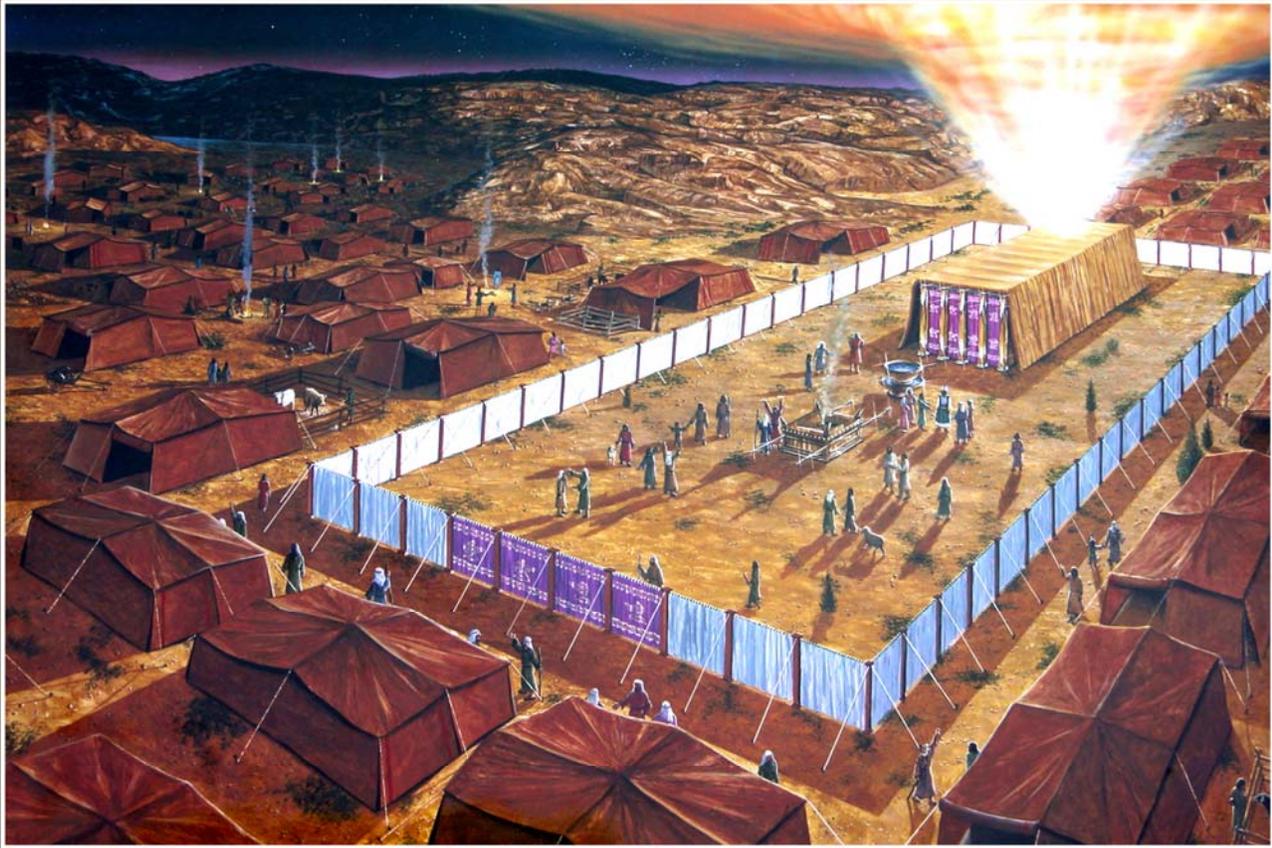


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Lessons From the Sanctuary

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PART I

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- The original Tabernacle was revealed and constructed in the desert—a wild, waste place—**Why?**
- Every attempt by man to make the Tabernacle a permanent, enduring edifice has always ended with destruction and erasure—this will be true of the third Temple predicted too—**Why?**
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RESPONSES / FIVE SANCTUARY QUESTIONS

Brother C:

Very good questions? Five whys! (*News From The Desk Of Charles Wheeling* / March 18, 2005.) I would have appreciated if you wrote down your own thoughts.... The answers to those FIVE WHYS.... Will you do it in your next Newsletter?

Thanks,
Igor

Hi CW,

Some time ago you asked some questions regarding the sanctuary: why was the original tabernacle constructed of temporary materials, subject to decay; why were some of the items made of durable, non decaying materials; why was it constructed in a desert, waste place; why has every attempt to make a permanent third temple failed; why has the business of the sanctuary, since the Cross, been conducted in a house divided.

Have you received any answers to these questions? I'd love to see the solutions as my family and I are involved in a study of the sanctuary right now. I'm also curious as to why you sent out those questions...if you don't mind my asking.

Keri

—CW responds: “Hello friends: My five ‘Why?’ questions were an honest attempt to stir a larger investigation of the great Sanctuary theme in Scripture. In answer to Keri’s question, no, I did not receive a single response to the five ‘Why?’ questions I posed regarding the Sanctuary.

I believe that the Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple revelation is likely the richest mine of theological treasure in the whole of Scripture. I am also convinced that the Sanctuary revelation is poorly grasped by most Christians and too long neglected in study.”

Here are the five questions again:

Have you ever noticed?

- 1) The original Tabernacle was constructed of temporary materials—subject to decay—impermanent—transitory—*Why?***

- 2) The “*temporary*” Tabernacle contained some items, however, that were made of durable, lasting, changeless, non-decaying materials—*Why?*
- 3) The original Tabernacle was revealed and constructed in the desert—a wild, waste place—*Why?*
- 4) Every attempt by man to make the Tabernacle a permanent, enduring edifice has always ended with destruction and erasure—this will be true of the third Temple predicted too—*Why?*
- 5) Since the Cross, the “*business*” of the Tabernacle/Temple has been conducted in “a house divided”—*Why?*

LESSONS FROM THE SANCTUARY PART II

The Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple Revelation

The Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple theme is a revelation. I don’t think many would disagree with this obvious deduction, but varied and heated opinions always surface when we deal with the issue ‘a revelation yes,’ but a revelation of what? Words are poor measuring sticks; nevertheless I will offer finite answers to these five “Why?” questions.

My First Observation

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The Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple revelation is God's picture/parable to the whole intelligent creation. This includes men, angels and all the intelligent beings of the created universe. His revelation, when completed, is an unveiling of how God plans, promises and accomplishes a full return to His original Eden purpose as revealed in the first two chapters of Scripture, specifically Genesis Chapters 1, 2 and the last two chapters of Scripture, specifically Revelation Chapters 21, 22. *Everything between these first and last chapters of Scripture is Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple time.*

My Second Observation

This means that you and I, with the entirety of living, thinking creation, are at this moment, living in Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple time. What so challenges my heart and soul is this second observation, namely that the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation—*prophecies of the “end time”* are enlarged Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple revelations, leading us step-by-prophetic-step through the closing moments of the Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple detour—*promising us that we are nearing “journey’s end!”* These visions promise us that the end is not simply near, but that a complete restoration of Heaven's first Eden purpose (Jubilee) and the forever stretching of eternity is at hand!

My Third Observation

The answer to **Questions #1 and #4** are the same.

- 1) The original Tabernacle was constructed of temporary materials—subject to decay—impermanent—transitory—**Why?**
- 4) Every attempt by man to make the Tabernacle a permanent, enduring edifice has always ended with destruction and erasure—this will be true of the third Temple predicted too—**Why?**

The earthly Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple were *temporary, transitory* and *impermanent* because each represented a “temporary condition” or arrangement.

The Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple/Tent/House represents the two Adams; the first Adam (our fleshly progenitor) and the second Adam (Christ, our spiritual progenitor)—these two Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple Adams represent every hu-MAN.

The aging, decaying, corruptible first Sanctuary/Tabernacle represented the first sinful, decaying, returning to dust, first Adam. The next “great stones” Temple represented the second Adam, Christ, beaten, battered and seemingly erased by evil men and evil spirits, but now He dwells (Tabernacles) in another house—a glorious house! Thus, “the glory of (t)His latter (second) house shall be (is) greater than the former (man-made House/Temple).”

My Fourth Observation

More than this, the Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple was a revelation representing some-thing beyond itself. The Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple was never intended to become an object of worship but to *house, contain and treasure* something more precious than any *created* thing.

- 2) The “temporary” Tabernacle contained some items, however, that were made of durable, lasting, changeless, non-decaying materials—*Why?***

To reveal (t)HIS PRECIOUSNESS to fallen man, God represented Himself within the Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple as “fine gold,” *everlasting* light, *everlasting* oil and *everlasting* bread—objects of man’s need and desire.

My Fifth Observation

- 3) The original Tabernacle was revealed and constructed in the desert—a wild, waste place—*Why?***

The original Tabernacle was revealed and constructed in a desert *wilderness* place to allegorically represent earth and man’s lost, sinful condition.

Once again, the Exodus and wilderness revelation of a Sanctuary/Tabernacle (and later, the Temple) assure us that our present, pained, sinful condition is *temporary*.

