Advanced Consistory
Watchtower Society
in Session, Judea

Jesus Opens the Way Through the Veil

Lesson 10, 10 Quarter February 26 - March 4, 2022

Sabbath Afternoon - February 26

Memory Text:

"In Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us" NIV — Hebrews 9:24

"What the Saviour's ascension, the sense of the divine presence, was to the disciples, the coming of the Holy Spirit was to the world. Christ was seen, but was not believed and called and prayed with them, who had spoken hope and courage, who had taught them, who had the mystery of peace was upon His face, been taken from them into heaven. Now they could believe that what He had said came to them, 'Lo, I am with you always, even to the end.' Matthew 28:20. He had ascended to heaven in the form of humanity. They knew that He was one with God, that God was in Christ, that heaven and Saviour still dwelt together in one person. They knew that He was identified with sinful humanity. They knew that He was preparing before God the meet of His blood, showing His wounded hands and His pierced side in behalf of those for whom He had purchased the inheritance of the saints, and they longed to be endowed with power to enlighten, to comfort, to bless, and to save. Such were the thoughts and such the feelings with which they parted from Christ on the Mount of Olivet. Knowing that the Saviour was ever with them, they could wait in the temple courts, praising and blessing God." The Desire of Ages, p. 166

Christ ascended to heaven with the angels, on the day of Sunday, from then, was the sign of Jonas, Wednesday night, Thursday night, Friday night, Saturday night, Sunday morning.

Jesus was arrested early Thursday morning and tried before Pilate in early afternoon (John 18:13). Brought before Caiaphas in the assembly of the Sanhedrin this legal trial, lasting all night, ended at the crowing of the cock (Matthew 26:74). Jesus was crucified about the sixth hour (John 19:14), then darkness came over the land from the sixth hour to the ninth hour, and finally was crucified, the ninth hour (Matthew 27:45). Jesus died about the third hour (Mark 15:25) – 9:00 A.M., Friday morning.

Christ has risen from the dead, this captive, His trials, and His crucifixion were all prophetic, and the prophecies arrangement take place at night and early morning to present any difficulty, the prophecies are fulfilled in order.

In the interval between the two nights and rise on Sunday, the three days and three nights, Christ was in the grave, the legal trial is the time of His resurrection. "For the Sabbath of the Lord your God" Exodus 20:10 Christ was in the grave, the Sabbath, the Lord's Sabbath, the Sabbath is a sign, symbolical of Christ's imprisonment in the bands of death. Matthew 12:40 Luke 24:7, 18, 21, 46 Acts 2:24, 27, 31 (1Co 5:6,7) Acts 26:23, 18:28, 24:7 – 1 Peter 4:6 – Revelation 1:18 – Revelation 20:14 – Revelation 21:8 – Revelation 2:11 – Revelation 20:6

Both John's and Daniel's visions reveal that the throne in the sanctuary was not there from the beginning of the creation of God; or from the days of Moses; or yet from the hour that Christ ascended on high; or even from the days of pagan Rome; that, indeed, it was not "set up" until after the fall of pagan Rome, when the "little horn" of the non-descript beast came up – in the days of Ecclesiastical Rome (Dan. 7:7-12, 21, 22). Elsewhere than in the sanctuary, therefore, is---God's Eternal Throne Room.

Because the sanctuary throne was not in existence in the days of the early Christian church, therefore the throne upon which Stephen saw Christ at the "right hand of God" (Acts 7:56) could not have been in the sanctuary, wherein is the "sea of glass," but rather in Paradise, whence flows the "river of water of life," and on either side of which is "the tree of life." Rev. 22:1, 2. Very obviously, therefore, the throne which Stephen saw is "the throne of God and of the Lamb," the throne permanent and eternal. Round about this glory-seat are no beasts, no witnesses, no jury, and before it is "no candle," and no blood to be offered. In short, it stands, not in the sin-laden sanctuary, but in Paradise. It is the sovereign administrative throne, from which the Infinite eternally governs His immortal sinless beings!

To this throne, then, which is from everlasting to everlasting, Christ ascended and thereat sat down at the right hand of His Father until the time came when, in fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy and of John's revelation, sometime after the little-horn power came into existence, both He and His Father moved to the sanctuary throne. Upon the latter He does not sit as a king at the right hand of God; but rather before it does He stand both as a sacrificial lamb (Rev. 5:6), and as an intercessor (Dan. 7:13) pleading for sinful human beings. Hence, His mediatorial work began---**First In The Holy, Then In The Most Holy.**

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