The Tabernacle

Lesson 13, 3rd Quarter, September 20-26, 2025

Sabbath Afternoon, September 30

Memory Text:

"Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and the fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys." KJV—Exodus 40:34, 38

"The sanctuary in heaven, in which Jesus ministers in our behalf, is the great original, of which the sanctuary built by Moses was a copy. God placed His Spirit upon the builders of the earthly sanctuary. The artistic skill displayed in its construction was a manifestation of divine wisdom. The walls had the appearance of massive gold, reflecting in every direction the light of the candlestick and the glory of the shekinah. The table of shewbread and the altar of incense gleamed like burnished gold. The gorgeous curtain which formed the ceiling, representing the starry heavens, with the cherubim woven in it, was of fine twined linen, and of blue, purple, and scarlet, the colors which were the first blending of the light and glory of heaven, and ten thousand times ten thousand stand before Him (Daniel 7:10). that temple, filled with the glory of the eternal Father, where angels, who, to shining glories, will never have to abdicate, could find, in the most magnificent structure ever reared by human hands, but a faint reflection of its extreme and glory. The important truths concerning the heavenly sanctuary and the great work there carried forward for man's redemption were taught by the earthly sanctuary and its services. GC 414.2

"The holy places of the sanctuary in heaven are represented by the two apartments in the sanctuary on earth. At vision the apostle John was granted a view of the temple of God in heaven, he beheld three 'seven lamps of fire burning before the throne.' Revelation 4:5. He saw the angel who stands near the altar of incense, with a golden censer in his hand, and should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne." Revelation 8:3. Here the prophet was permitted to behold the first apartment of the sanctuary in heaven, and he saw there the "seven lamps of fire" and "the golden altar," represented by the golden candlestick and the altar of incense in the sanctuary on earth. He saw the temple of God in heaven opened, and there was seen the ark of God's testament. "There were also voices, and thunders, and lightnings: and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. Such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. Such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great." Revelation 16:18. Here the prophet was permitted to behold the first apartment of the sanctuary in heaven, and he saw there the "seven lamps of fire" and "the golden altar," represented by the golden candlestick and the altar of incense in the sanctuary on earth. He saw the temple of God in heaven opened, and there was seen the ark of God's testament. "There were also voices, and thunders, and lightnings: and there was a great earthquake,