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PART III

The allegorical Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple revelation and the evolving manner in which it has been contrived in Scripture, make it difficult to *envision*. Without question, there are multiplied levels of illumination here.

Before the entrance of sin in the Garden, there was a Tabernacle/Temple in existence, *Adam #1*, but a “Sanctuary” existed *provisionally* in the mind of God only, not as a physical or spiritual reality.

In **Part I, My Third Observation**, I said that the “Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple/Tent /House represents the two Adams.” I need to be more specific. Our fleshly progenitor, Adam #1, was never a “Sanctuary.” A Tabernacle/Temple/Tent/House yes, but never a *Sanctuary*. The Second Adam, Christ, became allegorically and in spiritual reality, a Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple/Tent/House. Thus the Second Adam became all that the First Adam was created to be *and more*.

A “Sanctuary” is a place of *safety*. A “Sanctuary” is a place to *hide*. If sin had never occurred, there would never have been a “Sanctuary” revelation. Sin caused the Sanctuary! Sin caused man to *hide* from God, and God, in love and mercy, to *hide* Himself from man.

The “Sanctuary” offers a place of mutual hiding—man before the veil (Christ)—God behind the veil (Christ)! Christ between! At the Cross, all God’s righteous wrath against sin falls upon Christ, tearing Him to pieces! “... *and the veil was rent.*” Take a clue here: “The ‘business’ of the Tabernacle /Temple is, since the Cross, ‘conducted in a house divided.’”

Man dares to enter the “Sanctuary” by presenting a Lamb, a Priest and a High Priest to represent himself. These *vicarious offerings* stand in his stead. Once “the veil of Messiah’s flesh” was rent, sinful man is no longer “ashamed” because he is no longer naked. The skin has been torn from the innocent, *but made guilty Lamb*, and placed upon the sinner (2 Corinthians 5:21). *In the Eden Garden the sinner is covered and in the Gethsemane Garden the sinner is covered.* No more earthly, fleshly lambs and no more earthly priests! Now, *in the Person of his High Priest*, the sinner dares to enter boldly into the presence of God (Hebrews 4:4-16; 10:19).

The “business” of the Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple was and is yet about “keeping a dying patient alive” while the “disease of sin” is being conquered. *Thus*, the “Outer Court experience”—the extended to all mankind Lamb of Grace, dying that we may yet “breathe,” and the “First Apartment experience”—offering daily bread, light and a channel of prayer to keep a line of communication open between man running and hiding from God, and God who is mercifully hiding (veiling) His face from sinful man.

The Lamb of grace and “daily bread” provision/sustenance, extended to every fallen man, is still in effect. We breathe His breath (Spirit) and eat His unleavened bread (righteousness) today. But the “business” of the Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple is not finished—if it were “done” then we would not remain yet in Canaan/Egyptian bondage, but we (the first Adam seed) are still here.

There is more work to be done in the “House.” Who comprehends it? Who understands “*why the house is presently divided?*”

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PART IV-A

Please Bear With Me:

I am moving in the direction of Christ Jesus, the “Only begotten of the Father.” Who is He? What is He? How is He? What can we learn from the Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple revelation?

If you and I should reach for the loftiest expression; if we should search for the most valuable of all earthly treasures; if we could compose the most superlative of superlatives, we would fail miserably attempting to describe or define the *Being of God*. There are many good reasons why this is true.

Once again, words are poor measuring sticks. Words are created sounds and syllables from the minds and lips of created beings. It would be nonsensical to think for even a moment that words, created and expressed by *created man*, can perfectly frame or define the uncreated *Being of God*—all arguments about Hebrew being the language of heaven to the contrary. All things created are logically *less than, below and non-equal* to their First Cause.

If efforts to discover and define God, His Being, His power and His existence trouble you, so be it. At the personal level, I cannot believe for even a moment that God prefers to remain anonymous. There is too much Scripture declaring otherwise. “Seek me; learn of me; know me,” may be creature words, but they are Scripture, and every child deserves to know the *history* of his parents.

Beyond Scripture, there is too much *natural evidence* to believe that God chooses to play “hide and seek” with His intelligent creation. So how does the INDEFINABLE ONE define His *existence* for lesser, non-divine, created minds? If you want to play with words, here’s a word challenge for you—*God existed before existence!*

God was, or possessed existence before any and all other existence. According to Scripture, He is the *cause* and *source* of all that exists, even His own existence: “I AM THAT I AM!” Exodus 3:14. Don’t try to get your mind around that one! Simply recognize that many great minds searching for understanding here, have in due course declared God to be “self-existent.”

Because God possesses *existence*, “He is!” Because God existed before all other existence, He is outside of time, for “time” is *created*—“God, however, is timeless!” Therefore all those *prepositions* that define and describe the

relationship between two any-things really do not comfortably apply to God. God was before “before.” God is after “after.” God is over, above, under and beneath all that exists throughout Creation.

What is Divinity? Does God possess substance or merely essence? Or both? Theologically and philosophically, all existence including His own, is His. He owns all existence and all the “essence” of existence including good and evil. “I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things.” Isaiah 45:7. Everything/anything is *out* of Him—out of His breath, His substance and His essence—He is the First Cause, the Source, the Creat-origin.

We must be careful here: *Pantheism* is a corruption of these ill-defined concepts. Pantheism attributes “divinity” to all created things because “all things are out of divinity” and therefore composed of “divine substance and divine essence.” Pantheism is a twisting of truth that sets the stage for idolatry; a concept/thought and practice expressly forbidden by God Himself in His *Second Commandment*.

We (mankind) are composed of “matter.” *Matter is created substance*. But all substance originates in God and exists only *a-part* from God—*never as God—never equal to God*—always partial and less than the “whole from which it became.”

God revealed something about Himself when He *created* mankind—Adam specifically. When something is “created,” *it is less than its creator*—when something is “begotten,” *it is equal to....* Adam was created; therefore he is *always less than his Creator—impossibly equal* to his Creator.

Eve, however, was a delayed-in-time revelation—*Eve was “begotten.”* We do not need to wrestle here, searching for some mysterious “what do you mean?” definition of *begotten* versus *created*. Adam himself defined “begotten-ness” when he first saw Eve. He declared, “She shall be called Isha (woman), for she was taken out of Ish (man). *This is now bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh.*” Genesis 2:23.

Eve was and is equal to Adam in every respect, save one—that of *patriarchy*. By definition, patriarchy is a gender oriented structure that recognizes the Father as head (first cause) of the house. ***This is an arrangement that “works” only when a second equal willingly agrees to stand and serve in a subservient role.*** Woman, by virtue of her “begotten-ness,” occupies the Christ role—equal but subservient. The distinct manner in which God “created man and woman” is a revelation of His own “God-ness.”

Adam, God’s Palace:

Before sin, Adam was created a Tabernacle/Temple. *He was to be a Palace for the King!* [**Temple:** Strong’s, 1004 (*bah’-yith*); a house, a palace.] “Solomon built him a house. Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands.” Acts 7:47, 48. “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth (tabernacles) in you?” 1 Corinthians 3:16.

Was there ever a man who has not dreamed of one day building his own “dream house?” Adam was God’s dream house! Scripture, as well as the stars, reveal that God planned and waited a long time for the house of His dreams. His house was to be uniquely His own—a personal revelation of Himself. “Why Adam, you look just like your daddy!” This part of the revelation is found of course in Genesis, chapters 1 and 2.

Can you imagine? Adam’s Father was “a man under authority.” He was a very powerful person with many servants and a standing army. After “taking a journey,” on a certain occasion, He returned home to discover that he had been thrown out of His own house—*His own family had disowned Him!* According to Scripture, children who rebel against their parents and dishonor their parents are to be put to death: “If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son...all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put away evil from among you; and all Israel shall hear and fear.” Deuteronomy 21:18-21.

Though He was a powerful man, Adam’s Father *appears* to have behaved quite passively regarding the disobedience and rebelliousness of His son, Adam. If you don’t agree with this assessment, then I refer you to 6,000 or more years of deliberate “turning the other cheek and going the second mile.” Need I remind you of Pilate’s hall, the Cross and the thousand plus times that you have heard

or even asked this question yourself: “Why didn’t God just deal with this problem to begin with and save us from all this sorrow?”

Something softened the blow, what was it? Something delayed the deserved wrath, what was it? How could a “Man of authority” violate His own commandment and retain the respect of His underlings?

Consider this: Adam’s Father *appears* to have responded in a manner completely contrary to the Law! Was He a Lawbreaker? Not only did He delay/defer passing sentence on Adam, *I don’t know the exact words that were spoken*, but He said something like this: “Adam, I’m sorry that you have treated me this way. If you don’t love me, it must be because you don’t really know me well enough. I have another Son, your Elder brother, who knows Me, respects Me and loves Me beyond measure. I’m going to send your Elder brother to visit you and spend some time with you. He will tell you all about Me, what I AM really and truly like. Then you will love Me and respect Me, I AM sure of it!

