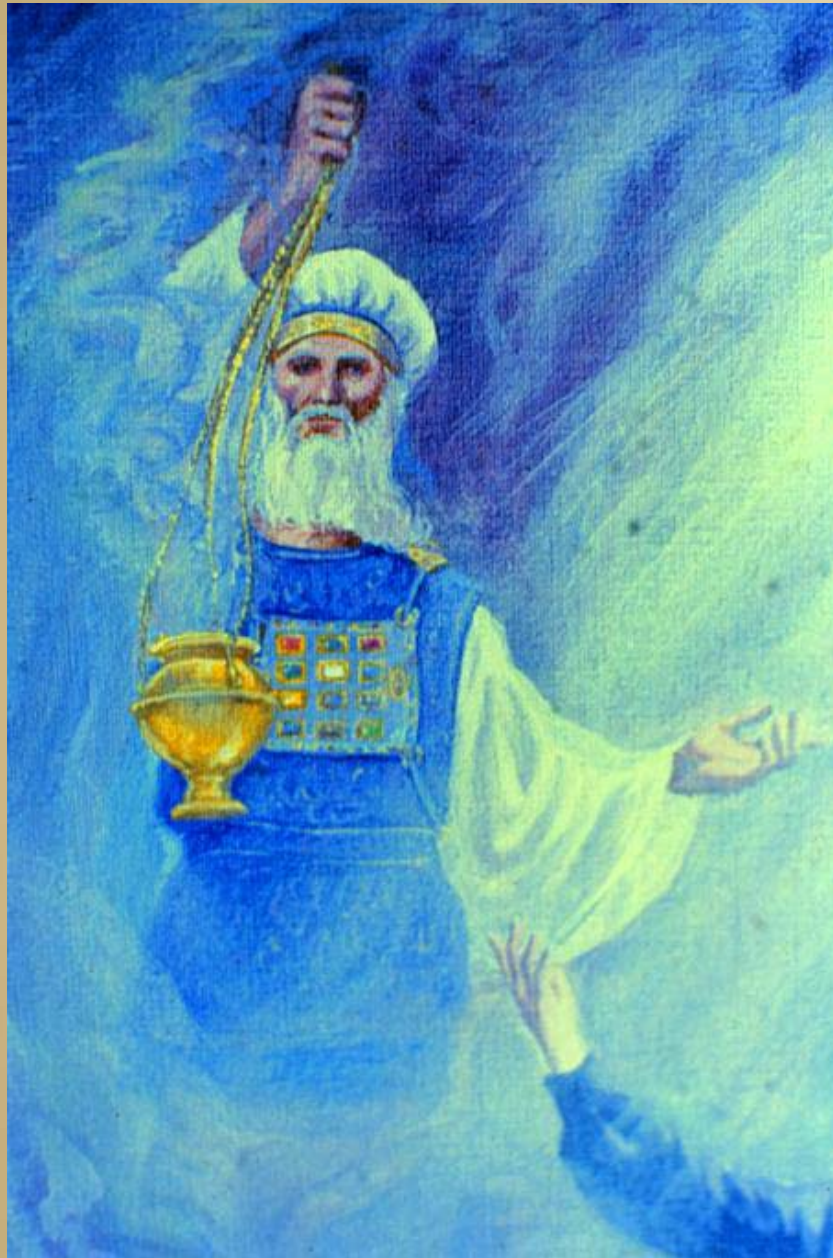
You cannot fully understand what this represents unless you know the sanctuary, and then go to Revelation chapter 20. There it tells about that old serpent the devil and Satan, and a magnificent angel coming down from heaven, and binding Satan with a great chain in what is called a bottomless pit.



This symbolizes the desolation and emptiness of this earth when it is destroyed when Jesus returns and takes His people to Heaven. The wicked people will be slain by the brightness of the Lord in all His glory.



