

Growing In Christ
Lesson #12 Last Things: Jesus and the Saved
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Acts 3:19-21, NKJV *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, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began’.*

The Heavenly Sanctuary: Part 1

Hebrews 8:1–2 (NKJV) *Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,² a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.*

John Calvin called Christ’s work of intercession the “continual application of His death for our salvation,” and it is said that “the existence of a heavenly sanctuary was standard theology among Puritan divines.” It’s not hard to see why Christ’s work of intercession should be seen as such an important teaching. After all, look at how much of the Old Testament centered around the sanctuary and the temple. Look at how much the New Testament does, as well! What should this tell us about the importance of this doctrine?

Psalm 11:4 (NKJV)⁴ *The Lord is in His holy temple, The Lord’s throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.*

***Hebrews 9:22** *And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.*

Leviticus 17:11 (NKJV) *For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.’*

The Heavenly Sanctuary: Part 2

1 Timothy 2:5 (NKJV) *For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,*

***Isaiah 53:6 (NKJV)** *All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV) *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

Romans 3:24–25 (NKJV) *being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,²⁵ whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,*

1 John 2:1–2 (NKJV) *My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.² And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.*

“The intercession of Christ in man’s behalf in the sanctuary above is as essential to the plan of salvation as was His death upon the cross. By His death He began that work which after His resurrection He ascended to complete in heaven. We must by faith enter within the veil, ‘whither the forerunner is for us entered.’ Hebrews 6:20. There the light from the cross of Calvary is reflected. There we may gain a clearer insight into the mysteries of redemption. The salvation of man is accomplished at an infinite expense to heaven.” - *The Great Controversy*, p. 489.

***Psalm 77:13 (NKJV)¹³** *Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary; Who is so great a God as our God?*

Romans 8:33–34 (NKJV)³³ *Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies.³⁴ Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.*

The Second Coming of Christ

Hebrews 9:24–28 (NKJV) *For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;²⁵ not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another—²⁶ He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.²⁷ And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,²⁸ so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him **He will appear a second time**, apart from sin, for salvation.*

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restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

***Revelation 1:7 (NKJV)** Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

Matthew 24:29–31 (NKJV) “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.³¹ And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

1 Thessalonians 4:16–18 (NKJV)¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Awaiting The Advent

Luke 19:11–13 (NKJV)¹¹ Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately.¹² Therefore He said: “A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.¹³ So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Do business till I come.’

Matthew 24:45–51 “Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?⁴⁶ Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.⁴⁷ Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.⁴⁸ But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’⁴⁹ and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards,⁵⁰ the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of,⁵¹ and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

***Matthew 24:12–14 (NKJV)**¹² And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.¹³ But he who endures to the end shall

be saved.¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Death and Resurrection

John 5:28–29 (NKJV) Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

1 Thessalonians 4:13–16 (NKJV)¹³ But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.