“Adam, about your House—I know that it has fallen into serious disrepair since you disowned Me. Don’t worry about the House, if you will allow Me, I will build a brand new House for you—*for US*. If you will allow Me, I will come back Home and we can live together as a family happily ever after!”

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PART IV-B

With Part IV-B, I will attempt to answer the most difficult question, *Question 5*.

Since the Cross, the “*business*” of the Tabernacle/Temple has been conducted in “a house divided” — *Why?*

Brave Or Foolish?

To offer a study such as this is an invitation to criticism and misunderstanding. With this study I need a Sanctuary—*I need a place to hide!* As a Christian, I cannot discuss my faith with the Muslim because “Christians believe in multiple gods,” while Muslims believe that “Allah is One.” To the Muslim I am an infidel. If I wish to discuss my Christianity with Jewish friends, I have a similar problem: “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one God.” Deuteronomy 6:4. Jesus was not accepted by the Jewish leadership of His day, because he claimed to be “the Son of God,” a claim that, to the Jewish mind, was a blasphemous claim.

If I should wish to discuss the nature of God’s Being with Christian friends, I soon discover myself tip-toeing precariously through a minefield. Christianity is a New Testament phenomenon and the concept of a Triune God (Three Divine Persons) is an even more recent concept. For some 300 or 400 years of early Christian history, theologians frequently and fiercely debated the issue of the Godhead and the Trinity. Christians have murdered Christians over this issue and even today one hazards one’s reputation, if not one’s life, attempting to discover and discuss the mysterious nature of the Godhead.

With this discussion I am not attempting to deny, disprove or prove anything. At the personal level, I believe in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. I do, however, wish to understand how and why, like Christianity, the revelation of the Holy Spirit/Holy Ghost reality is essentially a New Testament phenomenon.

I offer this study simply as an attempt at discovery, and prayerfully, as an attempt to know our God better. If perchance you read my offering and disagree, please do not attempt to debate with me, as I am not of this spirit. Please do not misquote me, take my words out of context or assassinate my character. Murderous and hateful behavior is not part of our God’s character. I can only wonder how we mortals shall ever face God and attempt to explain to Him that, “we were ridding the earth of infidels, according to His instructions.”

Before quoting from Revelation, Chapter 21, I must remind you of my opening comments:

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Something Is Missing

“And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb *is* the light thereof.” Revelation 21:22. Something is missing in this passage. At first glance you will conclude, “*the temple is missing.*” Yes, but let me try again: “Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.” 1 Timothy 1:2. Do you *see* what's missing yet?

“GOD Is ONE”

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord.” Deuteronomy 6:4. God is ONE. Scripture reveals that God can and does reveal Himself in various forms including multiple persons, but He remains ONE. This aspect of Divinity is incomprehensible to created beings that are by nature confined to a single form at any given time in space. Created beings do not possess the ability to be in more than one place (as reality) or own more than one form at any one time. *This is not the case with Divinity.*

Spirit Divinity can be and is everywhere present, within creation, at all time(s). Divine God is all knowing, and all capable, and as He wills, manifests Himself,

within creation, in various forms and various places at the same moment in time. Jesus explains this mysterious ability with these words: “I proceeded forth and came from God;” “Before Abraham was, I am.” John 8:42, 58. “He that hath seen me hath seen the Father...Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me?” John 14:9, 10. John affirms this truth, by declaring, “The Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.” John 1:1, 2.

God is ONE. *With one exception*, He is neither measured, defined or separated by time, space or anything created. His definition is ONE! No matter that He may choose to *ex-press* Himself as a multiple of persons or forms, He is ONE. *With one notable exception*, God is always connected; He is indivisible Divinity. While He is beyond superlative and invincible, He nevertheless possesses a singular weakness that has the potential to prove His “undoing.” When the final chapter of the great Sanctuary/Tabernacle/ Temple revelation is written, *(t)His singular weakness will prove to be His singular strength!*

God Has One Weakness

His singular weakness, of course, is His character—*the essence of His being*. In a word, His singular weakness is LOVE. **Love is meek and meekness is weakness.** “He that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.” Matthew 23:11, 12. In the Sanctuary/Tabernacle/ Temple revelation, God not only “talks the talk,” He “walks the walk.” I am persuaded the Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple revelation will ultimately prove that “love indeed conquers all.”

Love is God’s Achilles heel. Love is the singular moral weakness that has the potential to bring separation to His ONENESS—in a few words, “*tear God to pieces.*” ***Love is God’s weakest link!*** This singular weakness can and has “rent His garments,” “divided His house” and caused the voice and hand of the MIGHTIEST ONE to tremble. The Sanctuary/ Tabernacle/Temple revelation and the harsh reality of the Cross, did indeed cause MIGHTY GOD to tremble. *Who dares to speak these unspeakable things? Who dares consider what we have done to God?* This revelation ought to cause men and angels to tremble and forever convince them to willingly prostrate themselves to the dust they are.

Before creating creation, as an act of wise love, God *ex-pressed* Himself as two (2) persons. Obviously this was done because of the *potential* for sin to be conceived by and accomplished within *less than Divine*, created beings. Provision was therefore made by an infinitely wise and loving Parent to meet any and every need of His children-to-be. So the ONE God, *ex-pressed* Himself as two persons, thereby preparing and pledging *Himself* to become Creator, Sustainer and should the need arise, Redeemer of His “offspring.” He, the One *ex-pressed* as Two, became *ἔως*, of Himself, “the lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”

Can God Feel Pain?

If we are “made in His likeness,” the answer is *yes*. Can God feel and truly comprehend *our pain*? The bloody, beaten, torn and groaning body on Calvary, answers *yes* once again. But is there pain beyond our created senses and sensibility? *Is there Divine pain?*

The Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple revelation and the Cross, declare *yes!* As a result of sin’s awful reality, the ONE, never separated, never divided, never *a-part*, **must**, “rend His garments,” and turn His back on His own flesh. A Father **must** curse His own Son and “throw him to the dogs!” More than this, the Father **must** stop His ears and refuse to hear the pleading cries of His only Son’s agony. More than this, a Father **must** suffocate His own Child by refusing Him any more breath. *What have we done to God?*

“A House Divided.”

God is ONE. *With one exception*, He is neither measured, defined or separated by time, space or anything created. When God, **ex-pressed as the Son**, became “The Christ,” *He divided His house*, becoming of Himself, two persons—One, His unmeasured (Holy) Spirit person—the Second, His measured in time and space, created-in-the-flesh person. **The Son ex-pression indwelt His created self ex-pression, Tabernacling Himself** with His own Divinity—*His Holy Spirit* (cf., Galatians 4:6). “...God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.” John 3:34. Thus He became “*Immanuel, ... God with us.*” Matthew 1:23.

As a Divine (Holy) Spirit, the *Son* ex-pression created Himself in Mary's womb. Said the angel to Mary, "Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son....The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee...therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." Luke 1:31;35. Scripture is emphatic: "Nothing was created that *Christ* did not create." John 1:6; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:2. **The SON Expression divided His own house for the express purpose of dying!** Death, the act of dying, was possible for a created being but impossible for a Divine being: "Now my soul (cf., Genesis 2:7) is troubled; and what shall I say? Father save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour." John 12:27.

At the first advent, the ONE God now ex-presses Himself as *three* persons but still ONE being—two (2) Spirit ex-pressions and one (1) creature/flesh *incarnate* ex-pression. Now the DIVINE ONE is able to die! God, in the expressed person of Christ, *divided* His house to fulfill His mission and prophesied His own fate: "A house divided cannot stand." Matthew 12:25.

These are difficult concepts to frame with created words. Can you *see* that the other "missing" element in Revelation 21:22 and 1 Timothy 1:2, is the Holy Spirit. At His death, in order to die, Christ surrendered His Spirit: "Father, unto thee I commend my spirit. And having said thus, he gave up the ghost." "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away." "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life (Divinity) for his friends." Luke 23:46; Job 1:21; John 15:13. Divinity, by Scripture definition, is life! "I am the Resurrection and the Life." John 11:25. "For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath He given to the Son to have life in himself;" John 5:26.

The Holy Spirit is the Divine Spirit of Christ. Taking the form of a created being (man), it was not possible for Christ to be in more than one place, or more than one form, at all time(s). **At His death, God, ex-pressed as the Son, ex-pressed as The Christ, was "torn asunder."** Sin cost Him something beyond physical suffering and pain. *What?* If this is not true, then what do these words mean: "*It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart (die), I will send him unto you.*" John 16:7.

What does this mean? “...the Son of man came...to give his life (Divinity) a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45. What is a “ransom?” (Strong’s: 3083, “ransom”—*a redemption price.*) If a price is paid to obtain or redeem something, is the money ever returned? What did Christ pay to redeem us? His *hu-man* life? *He got that back at His resurrection! What was ransomed and not returned?*

Who Is Joseph? Who Is Benjamin?

