

# *Lesson 47: The Cleansing of the Heavenly Sanctuary*

**Memory Verse:** Ecclesiastes 12:14 "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."

## **I. Introduction**

1. Daniel 8:14 says "And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_."
2. How do we know this is talking about the heavenly Sanctuary?
  - a. The 2300 days (years) ended in A.D. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. The earthly sanctuary was destroyed in A.D. 70 and there was no earthly sanctuary after that, so it must be the \_\_\_\_\_ Sanctuary.
3. Can there be anything in heaven that needs to be cleansed? Hebrews 9:22,23,12
  - a. Almost all things are \_\_\_\_\_ (cleansed) with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. The \_\_\_\_\_ of things in the heavens (the earthly sanctuary) were purified (or cleansed) with blood.
  - c. The H\_\_\_\_\_ things (the heavenly sanctuary) are purified (or cleansed) with \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifices (Christ's own \_\_\_\_\_) than these (the blood of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_).
  - d. So it says things in heaven are \_\_\_\_\_, or cleansed.
4. What needs to be cleansed in heaven? To find the answer we need to look at the "E\_\_\_\_\_ and S\_\_\_\_\_ of heavenly things" (the earthly sanctuary). Hebrews 8:5

## **II. The Earthly illustrated the Heavenly**

5. Leviticus 4:32,33; Leviticus 5:5; John 1:29; 1 John 1:9  
As the sinner **symbolically** transferred his sins to the \_\_\_\_\_ by confessing them on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the lamb, so we **actually** transfer our sins to Jesus, the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, when we \_\_\_\_\_ them to Jesus.
6. Leviticus 17:11; 1 Peter 1:18,19  
As the lamb's \_\_\_\_\_ was shed instead of the sinner having to die for his sins, so the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ was shed for our sins.
7. What did the priest do with the blood? Leviticus 4:6,7  
He \_\_\_\_\_ it before the Lord on the \_\_\_\_\_ and put it on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the altar of \_\_\_\_\_. In this way the record of sins was transferred to the holy place of the sanctuary.

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8. How are our sins transferred to the heavenly Sanctuary? 1 Peter 2:24; Hebrews 9:12  
Jesus took our \_\_\_\_\_ on Himself and shed His \_\_\_\_\_ for them. Then, as our High Priest, He took His blood into the \_\_\_\_\_ of the heavenly Sanctuary.

9. 1 John 1:9; Psalm 32:1

If we \_\_\_\_\_ our sins, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ them and they are \_\_\_\_\_ by His blood in the heavenly Sanctuary.

10. Leviticus 16:30; Acts 3:19

The cleansing of the sanctuary on the Day of Atonement involved the removal, or blotting out, of the sins that were recorded there. On the Day of Atonement the priest made an atonement for the people to \_\_\_\_\_ them so that they would be \_\_\_\_\_ from all their \_\_\_\_\_ before the Lord. This represents the time when the sins are \_\_\_\_\_ out of the books in heaven.

11. Leviticus 16:10,20-22

After the sanctuary had been cleansed from all the sins that had been recorded there, the high priest took these sins and put them on the \_\_\_\_\_ who carried them away from the camp to the \_\_\_\_\_, a land not \_\_\_\_\_.

12. Who tempts us to sin? Mark 1:13 It is \_\_\_\_\_ who tempts us.

**Note:** Because Satan tempts us to sin, he must take the blame for all the sins that he tempted God's people to commit. When Jesus, the High Priest, removes the sins from the Sanctuary in Heaven, He puts them on Satan. And Satan is bound in the \_\_\_\_\_ pit, symbolized by the wilderness. Revelation 20:2,3

13. The goat eventually died in the wilderness, showing that Satan will finally be destroyed. Ezekiel 28:18,19 "Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic; therefore will I bring forth a \_\_\_\_\_ from the midst of thee, it shall \_\_\_\_\_ thee, and I will bring thee to \_\_\_\_\_ upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and \_\_\_\_\_ shalt thou be \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** Then **sin** will be **totally removed** from the universe. "The great controversy is ended. **Sin and sinners are no more**. The entire universe is clean. One pulse of **harmony** and **gladness** beats through the vast creation. From Him who created all, flow life and light and gladness, throughout the realms of illimitable space. From the minutest atom to the greatest world, **all things**, animate and inanimate, in their unshadowed beauty and perfect joy, **declare that God is love.**" GC 678.3

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## **III. The Investigative Judgment**

14. Remember that on the Day of Atonement all sin was removed from the camp. If your sins had **not** been transferred to the sanctuary, you, with your sins, would be removed from the camp and you were \_\_\_\_\_ from God's people. Leviticus 23:29. It was a time of separation and **judgment**.

