

Cleansing the Sanctuary (Part 1)

From the Series

“The Sanctuary: God’s Plan for Your Lives”

Guiding Passage: **Exodus 25:8–9 (NASB95)** — 8 “Let them *construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them.* 9 “According to *all that I am going to show you*, as the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, just so you shall construct it.

Scripture Reading: **Hebrews 9:21–24 (NASB95)** — 21 And in the same way *he sprinkled both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry with the blood.* 22 And *according to the Law*, one may almost say, *all things are cleansed with blood*, and *without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.* 23 Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but *the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.* 24 *For Christ* did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but *into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;*

Christology and Ecclesiology

Jesus is the Door – He has given us the keys

Jesus is the Altar that Sanctifies – We must bear our cross

Jesus is the Lamb – We are His lambs

Jesus is our High Priest – We are Priests

Jesus was the Baptizer – Commissions us to baptize

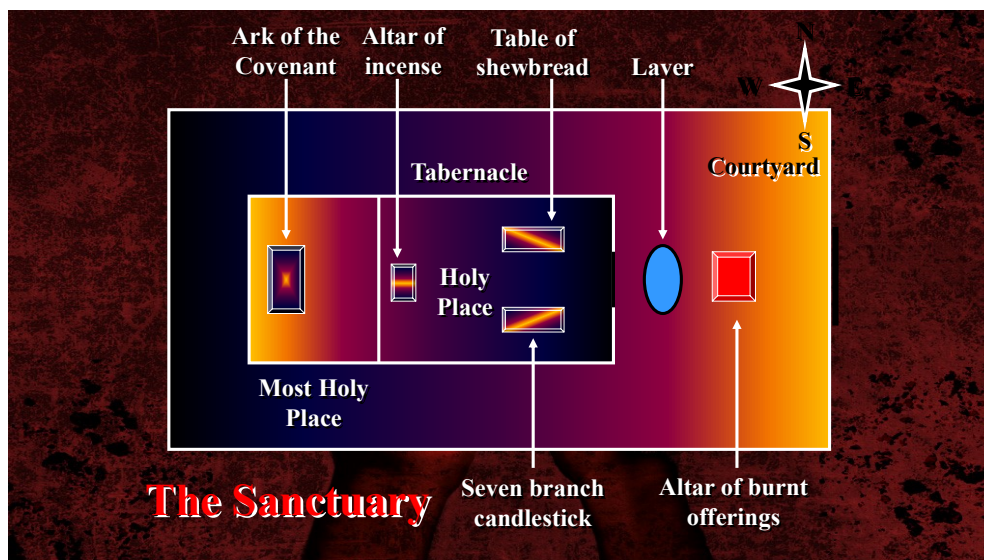
Jesus is our Food and Drink – Rivers of Living Water flow

Jesus is the Light – We are the light

Jesus is the Incense – We are His fragrance

Jesus is the Veil – We have access to the Holy of Holies

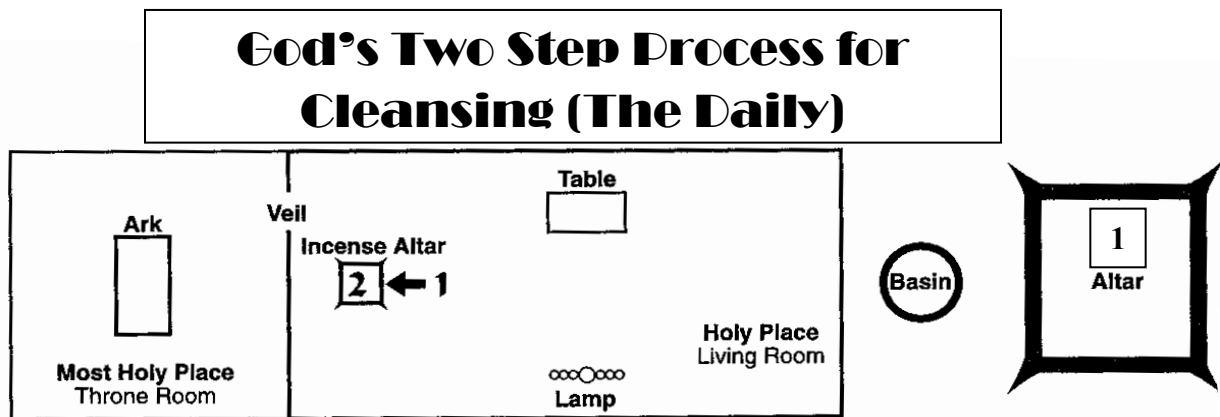
Jesus is the Mercy Seat – We have passed from death to life.