Who is Jacob? Who are his ten sons? Who are his two sons? Who is Leah? Who is Rachel? Why was Rachel, his beloved, barren so long, as were Sarah and Rebecca? Why did Rachel die after giving birth to two sons? Who was Joseph and who was Benjamin?

JOSEPH, greatly beloved of his father, hated by his ten brothers, mothered but mother-less, “cast into the pit of sin,” covered in a blood-soaked coat, sold for pieces of silver, sold into slavery in Egypt, faithful unto prison, bread of life and Saviour of nations, one day exalted and bowed before, called out of Egypt: **JOSEPH REPRESENTS THE CREATED FLESH AND BLOOD EXPRESSION OF THE BEGOTTEN SON EXPRESSION.**

BENJAMIN, possessing the same genes as JOSEPH, but not the ten brothers, “devouring the prey (Christ in the flesh) and dividing the spoil (Christ in the flesh) (cf., Genesis 49:27), born last, born at death: **BENJAMIN REPRESENTS THE SPIRIT EXPRESSION OF THE BEGOTTEN SON EXPRESSION.**

The great and yet unanswered question in the Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple revelation is this: Did God forever and through eternity to come, for our sakes, “rend His Divine garments?” Is it possible that His LOVE for His errant children has scarred the Being of God forever? Or, is it possible that a decision soon to be taken in the Judgment Hall (*Most Holy Place of the Sanctuary/Tabernacle/ Temple revelation*), before a jury of His peers (*Divinity and created ones*), will restore, heal and remedy the rupture sin has inflicted upon the FAMILY of ONENESS?

Could it be that the final act of the coming Judgment in Heaven will “sound the trumpet of Jubilee” for Divinity as well as humanity? Is it possible that “all the debts to be cancelled and all the lost possessions to be restored,” will stretch to realms beyond creature comprehension? It may be that in the soon-to-assemble Judgment above, the last business to be conducted in the Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple revelation will “clear the *guilty ones*” as well as heal the Divine, love-inflicted wounds of the “*self-inflicted guilty ONE!*”

Or is it possible that we, “made-from-dust beings,” have scarred the ALMIGHTY ONE forever? We have this record: “And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, those with which I was wounded in the house (*tabernacle*) of my friends.” Zechariah 13:6. *Are these forever wounds? “Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,” to think what we have done to God.*

LESSONS FROM THE SANCTUARY

PART V

The “Sitting” Place

“Behold, a door was opened in heaven: and a voice ... said ‘come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter...’ and behold a throne was set in heaven, and *one sat on the throne.*” Revelation 4:1, 2.

In the Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple, the “setting” is the ONE “sitting!” Every article and every particle of the Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple revelation focuses the attention of every beholder upon *ONE SUPREME focal point, the ONE sitting.*

“All rise: The Honorable Judge _____ is now seated!” Every priest and every suppliant in the Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple is seen standing (or kneeling) save ONE—the *ONE sitting.* Covered, enthroned and majestically glorious within His inner sanctum is THE SEATED ONE. “*All rise! All bow the knee!*” “In the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts.... they

rest not day and night, saying ‘Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.’ And when those beasts give glory and honor and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, the four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever...” Revelation 4:6, 8-10.

Everyone and everything created answers to *the ONE sitting*: “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.” Revelation 4:11.

And Where is THE ONE Sitting? “The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord’s throne is in heaven...” “The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.” Psalms 11:4; 103:19.

But God’s throne is not fixed or stationary. Though seated, God moves “whithersoever the spirit was to go.” (Ezekiel 1:20—Please read the entire chapter.) As previously noted, Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple time is temporary. During this “appointed time,” God so loves His erring children that *He is on the move! When God moves, let prophet, priest, king and all the people take note!*

First: God moved His Son to earth to die *for us*. His resurrected Son has *temporarily* returned to Heaven to meet Judgment *for us*.

Soon: The Father and His Son will move to the scene of Judgment in Heaven: “I beheld till the thrones were cast down (set in place), and the Ancient of days did sit... his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire... the judgment was set, and the books were opened... I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.” Daniel 7:9, 13. (See also Revelation Chapters 4 & 5).

Finally: In one grand gesture of unspeakable love, God will move Himself, His throne, His Son and His Son’s throne to this sinful, but soon to be made new, earth: “And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven... And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be

his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.... And he that sat upon the throne said, behold, I make all things new.” Revelation 21:2, 3, 5.

And Where is THE ONE Sitting? He is sitting “above” His laws. *Enshrined* within His Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple throne, the Ark of His Testament, are His laws. God is above the law! This does not mean that God is lawless—It means that *He defines and commands law. He is the Lawgiver.*

In the Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple revelation, the ONE “sitting,” has, by His own body language, declared the necessity and immutability of HIS LAWS—HIS WORDS—HIS COMMANDS. His throne and His Law is forever: “Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: the scepter of thy kingdom is a right scepter.” Psalm 45:6. “Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.” “Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.” Psalms 119:152, 160.

Within His throne, the Ark of HIS TESTAMENT, were preserved TEN MORAL COMMANDS. No prophet framed these LAWS. These TEN WORDS were “written with the finger of God!” These PRECEPTS represent the eternal will of THE ETERNAL ONE. His MORAL LAW is as eternal as His throne. “All His commandments are sure. They stand fast forever and ever.” Psalm 111:7, 8. “The Lord shall endure forever: he hath prepared His throne for judgment.” Psalm 9:7. “So shall I keep thy law for ever and ever.” Psalm 119:44.

On the Outside of His Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple throne, the Ark of His Testament, was a place for the Law(s) of Moses. *The Mosaic Law was not placed within His throne for two reasons:*

First: Though they were God directed, *the laws of Moses were not written by God.* Though these laws contain many sound principles that Jew and Gentile alike would do well to heed, they were earth specific. They were geographically, circumstantially and specifically Jewish, and could not possibly be kept by the entire Gentile world; *i.e., Sanctuary “moed” (times), sacrificial requirements, etc.*

Two: *Regarding salvation, these codes were temporary—in effect only until a new arrangement (Covenant) was made—one that contained hopeful promises and an open door for “every kindred, tongue and nation.” Like the Mosaic law, the original Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple(s) were specifically Jewish—they were exclusive to the Jew—Gentiles were not welcome there!*

Significantly, a New Covenant arrangement followed the Cross. This new arrangement was revealed by:

- 1) The destruction of the Jerusalem Temple and lost Hebrew genealogy.
- 2) A new “Assembly” (Church) was formed with an open door to all people (Gentiles).
- 3) A New Covenant arrangement that preserved God’s TEN MORAL COMMANDS for all people, Jew and Gentile alike, while *offering* release from the Mosaic Law. “I will make a new covenant....saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people.” Hebrews 8:8-12.

Say It Again To Be Heard: The Mosaic Law, positioned **outside** God’s Ark throne, like the Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple, was **temporary**: “A figure for the time then present.” Hebrews 9:9. Having force *until...* “A new and living way;” “A better covenant... established upon better promises,” could take effect. Hebrews 10:20; 8:6. (Please read, and re-read Hebrews Chapter 9).

Today, men may debate, observe or altogether refuse the impermanent commands given through Moses to Israel, but there can be no sane questioning of the enduring, everlasting, for all moral beings and for all time, **TEN THRONE LAWS**—*they stand beneath the ONE sitting!*

These TEN THRONE LAWS were preserved in stone and treasured within God’s Ark throne. **They express the eternal will of THE ETERNAL ONE.** Thus saith THE LIVING WORD: “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.” Matthew 24:35.

Just as Moral Law possesses greater authority than Mosaic law, Moral Law is more powerful than natural law. Moral law supersedes natural law. Nature bows to Spirit. Immediately following the “moral” sin of Adam, *our natural father with his nature dominion began the death march.*

[MORAL: relating to, dealing with, or capable of distinguishing between right and wrong.]

Moral Law has no relevance in the absence of moral beings. Moral beings, by definition, make choices. Love and hate, giving and taking are moral choices.

When only one moral being exists, he is his own law. When two or more moral beings exist, personal rights and property rights must be defined. GOD’S TEN COMMAND-MENTS exquisitely define the personal rights and property rights that hold between God, a Moral Being, and His moral creation. Jesus explained that God’s Ten Commandments, meaningfully expressed as two great commandments, encompass “All the law and the prophets.” Matthew 22:36-40.

[RIGHT: that which a person has a just claim to; power, privilege, etc. that belongs to a person by law, nature or tradition.]

The First Four Commandments define that which “rightfully” belongs to God—God’s personal and property rights. The Last Six Commandments define that which belongs to your neighbor—Your neighbor’s personal and property rights. *By respecting God’s rights and his neighbor’s rights, the individual thereby preserves his own rights.*

MORE RESPONSES TO LESSONS FROM THE SANCTUARY / PARTS I-IV

Dear C:

I am trying to follow your studies about the Sanctuary. Your explanation about Christ’s divinity is new to me. Are you saying Christ was divine or not?

