

Everlasting Gospel Bible Studies

Lesson 18

THE ERADICATION OF SIN



A. THE EARTHLY SANCTUARY CLEANSED

1. What was accomplished in the yearly atonement? Leviticus 16:34

NOTE: Sins, confessed and repented, were forgiven all through the year, but a record of them remained in the sanctuary. The sanctuary was cleansed of them yearly, that the people might have hope that their sins would be blotted out forever.

2. What symbols did God give us to demonstrate the realities of the cleansing of the sanctuary? Leviticus 16:7-8

NOTE: The symbols were the lives of animals, representing lives of people, the life being represented by the blood. Leviticus 17:14. Notice that no sin was laid to the Lord's goat.

3. What became of the Lord's goat? Leviticus 16.9

NOTE: The sinless blood of the Lord's goat covered the sin-laden blood of all the congregation. The sinless life of God's Son covers all the sins confessed and forsaken by His people.

4. What was the sinless blood able to accomplish? Leviticus 16.16



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NOTE: The sinless blood of the sacrifice made atonement for the holy place; that is to say, it made the throne room of God, the most holy place of the universe, a place where the forgiven sinner can be at one with his Maker.

- 5. What became of the sins symbolically removed from the sanctuary? Leviticus 16:21-22**

NOTE: The high priest's ministry was to cleanse the sanctuary of all record of sin. His final action in the sanctuary was to transfer the confessed and forsaken sins to the scapegoat (representing Satan), and banish him from the camp. The sins were blotted from the memory of God and all His created beings. God will not tolerate even the memory of sin in heaven. Hebrews 8:12

B. THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY CLEANSED

- 6. Why is it important for us to study and understand the earthly sanctuary? Hebrews 8:5**

NOTE: Christ our High Priest ministers for us in the heavenly sanctuary, of which the earthly was a model or shadow.

- 7. Where is Jesus ministering for us now?**
Hebrews 8:1-2; Hebrews 4:14-16

NOTE: Just as in type the sins of the children of Israel were placed in the earthly sanctuary when they were forgiven, so in reality our sins are placed in the heavenly sanctuary when we confess them.

- 8. In Lesson 13 we studied the heavenly sanctuary. What was the**

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20. What is the reward to those who remain faithful to Jesus to the end? Revelation 2:14

NOTE: Our love for Jesus must be strong enough to carry us through any tribulation, so that faithfulness to Him is more important than life itself. The crown of life represents eternal life (Revelation 2:11) and victory (1 Corinthians 9:24-25).

21. What is the counsel that God gives to those who are striving to remain faithful? Revelation 3:11

SUMMARY

We are living in the Day of Atonement. Just as did Israel, we must search our hearts and confess all our sins, pleading with God to deliver us from temptation. At the same time, we must look to Jesus for strength to remain true and faithful, living up to all the light we have so that God can work a complete reformation in our life. Only thus will we be able to have our sins blotted out when Jesus completes His work of atonement in our behalf. Thus our sins will be borne away never more to be remembered by God or man, What a wonderful and loving God we serve!

PERSONAL COMMITMENT

Today I ask God to supply me with His power to repent of, and to forsake my sins. I am willing to forsake all sin as it is revealed to me, knowing that I can depend upon Christ for His sustaining power.

Signed: _____

time for it to be cleansed? Daniel 8:14

Comment Just as the old sanctuary was cleansed, so must the heavenly sanctuary be cleansed. The sins recorded there must be blotted out, thus cleansing the sanctuary. The 2300 days of Daniel 8:14 started in 457 B.C. at the command to rebuild Jerusalem. Daniel 9:25. The 2300 day-years ended in 1844. In that year Christ began His ministry of cleansing the heavenly sanctuary.

9. As the Levitical sanctuary symbolized the heavenly, what did the cleansing of the old sanctuary typify? Leviticus 16:16; Hebrews 9:11-15

10. Who is the scapegoat of the heavenly service? Revelation 20:1-3

NOTE: The oldest Hebrew and Christian understanding of the scapegoat (Hebrew *Azazel*) associates it with the devil. The Septuagint translates *Azazel* as *apompaaios*, a malign deity; the Book of Enoch refers to Azazel as a fallen angel; and in the Arabic language Azazel is an evil spirit. Thus clearly to the Jews the scapegoat was symbolic of Satan.

11. What happens to our sins once they are placed upon Satan? Leviticus 16:10, 22; Revelation 20:1-3, 6-10

NOTE: Once our sins are placed upon Satan, he is banished to the "wilderness" of a sterile earth where no one is left alive for him to deceive. There he is bound for a thousand years, until the wicked are resurrected, and he leads them in a last desperate rebellion. Bearing

all our sins, he is finally destroyed forever in the lake of fire, with death and hell and all the wicked.

C. FORGIVENESS AND BLOTTING OUT OF SINS

12. What does God promise to do when we confess our sins?

1 John 1:9; Acts 26:18

NOTE: There is a difference between forgiveness and the blotting out of sins. Forgiveness is pardon; but pardoned sins are not blotted out. They are transferred to the heavenly sanctuary awaiting Christ's ministry there.

13. What must we ask Christ to do with our iniquities besides forgiving them? Psalm 51:1,9

NOTE: To blot out is to obliterate, cancel or efface.

14. Who is the One who blots out our sins? Isaiah 43:25

15. When does this blotting out of sin take place? Acts 3:19

NOTE: The "times of refreshing" refers to the special bestowal of the Holy Spirit on God's prepared people just before the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

16. What must we do now, to have our sins blotted out at the end of time? Proverbs 28:13; Revelation 3:5

NOTE: We must confess and forsake (overcome) our sins now in the power of Jesus so that the record may be blotted out from the heavenly sanctuary when Christ completes his ministry as High Priest.

Now we can see that after Christ's ministry, the books contain no record of any sin against us. Thus in the judgment of the entire universe, there is nothing of which we may be justly accused. Here is indeed a cause for singing

D. THE IMPORTANCE OF FAITHFULNESS

It is urgent to understand the importance of remaining faithful to God. Some people believe that all we need do is to accept Him once, and it does not matter what happens in our lives from that point But that concept is not what the Bible teaches. Once we accept Christ as our Lord, we are not our own; we have been bought with the precious blood of Christ. I Corinthians 6:19-20. We must then live for Him the way He wants us to live, remembering that He gives us the power to obey.

17. What does the Bible say will happen to a person who once lived righteously but later returned to a life of sin? Ezekiel 18:24, 26

18. What will happen to a wicked man who turns from his evil ways? Ezekiel 18:27

19. What might it mean to remain faithful to God? Revelation 12:11; Hebrews 12:4