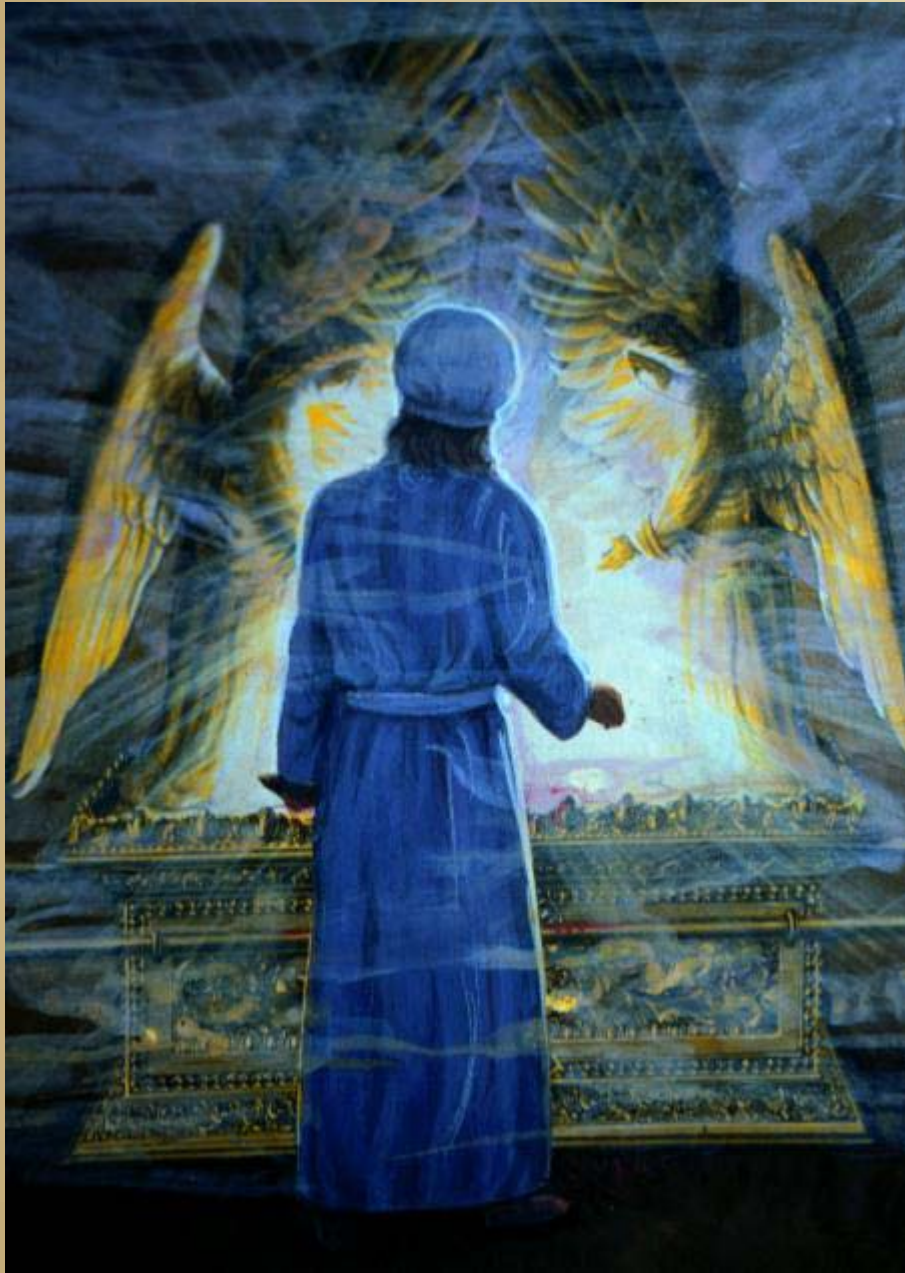
No human will be left alive on this earth. Satan will be bound here 1,000 years, bearing those sins, and looking at the destruction he has caused. Eventually, in the judgment of the wicked, after the 1,000 years, he will be destroyed in the lake of fire that purifies this earth. No human ever needed to die in that lake of fire—it was meant only for the devils. The Plan of Salvation is fully able to save the worst sinner that ever lived. But multitudes will perish there; why? because they choose Satan's ways, love their sinful pleasures, and refuse to allow Jesus to save them FROM their sins. They will perish with the leader they chose to obey.



The high priest went back into the sanctuary, got the blood and poured it out at the foot of the altar. Then, when he went in and got that incense burner, and brought it out of the sanctuary, from before the Ark of the Covenant, into the court, it represented the end of mediation forever.