CW Responds

Dear R:

I will try to simplify my personal conclusions regarding the Divinity of Christ:

- 1) The expression “Christ (Greek, *Christos*),” means “Anointed One.” “Anointed,” by definition means one “rubbed with oil, or to put oil on in a ceremony of consecration.”
- 2) “God is Spirit!” Christ, the man, was “anointed” or indwelled by Divine Spirit! So was He man, or was He Divine God? Answer: He was both—this is the mystery of “the man, Christ Jesus.”

It was necessary that He be both. He had to die as a man and yet live beyond death, as God. He accomplished both feats!

- 3) In as simple terms as I know how to express them, Jesus either told the truth, or He was a fraud. The Jews of His day knew exactly what and who He was claiming to be: “For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.” John 10:33
- 4) I do not believe Jesus was a fraud or a liar. I believe the Jews of His day knew exactly what and who He was claiming to be—I believe Jesus was a “man” indwelled by His own Divinity. To die as a man, it was necessary that He surrender His Divinity on the Cross, for Divinity cannot die!

The question I posed in *Lessons From The Sanctuary* still holds: Will Christ remain forever “a house divided,” or will the soon-convening Judgment in Heaven grant Him *Jubilee*, and restore *His Rightful, Original Property*?

Charles, I need to know:

“Are you saying ‘God is one’ and there is no Son? Are you saying that Jesus is the same person as God the Father?”

CW Responds

Dear _____:

Yes, I am saying what the Scripture says, “God is One.” No, I am not saying “there is no Son.” I am saying what the Scripture says, “God has an *Only Begotten Son!*”

Once again, Scripture gives us the definition of “begotten-ness.” Adam said, “She (Eve) is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh.” Adam was created—Eve was begotten (out of) Adam.

God was never created, nor was His Divine Son ever created. His Son, however, was “*begotten.*” He is Divine Substance, “bone of God’s bone and flesh of God’s flesh.” He is Divine Essence, “One with His Father in Spirit.” “My Father and I are One.” As Divine Substance, the Father and the Son are Two Persons. As Divine Essence, they are One Spirit!

LESSONS FROM THE SANCTUARY PART VI

—*CW says*, “I experienced, considerable difficulty attempting to frame my thoughts around these continuing insights within the Sanctuary /Tabernacle/Temple revelation. It was not until Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath occurred, *plus* this response from a longtime friend that I found my inspiration for Part VI.

Here are my friend’s thoughts:

Charles,

I very much enjoyed this study (**Part III**) in particular. The insights it provided were much appreciated. As always there was much food for thought. Thank you for the time and effort you invested in this subject.

Over the past several years, my view of God and His purposes have undergone a huge change from the view I was raised with in the '50s and '60s. This lesson helps to confirm the direction my view has taken.

There is just one paragraph in the study I am uncomfortable with. It's the one that starts, "What is Divinity" where you quote Isaiah 45:7 and seem to credit God with creating evil. Previously I never questioned the fact that God "created" evil, after all it's what the text says. Even before I received your study, I spent much time, taking a long hard look at the question does God really "create evil"? A word study in Strong's helped me to begin to change my view.

Strong's; 1254 create "bara (baw-raw) -to create, choose create(creator)"... it can also mean, "cut down, dispatch"

3335 form "yatsar (yaw-tsar) -to mold into a form -to determine -fashion, frame, or make like a potter"

6213 make "asah (aw-saw) -to do or make -accomplish, advance, appoint, become, bear, bestow, bring forth" etc.

Why didn't Isaiah use any one of the three word's, "create," "form" or "make" exclusively in the passage?

The word "form" and "make" have to do with the good things God has, or will create, "light" and "peace."

Only the word "create" can be understood as "cut" ing down or "dispatch" ing. Plus the fact that it is used in conjunction with the word "evil" helps me see that God dispatches or cuts evil down, he didn't "form" Evil or "make" it.

Scripture says, that in God, there is no darkness at all, so keeping that and the Strong's definitions in mind I have to read Isaiah 45:7 as follows,

"I (mold or determine) the light and (cut down) darkness: I (accomplish, advance, appoint, become, bear, bestow, bring forth) peace, and (dispatch) evil. I the Lord do all these things."

With my present understanding, there is no way I can see God as being the cause of evil. I am so thankful He took responsibility for it, but, I think to say, He created it, is to mis-understand the intent of the passage.

God's Blessings to you, please keep the studies coming.

--Bob

As I prepare to respond to Bob's conclusions and launch this study, I should remind readers of my prefacing remarks to this series of discussions on *Lessons from the Sanctuary*. My opening remarks were:

"I believe that the *Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple revelation* is likely the richest mine of theological treasure in the whole of Scripture. I am also convinced that the Sanctuary revelation is poorly grasped by most Christians and too long neglected in study."

"Theos," is Greek for "God," and "ologos," is Greek, meaning "the study of." Thus, "theology" is the study of God.

With these studies, I am attempting to shift the focus of the reader from a subjective, man-centered reading of the *Sanctuary revelation*—"What can God do for me?" "O Lord, please hear all my troubles and solve all my problems,"—to a more lofty, *Theos*-centered, perspective, "that is, a heavenly."

Our very human view of the Sanctuary is a natural response to our needy condition, but I believe it is too narrow and too shallow. I would liken this man-

centered focus in the Sanctuary, to the practice of mining for rich ore. Every prospector rejoices when he “strikes the vein,” as well he should. But no “real prospector” will be satisfied until he shafts deeper and discovers “the Mother Lode!”

What God is accomplishing in the Sanctuary revelation *for us*, “a world of lost sinners,” is “rich vein” indeed. But I have concluded that in the Sanctuary, what God is revealing to His intelligent creation *about Himself*, is “Mother Lode.”

New Orleans, Katrina and God

From the first, let every reader be assured that I am in total agreement with Bob’s assessment that we must avoid “painting God in a false light.” I do not wish for a moment to do this. Our God is not an evil Being! This conclusion however, does not speak directly to the issue. The question remains, “*Did God create evil?*”

There is a bit of dark humor here but we must consider New Orleans and Hurricane Katrina. Which donkey shall we pin the tail on? Who is responsible for this crime against humanity? Depending upon the time of day, and the person the media is interviewing at the moment, President Bush is the culprit! Or was that Mayor Ray Nagin’s name I heard in converse. No, for sure it was the Governor of Louisiana. And there are darker forces—everyone knows that the Director of FEMA, the Director of Homeland Security and the CIA are co-conspirators.

But it would take a “pack of preachers” and the “act of God” Insurance companies to let the world know that “God did it!” Muslim clerics have assured us that Allah is punishing America for her sins against the holy faith of Islam. Rabbinic Zionist radicals are certain that YHWH is angry at the Bush administration, and thus America, for supporting Ariel Sharon’s policy of withdrawal from the Gaza.

But the icing on this Katrina cake has come as several, *names courteously withheld*, very popular Christian ministers are being headlined something like this: “The Reverend _____, says, ‘God was punishing New Orleans for its sins!’” There you have it—God is not only responsible for making hurricanes

possible, He actually created *evil* Katrina and aimed it at sinful New Orleans, USA!

In a moment I will speak more directly to Bob's conclusion that God will "cut down evil," and could never "make evil."

I daresay, every Christian on the planet, and non-Christian, for that matter, wrestles, intellectually and spiritually, attempting to harmonize the God of the Old Testament—"kill them all, every man, woman and child"—with the "meek and lowly," "turn-the-other-cheek" Jesus of the New Testament.

Surely there must be a sound biblical solution to this theological conundrum. I believe the solution is to be found within the Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple revelation. *But let me get back to Bob.*

Isaiah 45:7, "I the Lord...create evil," is not the only text of difficulty we must deal with regarding this issue: "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist." Colossians 1:16, 17.

Speaking more specifically to Bob's conclusions regarding God's relationship to "evil"—Strong's, 3045 (*yaw-dah*), is "experiential knowledge of evil." This is rather clearly seen in Genesis 3:22; "Behold the man is become as one of us, to *know* (3045) good and evil." And Genesis 4:1; "And Adam *knew* (3045) Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain." God has knowledge of evil *experientially* because He *potential-ed* it and to offer even the possibility is to necessarily accept responsibility.

Deduction: God has an *intimate, personal* knowledge of evil. God, possessing ultimate authority, can "know" and even "perform" acts that, if performed by created beings, would be evil and corrupting. I propose to demonstrate however, that God, unlike created beings, whether man or angel, is not corrupted by such intimate knowledge. First, a bit of logic:

“Up” does not exist without “down” nor “cold” without “hot.” God created everything that exists. Evil, whether potential or real, is “created.” **God created evil, in the beginning as *potent possibility*, because “righteousness,” by virtue of its existence, creates evil.** God is ultimately responsible for all that exists, even evil—a responsibility that He has accepted. God is not “guilty of sinning” but has made (created?) Himself guilty (sin) for us! 2 Corinthians 5:21.