Application of Blood in the Sanctuary

Leviticus 3:2 (NASB95) — 2 ‘He shall lay his hand on the head of his offering and slay it at the doorway of the tent of meeting, and Aaron’s sons *the priests shall sprinkle the blood around on the altar.*

Leviticus 4:6 (NASB95) —6 and *the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle some of the blood seven times before the Lord, in front of the veil of the sanctuary.*

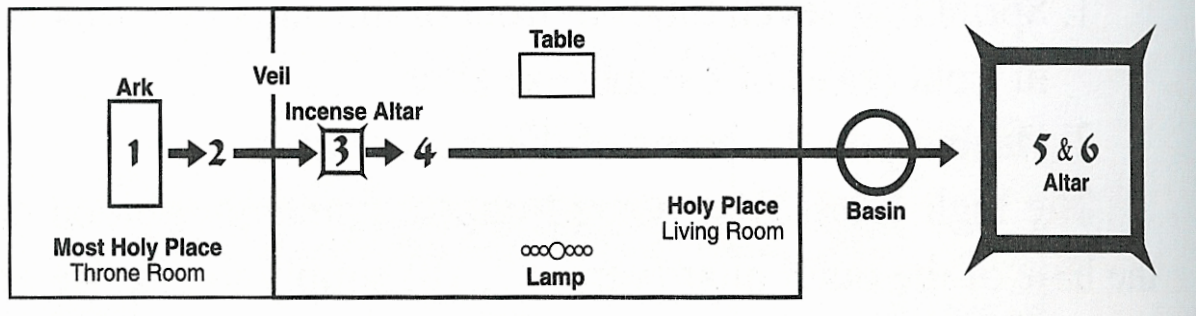


1. Sprinkling blood around the altar,
2. Sprinkling seven times in front of the inner veil, that is, in front of the incense altar.
3. Daubing on the horns of the incense altar.

Leviticus 16:14–15 (NASB95) — 14 “Moreover, *he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the mercy seat on the east side; also in front of the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.* 15 “Then he shall *slaughter the goat of the sin offering which is for the people, and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat.*

Leviticus 16:19 (NASB95) — 19 “With his finger *he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it seven times and cleanse it, and from the impurities of the sons of Israel* consecrate it.

God's Two Step Process for Cleansing (The Yearly)



1. Sprinkling once on the lid of the ark.
2. Sprinkling seven times in front of the ark's lid.
3. Daubing on the horns of the incense altar.
4. Sprinkling seven times in front of the veil, that is, in front (east of the incense altar).
5. Daubing on the horns of the outer altar.
6. Sprinkling seven times on the outer altar.

Step 1 Cleansing and Forgiveness in the Heavenly Sanctuary

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Hebrews 10:1–4 (NASB95) — 1 For *the Law*, since it *has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never*, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, *make perfect those who draw near.* 2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins? 3 But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year. 4 For *it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.*

The Blood of Jesus Cleanses Us

1 Peter 1:2 (NASB95) — 2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, *to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood.* May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.

1 John 1:7 (NASB95) — 7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and *the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.*

What Needs Cleansing in the Heavenly Sanctuary

Psalms 139:16 (NASB95) — 16 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And *in Your book were all written The days that were ordained for me*, When as yet there was not one of them.

Daniel 7:9–10 (NASB95) — 9 “I kept looking Until thrones were set up, And the Ancient of Days took His seat; His vesture was like white snow And the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was ablaze with flames, Its wheels were a burning fire. 10 “A river of fire was flowing And coming out from before Him; Thousands upon thousands were attending Him, And myriads upon myriads were standing before Him; *The court sat, And the books were opened.*

Revelation 20:12 (NASB95) — 12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, *and books were opened*; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and *the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.*

How Our Records are Cleansed

Psalms 51:1, 9 (NASB95) — 1 Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassion *blot out my transgressions.* . . . 9 Hide Your face from my sins And *blot out all my iniquities.*

Isaiah 43:25 (NASB95) — 25 “I, even *I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions* for My own sake, And *I will not remember your sins.*

Jesus Applies His Blood (The Daily)

Acts 3:19 (NASB95) — 19 “Therefore repent and return, so that *your sins may be wiped away*, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

Acts 3:19 (NKJV) — 19 Repent therefore and be converted, that *your sins may be blotted out*, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

Leviticus 17:11, 14 (NASB95) — 11 ‘For *the life of the flesh is in the blood*, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for *it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.*’ . . . 14 “For as for the life of all flesh, *its blood is identified with its life.* . .

How God Forgives Us

1 John 1:9 (NASB95) — 9 *If we confess our sins*, He is faithful and righteous *to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Romans 3:23–25 (NASB95) — 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified as a gift by His grace through *the redemption which is in Christ Jesus*; 25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His

righteousness, because *in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed*;

From the Hebrew-Greek Key Study Bible

“The word translated “passover” in this verse is not the word aphasis (859), “forgiveness” . . . Which means “to remove one’s sins from someone,” but it is the word paresis (3929). Where as aphasis indeed means remission, the word paresis “to place on the side, to disregard to bypass.” . . . These past sins God only permitted to be winked at to be bypassed, to be placed on the side and not be considered as forever removed as a result of man’s sacrifices of animals.”

*“ . . . The best that such sacrifices could accomplish was to set aside the consequences of former acts of sin. They could not remove the sinfulness of man or change his character. **But now**, through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, we are experiencing not paresin, the bypassing of the consequences of sin, but the remission, the removal, aphasisin, of sin itself, i.e., its guilt and power. . . What Jesus Christ did through His blood was to lift our sins away from us. He did not just wink at them. He changed our character in making us just . . .”*

A Fresh Start Because of Christ

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB95) — 17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NASB95) — 21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Our Priestly Role

John 20:23 (NASB95) — 23 “If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained.”

As a Priest Who Has Been Forgiven, Our Work Is to Let Others Know Forgiveness Is Available . . .