



Lesson 25 – The Work in the First Apartment of the Sanctuary

- 1) What did God tell Moses concerning where He will meet with them?

Exodus 29:42 This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the _____ of the congregation before the LORD: where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee.

Exodus 29:43 And there I will _____ with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by my glory.

The work in the first apartment consisted principally of the morning and evening daily services, the individual sin-offerings, and services on feast days and on special occasions. God's Visible presence was manifested in the first apartment or tabernacle of the congregation. There at the first veil, or door, of the tabernacle of the congregation, where the people presented their sin-offerings, God met and communed with the children of Israel.

- 2) How did God show that He was present at the Tabernacle?

Exodus 40:34 Then a _____ covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

Exodus 40:35 And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the _____ of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

Sometimes the cloud of glory, representing the visible presence of the Most Holy, filled the first apartment so that no one was able to enter.

- 3) What did Jesus do when He returned to heaven?

Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is _____ at the right hand of the throne of God.

God's presence manifested in the first apartment of the earthly sanctuary was a shadow of the glorious presence and throne of the Father in the first apartment of the heavenly sanctuary, where, after enduring the cross, despising the shame, the Saviour sat down **“at the right hand of the throne of God.”**

- 4) What did the priest do in the first apartment of the sanctuary every morning and evening?

Exodus 30:7 And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet _____ every morning: when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it.

(note: the “it” here is the altar of incense)

Exodus 30:8 And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at _____, he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.



The service each morning and evening was very important. Within the first apartment, the High Priest offered incense upon the Golden Altar and trimmed and lighted the lamps.

5) What amazing scene helps us understand what happened in the tabernacle?

Revelation 8:3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the _____ of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

Revelation 8:4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, _____ up before God out of the angel's hand.

None but the high priest could perform this sacred work, which typified the adding of the fragrant incense of Christ's righteousness to the prayers of God's people, to render them acceptable before God.

6) How was Jesus described by John?

John 1:9 That was the _____ Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

The Priest also trimmed and lighted those lamps that were a shadow of the Holy Spirit emanating from God, which at some time in life shines into the heart of everyone, inviting him to accept the Lord and His service, and which shines continually in the life of the individual who walks in the light, and is faithful to God.

7) What did the people do when the priest was offering the incense and tending the lamps?

Luke 1:10 And the whole multitude of the people were _____ without at the time of incense.

While the high priest within the sanctuary was performing the daily service morning and evening at the golden altar, the priests in the court were burning the whole burnt-offering, the meat offering, and the drink-offering, upon the brazen altar, and the people were gathered without, praying.

When the children of Israel were carried into captivity, the faithful ones prayed, like Daniel, with their windows open toward Jerusalem. They turned toward the temple, where, from the altar of continual intercession, the incense was ascending. This type represented those who may be held captive in cruel bondage by Satan, the prince of this world. It matters not where they may be nor how strong the bonds that hold them, if they will resolutely turn their faces from their surroundings toward the heavenly sanctuary, where Christ pleads His blood and presents His righteousness in the sinner's behalf, the prayer of faith will bring peace and joy to the soul and will break asunder the bands with which Satan has bound them.



8) What promise did John give us from Jesus?

Revelation 3:8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an _____ door, and no man can shut it...

Christ sets before such an **“open door, and no man can shut it.”** It makes no difference what the surroundings may be, the soul can be free in God, and no human being, not even the devil, can prevent it.

9) What did John tell us in his first epistle?

1 John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God _____ the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Day by day, as sinners presented their sin-offerings at the door of the first apartment, confessing their sins, either by the blood sprinkled before the Lord or a portion of the flesh eaten in the first apartment, the confessed sins were transferred in type to the first apartment of the Sanctuary. The priest met the sinner at the first veil of the sanctuary and carried within the veil either the blood or the flesh. The sinner could, not look within the sanctuary, but by faith, he knew that the priest was faithful to present his sin-offering before the Lord, and he left the sanctuary rejoicing in sins forgiven.

10) What did the Psalmist tell us about forgiveness?

Psalms 32:1 Blessed is he whose transgression is _____, whose sin is covered.

In the antitype of the sin-offering service, we confess our sins, and although we cannot see the work in the Heavenly Sanctuary, we know that Christ pleads His blood and marred flesh, the prints of the nails, before the Father on our behalf, and we rejoice in the forgiveness of sins. The sins are covered, hid from view.

The time will come when the sins of the righteous will not only be forgiven and covered by the blood of Christ, but all trace of them will be forever removed from the books of Heaven, and even the Lord will never remember them again. This work was symbolized by the work in the second apartment on the day of atonement.



Can you see Jesus' work in the first apartment? _____

Are you interested in leaving your sins behind? _____

Will you now ask Him to work on your behalf? _____