

The Christian Experience in Light of the New Covenant and the Sanctuary, Part 2

Application of the New Covenant Promises Through the Daily Service

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1. **Heb 1:3**—Jesus sat down at the right hand of the Father after He ascended to heaven in 31 AD
2. **Heb 8:1**—He then began officiating as High Priest in the first apartment of the heavenly sanctuary and claiming the promises of the New Covenant for believers as benefits of His daily ministration
 - a. **Rom 8:33-34**—pardon and justification
 - b. **Acts 2:33**—impartation of the Spirit
 - c. **Acts 5:31**—forgiveness for sins
3. Thus, pardon, justification, sanctification, growth in grace, etc., are obtained strictly through the ministration of Jesus in the first apartment of the heavenly sanctuary as Mediator and High Priest on a daily basis.

For eighteen centuries this work of ministration continued in the first apartment of the sanctuary. The blood of Christ, pleaded in behalf of penitent believers, secured their pardon and acceptance with the Father. . . **GC 421**

4. Generation after generation have reaped the blessings of the New Covenant through the daily service in the heavenly sanctuary

Challenge Question

1. And so, on to the challenge question-- Why was there another service in the second apartment of the sanctuary on the day of atonement involving the High Priest?
2. Obviously, because the daily service not enough; if it were enough, there would be no need for another service, another work of atonement on the day of atonement
3. If you can answer this question, then you understand why God raised the Seventh-day Adventist church and you know why you are a Seventh-day Adventist

Partial Application of the New Covenant Promise During the Daily Service

4. This special service on the day of atonement is needed because the new covenant promises only **partially** applied as benefits of the daily service
 - a. They shall all know me--**conviction**
 - b. They shall be my people and I will be their God and they shall be my people--**adoption**

- c. I will forgive their iniquity--**justification**
 - d. I will write my laws in their hearts--**sanctification**
5. The best part of the new covenant promise, "*I will remember their sins no more*" (blotting out of sins from the books of record) was left out during the daily service and never applied
 6. How do we know this promise is not yet fulfilled? We still have memory of sin!
 7. Why was this not claimed by Jesus for us through the daily service?

. . .In the sin offerings presented during the year, a substitute had been accepted in the sinner's stead; but the blood of the victim **had not made full atonement** for the sin. It had only provided a means by which the sin was transferred to the sanctuary. By the offering of blood, the sinner acknowledged the authority of the law, confessed the guilt of his transgression, and expressed his faith in Him who was to take away the sin of the world; **but he was not entirely released from the condemnation of the law.** PP 355-356

- a. The Daily service did not entirely release the sinner from the condemnation of the Law
 - b. The blotting out of sin cannot be fulfilled during the daily service because--the **believer was not yet entirely released from the condemnation of the Law**
8. And as long as the sinner is **not entirely released from the condemnation of the Law**, his sins, even though forgiven, will remain in the books and cannot be cancelled or blotted out

The blood of Christ, while it was to release the repentant sinner from the condemnation of the law, was **not to cancel the sin; it would stand on record in the sanctuary** until the final atonement; so in the type the blood of the sin offering removed the sin from the penitent, but it rested in the sanctuary until the Day of Atonement. PP 357

9. Jesus cannot ask the Father to blot out our sins from the books as long as we are **not entirely released from the condemnation of the Law**
10. The question is, why is the forgiven sinner not entirely released from the condemnation of the Law even though his sins are forgiven during the daily service?

The Nature of the Law's Demands

11. The Law is perfect and demands perfection; the Law detects and condemns any form of imperfection
12. The Law of God condemns not only sinful thoughts and actions but also sinfulness and imperfections or defects of character
13. As far as the Law is concerned, imperfection of character is sin

We need to understand that imperfection of character is sin. COL 330.

14. What constitutes imperfections of character?

The law of God takes note of the jealousy, envy, hatred, malignity, revenge, lust, and ambition that surge through the soul, but have not found expression in outward action, because the opportunity, not the will, has been wanting. And these sinful emotions will be brought into the account in the day when “God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil” (Ecclesiastes 12:14). **ISM 217**

15. Before Jesus can come to the Father and claim the new covenant promise to blot our sins, we must have satisfied all the claims of the Law
16. Jesus cannot ask the Father to blot out our sins from the books of record while our characters are still defective
17. Therefore, before the record of our sins can be blotted out, all character defects must be removed and our lives must be found to be in perfect harmony with the Law of God

All who have truly repented of sin, and by faith claimed the blood of Christ as their atoning sacrifice, have had pardon entered against their names in the books of heaven; **as they have become partakers of the righteousness of Christ, and their characters are found to be in harmony with the law of God**, their sins will be blotted out, and they themselves will be accounted worthy of eternal life. GC 483.

18. In other words, when the character is cleansed of all defects and is perfect, then the law says, “I have no more demands on this individual and our sins can be blotted out.”

Complete Application of the New Covenant Promise through the Day of Atonement Service

19. This is the most serious limitation of the daily service; it offers forgiveness, daily sanctification, but the character still remains defective
20. This is the reason why another service was needed in the sanctuary to cleanse the worshippers of all defects of character so that
21. This is the service that is going on right now in the second apartment of the heavenly sanctuary
22. **Lev 16:30**—in the typical service, the high priest moves into the second apartment of the sanctuary to make a final atonement “*to cleanse you so that you may be clean from all your sins before the Lord*”
23. Jesus as our High Priest makes His final atonement to cleanse His people so that their sins which are before the Lord (in the books of record) may be removed and transferred to the head of the scapegoat
24. The new covenant promise that says “I will remember their sins no more. . .” is fulfilled through the final atonement in the sanctuary:
 - a. “**to cleanse you. . .**”—the final cleansing which results in the perfecting of the characters

b. ***“that you may be cleansed from all your sins before the Lord”*** –the blotting out of the sins that remained in the sanctuary until the day of atonement; they have been recorded in the books before the Lord

25. Not until sins are blotted out of the books of record, is the new covenant completely fulfilled

Thus will be realized the complete fulfillment of the new-covenant promise: “I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” “In those days, and in that time, saith the Lord, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found.” Jeremiah 31:34; 50:20. **GC 483-485**

Conclusion

26. Therefore, we see that through the final atonement of Jesus in the second apartment of the heavenly sanctuary, the promise “I will remember their sins no more” will be applied, but only for those who receive the final cleansing of all sins including all character blemishes and defects
27. The blotting out of sins from the books of heaven is what completes the fulfillment of the new covenant promise ***“I will remember their sins no more”***
28. This blotting out of the sins that remained in the books until the day of atonement, is what cleanses the sanctuary;
29. Character perfection is an experience God is not requiring from us, He is offering it to us as gift, as benefit of the work of Jesus in the heavenly sanctuary
30. Are you tired of being defective in character?
31. There is hope in the final atonement!