In Revelation chapter 8, you see an angel with a golden girdle and a long gown that represents Jesus Christ. He is standing before the golden altar, offering up incense. Then he adds fire to that censer, and throws it to the earth. That's a perfect representation of what happens in the sanctuary, representing the end of probation. John actually saw in vision Jesus ending probation, and the terrible plagues taking place on this earth after that happened.



Before that happens, God is going to seal His people with His character forever. He is going to blot out the memory of their confessed sins, and he is going to prepare them for the hour of suffering that lies ahead, and then give them eternal life at His coming. All these things are represented in the beautiful Day of Atonement service.



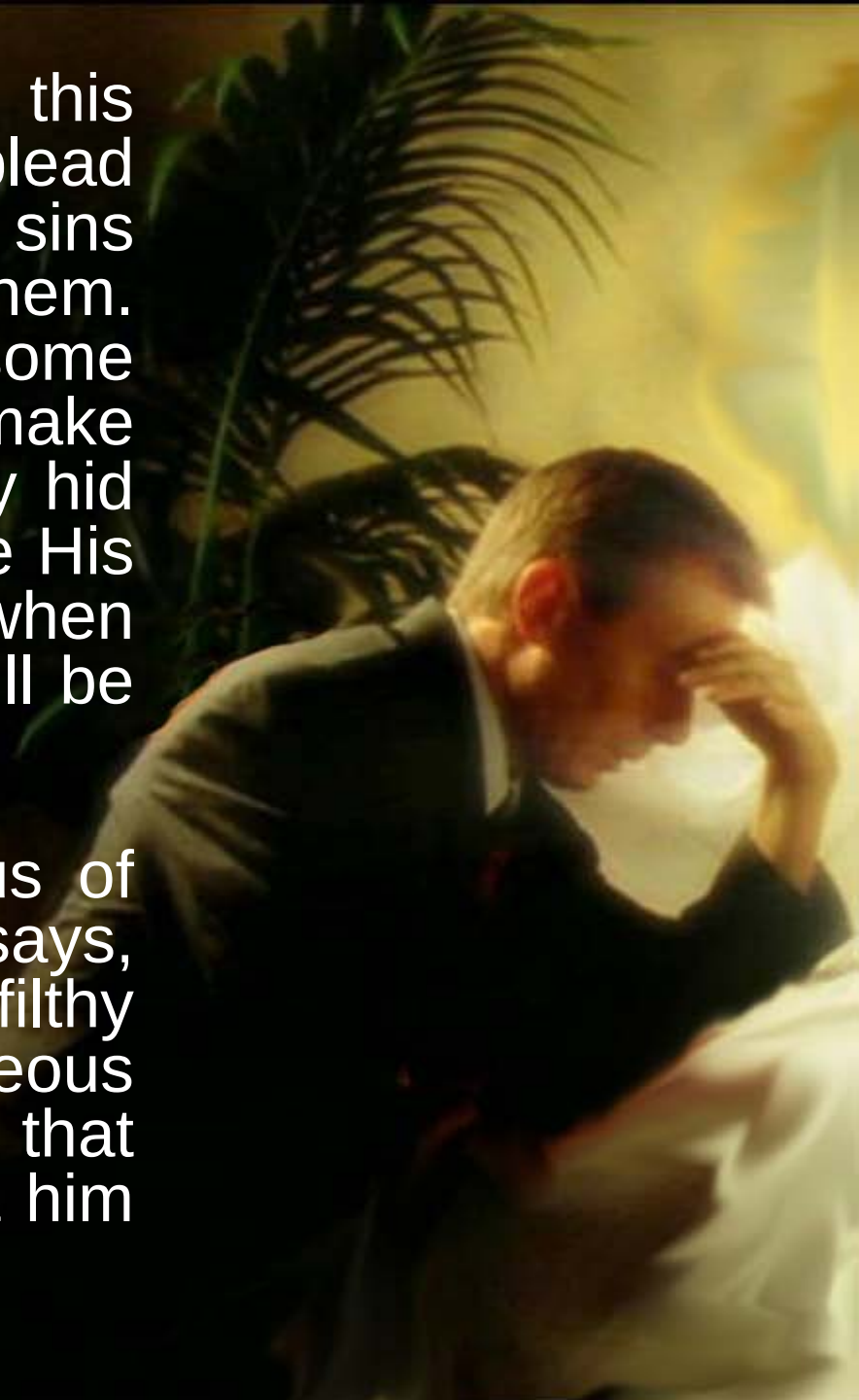
Oh, that people would study this subject more, so they could understand how much Jesus means to us now as we approach the end of time! We need to come into Him by faith. We need to pray for the outpouring of His Holy Spirit that our sins may be blotted out and we will be sealed by God for all eternity.