Examine Isaiah 45, and you will discover that God did not create “righteousness.” God *is* “righteous(ness)” and God was not created! For created beings, “righteousness,” as “right doing,” like evil, is both potential and possible. **But whatever God does is “right” because He is the source and essence of “righteous(ness).”**

God’s Holy Spirit either destroys, or by virtue of “Grace,” temporarily abandons the house where sin (evil) dwells. **God can *touch sin* and remain “clean.” Created beings cannot.** God could become “sinful flesh” and remain “pure.” By His Spirit, Christ can come to live in our Nazareth, “no good thing,” souls, and “clean house!” He touches us and we live—We touch Him and we live—He is life; He is love! We are needy; He is full of life and GRACE goodness—*What a bargain!*

In the future, in response to performed evil, *created or made* by created angels and created men, God will use evil and perform evil to eradicate evil (sin). Yes, Haman will be hanged on a gallows of his own making, but God will justly double evil to the wicked, *performing evil* against them, while He remains untainted or uncorrupted by the experience!

God’s Bad Day

“Father, I have not come today to complain about my aches, my debts or my enemies. Instead, I ask respectfully how *You* might be feeling today. *Sometimes I wonder if You ever have a bad day?*”

Of course, God is God. Yes, God is all-powerful. We know that God is very rich, *but is He happy?* How does God feel today? Is He sad? Is He sick to His

stomach? Joyous? Regretful? Angry? *We simply do not think of God in these terms.*

But God is a person. He has “feelings” as we do. Since we were “made in His likeness,” we may safely assume that our Heavenly Father can and does experience emotional and perhaps even physical highs and lows. “Ridiculous,” some will reason, “God never has a bad day.” *I believe otherwise. I believe God is having a bad day today and prophetic Scripture convinces me that tomorrow His day will be worse than today! Until the dis-ease of sin ravaging His home and family is cured, and His savable children are safely home, I am persuaded God is having a bad day.*

Please, I am not attempting to bring God down to our level—*He did that Himself!* Rather, I am pressing the self-centered children that we are, to “walk in God’s moccasins,” just a bit, and try to “feel what He feels.” Is this possible?

So Has God

Have you ever been robbed? Had some prize possession stolen? Have you ever been falsely accused of something you were innocent of? Gossiped about? Has anyone ever cursed you? Slandered and defamed you? Were you ever misunderstood? Ever “do a good deed” only to be “stabbed in the back?”

Of course these things have happened to you. How did *you* feel? How did *you* respond? Were you angry? Did you curse back? Have you since decided to take care of “number one” and let everyone else “*get lost*”?

Of course you were angry because of the injustices served you. But knowing of Christ, *you reason that Christ was beyond anger.* Christ would never *curse* anyone. Christ always *turns the other cheek.* If you are reasoning in this fashion, you are correct, but you are thinking in terms of Christ the man. What about Christ the Divine Spirit Being?

Try To think About God in These Terms:

In a previous study, I suggested “God is above the Law.” While I inferred this in a *literal or physical sense,* I also wish to say, “*God is above the Law.*” As the

Source of Law, God is not “bound” by His own Law. Doubtless this hypothesis will strike a raw nerve here and there but I believe that it is both logical and Scriptural. For example, Jesus said, “The sabbath was made for man (Himself in context), and not man (Himself in context) for the sabbath (Law). Therefore the Son of man is Lord also (‘even’/ Matthew 12:8) of the sabbath.” Mark 2:27, 28.

God “makes/creates” law. Therefore, He rules (Lord’s over) law. **God has (is) authority above the authority of law!** With reference to natural law, He walks on water! With reference to Moral Law, He commands men to lift burdens on the Sabbath and He, (as David), eats the holy “Shewbread.” There are things *unlawful* for created beings, i.e., men and angels, but *lawful* for God.

To His intelligent, moral creation, God commands a *knowledge of and willing obedience to His Law*. In other words, God commands “a knowledge of righteousness,” but God adamantly forbids “the knowledge of evil.” Why? God “knows evil” as evidenced in Genesis 3:22. If it is okay for God to “*know* good and evil,” what is the problem with His children “*knowing* good and evil?”

How Can This Be?

Here Scripture and reason are in wonderful harmony. **God alone can be worshiped and adored without being corrupted. This is not possible for a created being—not an angel—not a man:** “And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshiped him. But Peter took him up, saying Stand up; I myself also am a man.” Acts 10:25, 26. [Sorry, I can’t resist it. Peter sure needed to attend “Pope training school” to learn how to behave himself in public.] “And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which showed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow servant...worship God.” Revelation 22:8, 9. Also see Acts 14:11-15.

Whether glorious angel or unfallen man, no created, moral being can “know evil” or “perform evil” without becoming totally depraved and absolutely corrupt to the core of his being! Why? Because created beings possess no righteousness, holiness or purity of their own. They must be indwelled (tabernacled) by “Righteousness” from without!

Christ, the man, did not kill or heap curses upon men. He was not vengeful. He did not fight or use the sword. Why? Because he was “in the flesh,” living and behaving as a created being; setting an example for all moral creatures.

God’s Mad Day

So, what about Christ the Divine Being? Vengeful? Warlike? Killing? Destroying? Jealous? Demanding adoration? Lifting a whip? Fierce? Angry? Search Scripture and you will discover that Divine God can and often does behave quite differently than He commands us to behave.

The Righteous, Holy, Pure, God, is the only “being” that can act “above the Law” and not be corrupted by the knowledge or the action! God can “know evil” and not be corrupted by the knowledge—*Created beings cannot*. God can receive praise and adoration without becoming proud—*We cannot*. God can be vengeful without becoming hateful—*We cannot*. God can kill and destroy without becoming murderous—*We cannot*. Need I continue?

“Sinners In The Hand Of An Angry God”

“The *anger* of the Lord was kindled...” Exodus 4:4.

“That the fierce *anger* of the Lord may...” Numbers 25:4.

“They have provoked me to *anger*...” Deuteronomy 32:21.

“I myself will *fight* against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in *anger*, and in *fury*, and in great *wrath*.” Jeremiah 25:5.

“I will *destroy* them with the earth.” Genesis 6:13.

“If my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants *fight*...but now is my kingdom not from hence.” John 18:36.

Conclusion: “There is no darkness (evil) in God at all. God is light.” Acts that would be sinful (evil), if performed by created beings, are “Righteous” acts when performed by God. God “overcomes evil” by His “Goodness.”

“In righteousness he doth ... make war.” Revelation 19:11.

“For the Lord shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act.” Isaiah 28:21.

LESSONS FROM THE SANCTUARY

PART VII-A

Mining Sanctuary theology is not a simple matter. If Sanctuary issues were easily comprehended, there would not be such diversity and divergence of opinion as exists in Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Each of these “Abrahamic” world religions interprets the Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple revelation as it meets their evolved, subjectively sectarian view of God. Significantly, each recognizes the importance of salvation for mankind, but then subjectively and self-centeredly narrows the focus. Through cherished tradition or accepted interpretation, each adherent places his inherited or chosen religion, (including himself), at the center of Salvation history.

With PART VII, I will attempt to expand and define, what I reason to be, key Sanctuary issues. Others will doubtless choose to “enlarge my borders” but after considered observation and reasoning in Sanctuary theology, I conclude there are three vital issues—*three supreme questions*. Of course there are related issues to be considered—I have been offering and exploring several such issues in PARTS I-VI. But I believe these issues ultimately revolve about these three Sanctuary questions:

- A) What Authority does God possess?**
- B) What is the meaning of Salvation?**
- C) What is the meaning of “Sanctuary time”?**

PART VII–A / WHAT AUTHORITY DOES GOD POSSESS?

In the Sanctuary as in the totality of Scripture, God’s authority is both *presumed* and *assumed*. As noted in LESSONS FROM THE SANCTUARY / PART V, God’s majestic office in the Sanctuary, within the “secret chamber” and seated “above the Law” speaks volumes. Specifically, I refer to the “Ancient of days” Daniel saw in vision (Daniel 7:9, 13); the “Glorious Shekinah” of the wilderness Sanctuary enthroned between the “Covering Cherubim” (Exodus 25:18-22), then seen afterward indwelling Solomon’s Temple (1 Kings 8:10,11); and again, “HE that sat upon the throne,” described by John in the book of Revelation (Revelation 4:2 +). In each of these biblical Sanctuary/Temple accounts, this *singular* GOD PERSON is seen and described as THE ONE possessing ultimate authority. For emphasis I repeat, this “*singular*” GOD PERSON.

On the other hand, the authority of the DIVINE SON, both in heaven and on earth, is said in Scripture, “to be granted or given” by THE FATHER. In the Judgment phase of “Sanctuary time,” the large, begging issue of the *granted, everlasting status and authority* of the SON / LAMB will be the defining focus of the Sanctuary revelation! Have you seen it yet? Can you stretch this far? If, as I conclude, end-time prophecy is fulfilling before our eyes, then in all of eternity past and in all of eternity to come, you and I may be living—*alive*—in the predicted “Sanctuary time” of THE SON’S, **merited** and **realized** elevation and exaltation! *Where are the palm branches?*

THE FATHER, of His own will and by His own authority, could elevate His Son, and grant Him kingly authority over all creation, over the angelic order, over earth and mankind. **Many will reason that God’s Son already owns such authority.** My conclusion: A careful study of Scripture and the Sanctuary reveal otherwise!