15. So on the heavenly Day of Atonement there must be a J \_\_\_\_\_ to find out who, by transferring their \_\_\_\_\_ into the heavenly Sanctuary, could have their sins blotted out; and who, by holding on to their \_\_\_\_\_ would be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note:** We call this judgment the "Investigative Judgment" because the books of record in heaven are investigated.

16. This judgment must occur **before** the 2nd coming of Jesus, because when He comes, He will bring His \_\_\_\_\_ Him to \_\_\_\_\_ every man according to his works. Revelation 22:12

17. The Investigative Judgment is part of the cleansing of the heavenly Sanctuary. Do you remember from the last lesson when the cleansing of the heavenly Sanctuary began? Daniel 8:14. The \_\_\_\_\_ days (or years) ended in A.D. \_\_\_\_\_.

18. In Daniel 7:9,10, Daniel was given a vision of this judgment. How did he describe it? "I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his \_\_\_\_\_ was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the \_\_\_\_\_ was set, and the \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_."

19. What will God bring into judgment?

Ecclesiastes 12:14 "For God shall bring \_\_\_\_\_ into judgment, with \_\_\_\_\_ thing, whether it be \_\_\_\_\_, or whether it be \_\_\_\_\_."

Matthew 12:36-37 "But I say unto you, That every \_\_\_\_\_ word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of \_\_\_\_\_. For by thy \_\_\_\_\_ thou shalt be \_\_\_\_\_, and by thy \_\_\_\_\_ thou shalt be \_\_\_\_\_."

20. Why are we judged by our words? Matthew 15:18 "But those things which proceed out of the \_\_\_\_\_ come forth from the \_\_\_\_\_; and they \_\_\_\_\_ the man." What we **say** shows what is in our H \_\_\_\_\_.

21. What does God judge? Jeremiah 17:10 "I the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, I try the reins, even to give \_\_\_\_\_ man according to his \_\_\_\_\_, and according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_."

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22. Can we hide anything from God? YES NO

Luke 8:17 "For \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_, that shall not be made \_\_\_\_\_; neither any thing \_\_\_\_\_, that shall not be \_\_\_\_\_ and come abroad."

Hebrews 4:13 "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but \_\_\_\_\_ things are naked and \_\_\_\_\_ unto the \_\_\_\_\_ of him with whom we have to \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** God has a record of every thing we say and do, and even of every secret thought. Everything is written in the books of heaven. Nothing can be hidden from Him because **He reads our hearts**.

23. Why can only God judge us fairly? 1 Samuel 16:7 "But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the \_\_\_\_\_ seeth not as \_\_\_\_\_ seeth; for \_\_\_\_\_ looketh on the \_\_\_\_\_ appearance, but the \_\_\_\_\_ looketh on the \_\_\_\_\_."

Man can only judge by the \_\_\_\_\_ appearance, but God alone can judge the \_\_\_\_\_.

24. What is the standard by which we are judged? James 2:12 "So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

25. Just claiming to be a Christian isn't good enough. Jesus said in Matthew 7:21-23 "\_\_\_\_\_ every one that \_\_\_\_\_ unto me, Lord, Lord, shall \_\_\_\_\_ into the kingdom of heaven; but he that \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy \_\_\_\_\_? and in thy \_\_\_\_\_ have cast out devils? and in thy \_\_\_\_\_ done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never \_\_\_\_\_ you: \_\_\_\_\_ from me, ye that work \_\_\_\_\_."

26. Who only is allowed to enter the Holy City? Revelation 22:14 "Blessed are they that \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_, that they may have \_\_\_\_\_ to the tree of life, and may \_\_\_\_\_ in through the \_\_\_\_\_ into the \_\_\_\_\_."

27. Who will not be allowed to enter? Revelation 21:27 "And there shall in \_\_\_\_\_ wise \_\_\_\_\_ into it \_\_\_\_\_ thing that \_\_\_\_\_, neither whatsoever worketh \_\_\_\_\_, or maketh a \_\_\_\_\_: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life." All **sin** defiles and is an abomination in God's sight.

Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ can enter.

28. What happens when every case has been decided? Revelation 22:11,12 Jesus says, "He that is \_\_\_\_\_, let him be \_\_\_\_\_ still: and he which is \_\_\_\_\_, let him be \_\_\_\_\_ still: and he that is \_\_\_\_\_, let him be \_\_\_\_\_ still: and he that is \_\_\_\_\_, let him be \_\_\_\_\_ still. And, behold, I \_\_\_\_\_ quickly; and my \_\_\_\_\_ is **with** me, to give every man according as his \_\_\_\_\_ shall be."