This is a wonderful privilege that you and I have today with this knowledge, to come right in boldly, through faith, into the Most Holy Place, where Jesus Christ is still interceding for sinners, claiming only the merits of that Great Atonement—His sinless Life and His shed Blood.

Now, before the close of this earth's probation, we must plead with Him and confess our sins before Him. Confess all of them. Don't cherish any of them like some precious keepsake. Each day make sure that your life is completely hid in Jesus Christ, and let Him live His pure life in you. Then soon, when He blots out those sins, you will be left pure for all eternity.

If you don't, Revelation tells us of that awful moment when God says, Let him that is filthy remain filthy still. Let him that is unrighteous remain unrighteous still, but he that is pure, he that is righteous, let him remain righteous still.





God, at some point in time, is going to end this terrible suffering and death in this world. He is going to separate those who will not confess or forsake sin, from those who have confessed their sins and allowed Jesus to remove them. Those who have confessed will receive eternal life, and those others will be lost forever.



Friends, don't let that hour sneak up on you. The Bible says, He will come as a thief in the night. I would just urge each one of you to take the time to study out this subject.

This is what the Sanctuary service and the prophecies of the books of Daniel and Revelation are all about. Come to Jesus before it's forever too late. Give your life to Him. Accept Him as your High Priest and your Savior.

The Feast of Tabernacles

LOOKING BACK: Thanksgiving Day

This feast; the final one in the ceremonial year; was in remembrance of the years Israel had lived in the wilderness. It was a time of rejoicing and remembering and recounting the goodness of God to them. It was also when the harvest was completed and they praised God for their many blessings.

The people built little booths of fresh tree branches in the streets and on the rooftops and slept out in them under the starry heavens.

The Feast of Tabernacles

This week of fellowship provided both time and opportunity for God's faithful ones to acknowledge that all their blessings had come from the hand of their bountiful heavenly Father. The Israelites felt joy that their crops were safely gathered in, the oil pressed from olives, the grapes dried or crushed to yield their treasure, and the work of orchard and field completed for another season.

It was God's design that at this time the people should reflect on His goodness and mercy. (Deut 16:13-17). The worshipers assembled at the Sanctuary in holiday mood, prepared to present their songs of praise and their free-will offerings to God in love and gratitude for all His bounties (Lev 23:34-36).

LOOKING FORWARD: The Feast of Tabernacles in our Father's house:

The last feast pointed forward to the time when God would deliver His people forever, and they would enter into the New Jerusalem, and live forever, and ever, and ever under God's care.



One day the ransomed hosts will journey across the Universe to attend the Feast of the Father's Harvest Home. They will then dwell in the New Jerusalem, not in temporary huts of leaves tinged with decay, but in the Father's mansions made especially for them (John 14:1-3), rejoicing, not in the flickering light of lamps of clay with flaxen wicks soon to be consumed, but in the serene radiance of the Lamb, the eternal Light of that place (Rev 21:23).





And there they will drink satisfying draughts, not from the spring of Siloam, breaking from the dark bosom of the unfeeling rock, but from the ever-flowing river of life, eternally springing from the throne of God (Rev 22:1, 2).



There they will listen, not to mortal Levite choirs, but the immortal songs of the redeemed "kings and priests," gathered from every nation on earth, from every age, singing and making melody to God. To them the Father now calls, "Come, ye blessed. . . ."



We must not allow any earthly advantage or indulgence to cause us to fail to be there on that day!

NOW is the time of Salvation! NOW while the incense of Christ's intercession still pleads in the Heavenly Sanctuary. Seek Peace with God, through Christ.