Yes, I am aware of Matthew 28:18, as well as other pronouncements from Jesus regarding the **authority** and power (Greek, *dunamis*) granted Him by His Father. These statements are often rendered in the Greek “present progressive tense,” a tense not readily expressed in English. The idea, as I understand it is this: The Father has promised and *is in the process* of delivering power and authority over all creation to His Son. **That process began, I have concluded,**

“before the foundation of the world,” and will climax with and during the soon-to-be-assembled, “Sanctuary timed,” Judgment in Heaven.

If my reading is correct, then Jesus’ words to Pilate make wonderful sense: “My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: **but now is my kingdom not from hence.**” John 18:36.

Here is another: “But unto the Son he (The Father) saith . . . Sit on my right hand, **until** I make thine enemies thy footstool.” Hebrews 2:8-13.

If my reading is not correct, you and I are faced with a clear and troubling contradiction in Scripture.

Let’s try this again. THE FATHER, of His own will and by His own authority can elevate HIS SON. Scripture, “which cannot be broken,” assures us that God will, *in (Sanctuary) time*, bring the glorious exaltation of His Son to pass. But **here is the golden revelation** within the Sanctuary revelation: GOD, who is all-powerful, **could appoint and impose** the kingship and regal authority of HIS SON over angel and man, but He does not! Contrariwise, beyond comprehension, THE POTENT GOD and HIS DIVINE SON submit themselves (Their authority?), not to peers, but to created beings:

But, “What is man that thou art mindful of him?” Hebrews 2:6.

God says, “**Learn of me; For I AM meek and lowly in heart.**” Matthews 11:29.

One can scarcely imagine THE OMNIPOTENT GOD, inviting and awaiting a court review by His offspring. Free-willed men and angels, in the soon-coming Judgment, will place GOD’S SON on trial once more! **And what is to be the question before the court?** “Will you have **this king** (or Barabbas) to reign over you?!!”

“Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.” Psalm 150:6.

If you grasp this amazing conclusion, then please reconsider these verses: “Fear God and give glory to him for the hour (‘Sanctuary time’) of his judgment (Grk, *krisis* / Eng., *crisis*) is come: and worship (bow down before) him (Christ) that made heaven, and earth.” Revelation 14:7.

Sound the Good News: His glorious elevation; His regal coronation; His fit bride and marriage; His adopted, ready-made family; His long-promised, long-awaited inheritance and His everlasting kingdom are at hand! ***Make ready the palm branches!***

“The judgment was set, and the books were opened. . . . I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.” Daniel 7:10, 13, 14.

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.” Revelation 5:12.

Therefore: “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but **made himself of no reputation**, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the (shameful, criminal) death of the cross. **Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name that is above every name:** That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:5-11.

I submit to the reader, this “highly exalted, every knee bowing in heaven and earth” reality has not yet arrived! **It is coming soon!** **And HE is coming soon!**

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he

hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy (set apart) and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved . . . Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation (KJV margin / ‘plan’ / The Sanctuary blueprint?) of the full-ness of (Sanctuary) times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth; even in him.” Ephesians 1:3-6; 9, 10.

“And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the (Sanctuary) times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.” Acts 3:20, 21.

LESSONS FROM THE SANCTUARY

PART VII-B

The reflections of Charles Wheeling

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF SALVATION?

For more than thirty years, God has granted me the awesome privilege of opening His Word to hundreds and thousands of people. Through these years I have observed and experienced an interesting trait of human nature. This human “trait” I have found to be universal, regardless of culture, nationality or gender. It has to do with a person’s absolute need to *believe something*. Apparently, life’s day-to-day decisions are made based upon what a person *believes to be true*. When a person *believes* something, for him or for her *it is true* even if it is factually and provably incorrect!

As a matter of circumstance it has been impossible to avoid “faith issues” while

presenting my *Prophecy Seminars*. I soon learned that *every* audience contains persons of varied belief, conviction and spiritual maturity. I discovered that persons attending a Bible Prophecy Seminar for 8-12 hours would likely be zealous and sensitive regarding their personal religious beliefs. On more than a few occasions I have been publicly challenged regarding some point in my presentation that did not agree with the hearer's understanding. People are "sensitive" regarding faith issues -- *So what?*

Well, you see, by definition I am a Seminar *Presenter*; I am a *Teacher* and *Instructor*. By definition, people attending my seminars should come to *learn* something. But having experienced firsthand the fickleness and sensitivity of human nature regarding faith matters (belief), I decided that henceforth I would open my seminars by leading the audience to a "psychological watering trough of self-discovery and / or self-incrimination."

SO THIS BECAME MY CHALLENGE:

"We are here today to discover and hopefully, learn something new. Some of the things I'm going to share today could be incorrect. I don't expect you to believe or accept anything simply because I say it, and certainly nothing that does not ring true in Scripture. If you wish, we can spend this entire day rehearsing what you already know, but then you would learn nothing new -- *Would you?*"

"AMEN!" was the typical hearty response. After such a pointed challenge and such a positive response, would you be surprised to discover that some in attendance could still take offense and walk out? I distinctly remember one occasion when a gentleman of years and well-known to the large audience in attendance, blurted out loudly, "This man has lost his mind!"

Now that I have your attention, with this discussion I will likely be treading on sensitive religious ground for some persons. Some may read this attempt at discovery and feel uncomfortable or even angry -- *I pray not!* My intent is never to deliberately offend but always to challenge to discovery. So, reader, if you are bold enough and spiritually mature enough to explore certain "issues" with me, perhaps together we can "learn something new."

MY DISCLAIMER:

I do not believe that I am especially “chosen” by God or above all others in intellect. I am, however, a persistent, honest inquirer and I do believe God rewards such effort. Jesus promised:

“Seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you: For...he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.” Matthew 7:7, 8.

“SAVED, SAVIOR, SALVATION,” *Just what do these words mean?*

As a youth I was first exposed to the subject of “salvation” when a very fine, very missionary-minded Baptist minister began knocking on doors in our community. After introducing himself, he announced, “There’s no church in this neighborhood and I intend to build a church here to the glory of God! Won’t you come join me?” It was in that fledgling Baptist church that I first heard the question, “Are you **saved?**” “Have you received the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal **Saviour?**” “You must have **salvation!**”

With this Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple discussion, my intent is to focus, first on the “earthly,” and afterward attempt to shift the perspective and focus from the human to the “Heavenly.”

Sal-va-tion, *n.* 1. a saving or being saved from danger, evil, difficulty or danger. 2. a person or thing that is a means, cause or source of preservation or rescue. 3. *Theol.* Deliverance from sin and from the penalties of sin; redemption.

I can only assume that my readers will understand that I am aware of “traditional” Christian views regarding the necessity for and the process of “salvation.” I also assume that my readers recognize that inspiration and revelation in Scripture are much larger and deeper than most of us will comprehend this side of the kingdom.

“SAVED!” -- from what? ”SAVED!” -- when?

Even as a youth, the question, “Are you saved?” seemed puzzling and incomplete. If by the question, “Are you saved?” *one actually means*, “Are your sins forgiven?” the answer is **“Yes!”** But “forgiveness” is not “salvation.” Yet it is in this very sense (forgiveness = salvation; see Webster’s theological definition above) that many Christians understand and use the expression “saved.”

“FORGIVENESS” IS FREE OF CHARGE BUT SALVATION IS EXPENSIVE

By God’s grace (His loving mercy and compassion) and His promise to forgive me (God’s part), and by faith (*my* part), I have forgiveness -- but “forgiveness” is not “salvation.” Certainly not “salvation” in the sense or with the meaning it was preached by the Apostles or heard and believed by early Christians.

Words are defined not simply by their usage as nouns, verbs, etc., but also by the “tense” in which they are framed. The Philippian jailer cried,

“Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they (Paul and Silas) said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and **thou shalt be saved**, and thy house.” Acts 16:30, 31.

“Saved” (Salvation) was promised to the Jailer in the *future tense*. Belief or faith was his to exercise (the sinner’s part), at that moment in time. Beyond that, to “save” him and his house, *the ultimate reality* of his saved condition / “salvation,” is God’s part, and is expressed in Scripture in the *future perfect tense*, as “shalt,” or “shall be in the future **sav-ed**,” *a completed process and condition*.

Surely someone will protest: “BUT JESUS SAID to Zaccheus, “THIS DAY has SALVATION come to this house.” Luke 19:9, 10. Please do a little homework and discover that the Greek root for “salvation” used here (Strong’s 4990-92) offers several possible meanings. Here is one: “THIS DAY has a Deliverer / Saviour come to this house.” If you can’t buy this reading, then please consider this: Christ had not yet paid for Zaccheus’ sins on the Cross nor yet had Christ

been resurrected! Any way you slice it, Zaccheus' "salvation" was *yet future* from that declaration!