When Jesus comes, He will give everyone their reward. This means that the Investigative Judgment will have already been completed. The time to **prepare** is NOW!

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## **IV. Preparing to Stand in the Judgment**

29. What question did David ask in Psalm 24:3? " \_\_\_\_\_ shall ascend into the hill of the \_\_\_\_\_? or who shall \_\_\_\_\_ in his \_\_\_\_\_?"

30. How does he answer the question? Psalm 24:4 "He that hath \_\_\_\_\_, and a \_\_\_\_\_; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully."

**Note:** Only those who have clean hands and a pure heart are able to stand. It is impossible to have clean actions without a pure heart.

31. How can we have a pure heart? Psalm 24:6 says: "This is the generation of them that \_\_\_\_\_, that seek thy \_\_\_\_\_, O Jacob\*. Selah."

**Note:** If we want to have clean hands and a pure mind, we must seek His face.

\*or, O God of Jacob (margin)

32. What is in His face? 2 Corinthians 4:6 "For \_\_\_\_\_, who commanded the \_\_\_\_\_ to shine out of darkness, hath \_\_\_\_\_ in our hearts, to give the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ." So the face of Jesus reveals to us the light of the knowledge of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

33. What is the glory of God?

a. Moses prayed, "show me thy \_\_\_\_\_" and the Lord answered, "I will make all my \_\_\_\_\_ pass before thee." Exodus 33:18,19

b. When God revealed His glory to Moses, He "passed by before him and proclaimed, The Lord, the Lord God, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, longsuffering, and abundant in \_\_\_\_\_ and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, \_\_\_\_\_ iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty." Exodus 34:6,7

**Note:** These verses show a description of God's character. This is the glory of God. God's glory is His C \_\_\_\_\_.

34. How do we get the character of Jesus? 2 Corinthians 3:18 "But we all, with open face \_\_\_\_\_ as in a glass the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord, are \_\_\_\_\_ into the same \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, even as by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord."

**Note:** The glory of God represents His **character**, and to seek His face means to behold His character. It is a natural law that by beholding we become changed. Where can we behold His face? It is in the Bible. The Bible reveals to us the beauty of God's character. By beholding, by studying, by meditating and thinking about the character of God, we become **changed** into the same image.

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35. When we behold the face of Jesus, what do we see coming out of His mouth?

Revelation 1:16 "And he had in his right hand seven stars: and \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_ went a \_\_\_\_\_ twoedged \_\_\_\_\_: and his countenance was as the \_\_\_\_\_ shineth in his strength."

36. What is the sword? Hebrews 4:12 "For the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is quick, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ than any twoedged \_\_\_\_\_, piercing even to the \_\_\_\_\_ asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ and intents of the \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** The word of God cuts away our sinful thoughts. It cuts our **old nature** and puts to death our sins. So that we may experience the **New Life**. It cuts, but it also heals. Beholding Him may require suffering, but there is **healing power** in His Word.

37. Why do we need the sword to "cut" us? Jeremiah 17:9 We need it because our "heart is \_\_\_\_\_ above \_\_\_\_\_ things and desperately \_\_\_\_\_." We **NEED** a new heart!

38. Jesus says to us: Proverbs 23:26 "My son, \_\_\_\_\_ me thine \_\_\_\_\_, and let thine \_\_\_\_\_ observe my ways."

39. We need a new heart. Jesus will give us a new heart if we surrender our old wicked heart to Him. He promises in Ezekiel 36:26-27: "A \_\_\_\_\_ heart also will I give you, and a new \_\_\_\_\_ will I put \_\_\_\_\_ you: and I will take away the \_\_\_\_\_ heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an **heart** of \_\_\_\_\_. And I will put my \_\_\_\_\_ within you, and cause you to \_\_\_\_\_ in my statutes, and ye shall \_\_\_\_\_ my judgments, and \_\_\_\_\_ them."

40. When we get our new heart, what does He put **in** it? In Hebrews 8:10 He says: "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my \_\_\_\_\_ into their \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ them in their \_\_\_\_\_: and I will be to them a \_\_\_\_\_, and they shall be to me a \_\_\_\_\_."

41. How can we keep our new heart clean? Psalm 119:9-11

"Wherewithal shall a \_\_\_\_\_ man \_\_\_\_\_ his way?  
by taking \_\_\_\_\_ thereto according to thy \_\_\_\_\_.

With my \_\_\_\_\_ heart have I \_\_\_\_\_ thee:

O let me not \_\_\_\_\_ from thy \_\_\_\_\_.

Thy \_\_\_\_\_ have I \_\_\_\_\_ in mine \_\_\_\_\_,  
that I might not \_\_\_\_\_ against thee."