I am presently "forgiven," (a legal or forensic, treated as one justified, condition before God and His Law), and **when Christ returns, I WILL BE SAVED -- a holistic, physically, spiritually, and eternally "sav-ed" reality!** This is what "salvation" meant to Early Christians! This is the "saved" condition the Apostles believed and preached as imminent in their day.

"And that, knowing the time, that...now is our salvation NEARER THAN WHEN WE BELIEVED." Romans 13:11.

"Salvation," for Paul, was *near*, but *not yet an accomplished reality*.

As long as I am here, in "this present evil world," I am not yet "saved." I have the promise of "salvation" in the "day of His appearing."

"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that LOOK FOR HIM shall he APPEAR THE SECOND TIME without sin UNTO SALVATION." Hebrews 9:28.

Then, and only then can a man say, "I am saved!"

While it is true the Apostles spoke of the condition and reality of "salvation" ("being saved") as a future event, the New Testament demonstrates, beyond question, that they preached "salvation" and "being saved" as *imminent reality*. They expected to receive "salvation" and they led others to expect "salvation" *in their day* -- But that was 2,000 years ago! Unlike the Apostles living two millennia ago, modern Christians are teaching their New Testament "imminent (but future) salvation" declarations as *emphatic, accomplished reality*.

LET'S TRY AGAIN...

We speak of Christ as "having been 'victorious.'" Respectfully, "**Victorious**"-*over what?*

OVER TEMPTATION, YES!

OVER THE GRAVE, YES!

OVER SATAN and SIN, NOT YET! Satan and sin still exist and persist.

“Victory,” by any definition, is not “victory” unless and until it is complet(ed).
We are not yet “saved.” I need to understand why this is so. I conclude in Scripture that this is present reality because Christ has

**not yet received His promised TITLE;
not yet received His promised KINGDOM;
not yet received His promised INHERITANCE.**

As long as Christ waits to receive His inheritance, we must wait to receive ours!

“But one in a certain place testified, saying, ‘What is man that thou art mindful of him? Or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honor, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: **thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet.’ For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. BUT NOW WE SEE NOT YET ALL THINGS PUT UNDER HIM.** *But we see Jesus....*” Hebrews 2:6-9.

As long as Christ waits to receive His inheritance, we must wait to receive ours!

“BUT WE SEE JESUS....”

We do not *see* Jesus with eyes of flesh. Then with what aid do we *see* Him? We *see* “The Word of God” in “God’s Word.” But how clearly do we *see* Him? Do we *see* Him as a vigorous man full of life, in search of a “help meet?” Do we *see* Him in possession of dominion and wealth, but lonely, wishing for a “bride” and a family with whom to share His wealth? Do we *see* Him as “Father of the race, provider and protector, *even unto death?*”

This “Only Begotten, Anointed Son,” we *see* in the Word. **Though Divine of birth and Great of privilege, He has for all His existence been “a burden-bearer.”** As Creator, He was “made responsible” for all things that own

existence beyond His own. Even when peace and harmony prevailed throughout creation and “all things worked together for good,” **He bore a heavy burden.** *Just what was His heavy burden?*

“WORSHIP HIM....the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”

“Son, if you will marry a bride and have a family, I can change my name.”

“Of course High Father (Abram), I intend to take a bride.”

“Son, when you bring forth your family, I will change my name and ever after I will be called Abraham! Then I will truly be Father of a multitude!”

“Yes, Father, ‘for thy pleasure’ I will present you with many children (offspring) in your old age (Ancient of days).”

“But Son, having a family is a *grave* responsibility. Son, I hasten to remind you that *children are like sheep; they can stray.* As Father protector (house-band), you will be required to be ever vigilant; never sleeping; always watching; always caring. You will become fully responsible for everything they need and everything they do -- *Are you willing to bear such a heavy burden?*”

“Yes Father, I AM willing.”

“*Now therefore perform the doing of it;* that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have. *For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted....*” 2 Corinthians 8:11,12.

“*And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son;* and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; *and they went both of them together.*” Genesis 22:6.

“The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, ‘Behold ***the Lamb of God, which taketh away*** (Strong’s 142; **“bears or carries away”**) *the sin* of the world.” John 1:29.

“GOD SAVE THE KING!”

Was God’s Son “born with a silver spoon in His mouth,” or was He “born with the sword of Damocles” waiting to fall upon Him? Is your answer “A” or “B” or “Both?” *The answer is “B.”* Did God’s Son ever “live as a King in Heaven,” or has He always suffered “a manger existence”? Just exactly *when* did Christ “bear the Cross”? Two thousand years ago? Nay, for “what saith the Scriptures?”

“Worship him...the Lamb *slain from the foundation of the world.*”
Revelation 13:8.

The “man” named Jesus; the “one” they called “The Christ;” The “Only-begotten of His Father” -- “Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.” Do you *see* Him yet? Can you *see* that He bore a secret burden long before anyone but His Father knew of His mountain to climb, His wood to bear, and the altar His own Father built for His sacrifice? Can you or I ever comprehend His utter Lambness, as His own Father bound His hands and led Him to slaughter? *Did the Cross, the grave and His resurrection at last set Him free?* Nay again...

AS LONG AS WE ARE BURDENED, HE IS BURDENED!

As long as we are pained, He is pained. No, He is not yet a “free” man. **As long as He is our High Priest, He is a burden-bearer.** Not until He becomes King will He cease to bear burdens. Not until His enemies are “made His footstool” will He utterly, finally, completely, irrevocably, eternally own VICTORY. It will be the decision taken and the verdict rendered in the soon-to-open Judgment in Heaven that will, for the first time in HIS LIFE-LONG EXISTENCE, set Him free! Tell everyone, “the hour of his judgment (Gr: *krisis*) is at hand!”

“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell upon the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, ‘Fear God and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.’” Revelation 14:6, 7.

“FREE AT LAST!”

Consider it; *see* it. When His entire family -- His Father, His bride and His children pass judgment upon Him and declare Him **THE WORTHY KING**; when all authority in Heaven and in earth are given to Him; when our heavy sins, which became His sins, are “blotted out” and “remembered no more” -- *erased, not simply forgiven* -- *who will be “free at last?”* When that ever present, threatening “sword” is *gone forever!* When that cruel “mountain with its’ death altar” becomes “*a Throne, high and lifted up!*” When His many “thorns,” become “*Many Crowns!*” *Who will be “free at last?”*

And so the question can finally be answered: **When shall we be truly and securely “saved”?** **When shall we possess “Salvation”?** **When our King is forever safe on His throne and “affliction shall not rise up the second time;”** **When our King owns “Salvation,” we shall own Salvation and we shall be Saved!** Will it be His Jubilee? Or ours? Is it “A” or “B” or “Both”?

Psalm 116

**I love the LORD, because he hath heard
my voice and my supplications.**

Because he hath inclined his ear unto me,
therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

**The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains
of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.**

Then called I upon the name of the LORD; **O LORD,
I beseech thee, deliver my soul.**

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God
is merciful. The LORD preserveth the simple:
I was brought low, and he helped me.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt
bountifully with thee.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

I believed, therefore have I spoken: **I was greatly afflicted:**

I said in my haste, All men are liars. What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?

I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

O LORD, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people. In the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.

Praise ye the LORD.

The interest and response to these thoughts regarding the Sanctuary have been most gratifying. **Part VII-C, *What is the meaning of "Sanctuary time?"*** will soon be released.

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A Personal Postscript

—CW says: Though small, I believe the Ministry we represent here is not unimportant. Our Christ-centered publications circle the globe, and literally millions of audio and videocassettes (and now DVDs) of our studies in prophecy circle the globe as well. We praise God for any small thing that we have accomplished for Christ and for His Kingdom!

“The times, they are a-changin’.” Only God can know the future. Nevertheless, we are admonished by the Saviour to “Watch and pray.” He has spoken plainly of “signs” that will signal the “end-times.” The “signs” are everywhere! Just as Daniel was shown in his first vision, the “four winds” are “troubling the great sea (of people) worldwide.” The best efforts of men and governments to stem the tide of evil rushing upon our planet are futile and we all know it.

Prophetically, this “bad news” is “good news” for those who understand Bible prophecy and are able to read the “signs of the times.”

Our greatest challenge will be to present the prophecies in a way that will lead men and women to Christ, our Great High Priest. The world, “every kindred, tongue, nation and people,” must hear the good news of His imminent Judgment in Heaven, the nearness of His entitled, long-awaited Kingdom and the best news, His glorious return!

Though ours is a small ministry, we are laying large plans for the months ahead. Personally, I am persuaded that terrible events will

soon shake our planet and as a result, millions will question: “*What do these things mean?*” Scripture assures us that great interest will soon be kindled in the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. We want to be ready here to meet these challenges and prepared to offer light from God’s Word regarding end-time prophecy. We need your help to meet these challenges and go forward with new, Christ-centered publications that will allow us to reach out, out, out!

From our hearts, we graciously thank you for your prayers and continued, generous financial support.

The crisis of the ages is just before us...