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42. God's word in our hearts will keep us in harmony with His law. Then our hearts will be pure, and we will have His character. What does Jesus say about the pure in heart? Matthew 5:8 "B\_\_\_\_\_ are the \_\_\_\_\_ in heart: for \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ God."

**Note:** The pure in heart will actually see God. This is remarkable! When Moses asked to see God's glory in Exodus 33:18, God answered that He would make all his goodness pass before him (v. 19). But God also said to him "Thou canst \_\_\_\_\_ see my \_\_\_\_\_: for there shall \_\_\_\_\_ man \_\_\_\_\_ me, and \_\_\_\_\_." Exodus 33:20

The full revelation of God's glory would kill us now, but the pure in heart shall see God. Only the pure in heart can see God, and not die. This is why in Hebrews 12: 14 Paul tells us:

"Follow peace with all men, and \_\_\_\_\_, without which \_\_\_\_\_ man shall \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord:" We cannot look on God until we are totally purified. But more than that, the first part of Habakkuk 1:13 tells us: "Thou art of \_\_\_\_\_ eyes than to \_\_\_\_\_ evil, and canst not \_\_\_\_\_ on iniquity." This is why in all His dealings with men God has had to veil Himself, to veil His glory, so that we would not be destroyed. This brings a separation between us and God. This separation is painful to God. Is it painful to us too? There will come a time when this separation can be ended, a time when we can see His face because our hearts are purified.

Revelation 22:4 "And they shall \_\_\_\_\_ his face; and his \_\_\_\_\_ shall be in their \_\_\_\_\_." They will have the name (character) of Jesus imprinted indelibly in their foreheads, in their frontal lobe where they make their decisions. If you want to be in that group then, you must prepare now by seeking His face – seeking the revelation of His character and **beholding it continually** so that you will be changed into that same beautiful character.

43. How often do we need to seek His face? 1 Chronicles 16:11

"S\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord, and his \_\_\_\_\_, **seek his face** \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** This is not just a one-time thing. It is a new way of life. We spend time **daily** bringing our mind and life into harmony with God's Word. We meditate on [think about] His pure and holy **character**. This is how we are changed.

You have a **choice** to make.

How will you spend your **time**?

What will you do to **prepare** to stand in the judgment?

Will you seek His face **continually**

or will you seek the attractions which this world presents to you?

Your **choice** carries with it consequences that affect your **eternal** welfare.

Don't be so foolish as to trade **eternity** in heaven with joy, happiness, and pleasures forevermore – more than you could ever imagine now

– don't trade all this for a few **short** years of earthly pleasures that don't last and leave you **empty** inside anyway.

Too many people have done that, and, at the end of their life, they have **nothing of value** to think back about.

But those who have walked with God and followed **His** ways, can look back on their life with **joy** and **satisfaction**.

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They would **not** trade their life for **any** amount of worldly pursuits and pleasures.

Think **carefully** about what you **choose today**. It will affect your **future**.

As a young person, you are setting the **course** of your life.

44. The Bible warns us in Ecclesiastes 12:1,14 "R\_\_\_\_\_ now thy \_\_\_\_\_  
in the \_\_\_\_\_ of thy \_\_\_\_\_, while the \_\_\_\_\_ days come not, nor the  
\_\_\_\_\_ draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have **no** pleasure in them;"  
"**For** God shall bring \_\_\_\_\_ work into \_\_\_\_\_, with every \_\_\_\_\_  
thing, whether it be \_\_\_\_\_, or whether it be \_\_\_\_\_."

45. In the judgment, if you have **surrendered** your S\_\_\_\_\_, they will be  
B\_\_\_\_\_ out. Acts 3:19.

If you **cling** to your S\_\_\_\_\_, your **name** will be blotted out of the B\_\_\_\_\_ of life.

Exodus 32:33

Those who O\_\_\_\_\_ will **not** have their \_\_\_\_\_ blotted out of the book of  
\_\_\_\_\_. Revelation 3:5

Which do you **choose**? Do you want your **SINS** blotted out, OR your **NAME** blotted out?

46. When every case has been decided, Jesus will come and bring His \_\_\_\_\_  
with Him. Revelation 22:12

47. What reward does He bring?

a. To those who surrender their sins, God promises in Revelation 21:7:

"He that overcometh shall \_\_\_\_\_ **all** \_\_\_\_\_;  
and I **will be** his \_\_\_\_\_, and he **shall be my** \_\_\_\_\_."

b. To those who cling to their sins, Revelation 21:8 tells us:

They "**shall have** their part in the \_\_\_\_\_  
which \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ and brimstone:  
which **is** the \_\_\_\_\_."