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## *Sanctuary Closed*

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The text tonight is Hebrew 9:28, and then we'll study on into the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation” Hebrews 9:28.

Here we have the two advents of Christ. He came the first time, and He was offered that He might do what? Bear the sins of many. He died upon the cross as the lamb was sacrificed in the court of the ancient sanctuary. He died as a sin-bearer. That precious blood shed on Calvary has been ministered by Him in the Holy Place and now the Most Holy Place in the Heavenly Sanctuary.

As we have shown in our previous studies, through all these experiences, from the cross in His priestly ministry, He has been and is tonight bearing the sins of many. Our confessed sins are transferred from us to Him; and transferred in fact to the Heavenly Sanctuary.

That's why you and I can go about our work from day to day, happy and thankful in the righteousness of His own life covering us. He bears our sins that we may bear His righteousness. Isn't it a wonderful transfer, friends?

But now watch, the rest of the text says: “Unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin.” Now, this is not telling us that when Jesus comes, the second time He won't be a sinner. Of course He won't. He has never been a sinner, has He? No. But He has been a sin-bearer, as He was offered upon the cross that He might bear on the cross and in the sanctuary above the sins of many. So, this is telling us that there is coming a time when that work of sin-bearing stops.

When He comes the second time He will come without sin that is without any burden of sin upon Him. He comes forth not as a priest but as a King when He comes the second time. Right? He has laid down the censor and taken up the scepter. He has laid aside His priestly garments and clothed Himself with Kingly robes. He comes victor to Heaven and earth to judge the living and the dead; to welcome His people who stand before Him without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. He comes to welcome His church that has gone through the laundry and appears in blood-washed robes white, and clean, and perfected. It's a wonderful prospect, isn't it friends? Shall we share it? God grant it for everyone.

Now, I want you to notice something that is implicit in what we have just read. And that is before Jesus comes the second time the sanctuary is going to close. This work of salvation is going to come to an end before Jesus appears in the

clouds of heaven. We call that moment the close of probation. Is there going to be any difference after that event compared with before the event, is there? Oh, yes. This is the end of the day of salvation. It ushers in the great day of the Lord, the great and terrible day of the Lord—Prophecy speaks of it.

You see, today men sin, they can find forgiveness. But will there be forgiveness after the sanctuary closes? No. That frightens some people. I can see how it could frighten people. But I would like to study that fact with you tonight friends as being one of the greatest thoughts of cheer and encouragement that I know of anywhere in the Bible. To me, the fact that God is going to close the sanctuary indicates triumph, success. He's not going to close because He's not been able to make it go. He's going to close the sanctuary because it has run out of business. Why? For want of any further need. How could that be? Very simple friends. The work of the sanctuary is to get sins in so they can be gotten out, we studied that last night. Didn't we? But if no more sins come in, and all the ones that are in there are cleansed and taken out and put upon the scapegoat, what further business is there for the sanctuary?

But now you can see in order for this to be so, two things must happen: First, all the sins of God's people must be confessed and in the sanctuary so they can be blotted out. We studied that last night, that's clear, isn't it? But now there's something else, that's what I promised to study with you tonight. That is that God's people, by His grace and through the operation of His Spirit, must reach the place where they do not continue in breaking the law of God. They must reach the place where Heaven can say:

“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that  
keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus”  
Revelation 14:12.

Let me ask you, what is sin? You all know that, don't you? 1 John 3:4. Now, if sin is the transgression of the law, then people who keep the law are not breaking it, is that right? Well, if they're not breaking it, they're not sinning, is that right? Yes.

“Oh,” someone says, “Do you believe people will ever reach that place in this world?” Well friends, if they don't, the sanctuary will have to stay open until they do; unless you've found some easier way to take care of the sin problem. This is the only way Heaven knows. All these years Heaven has been taking care of the sin problem by having people bring an offering, transfer their sin to the substitute, slay the sacrifice, and let the priest sprinkle the blood in the sanctuary. That's the way it was done in type before the cross. It's been done in anti-type since the cross. And that's the only way we can have our sins forgiven. Correct? Yes.

How long must that sanctuary stay open? As long as the need continues. When can it close? When these two things have happened: When every sin has been confessed and transferred so they can be blotted out, and when the stream of sin ceases to invade the sanctuary.

Let me illustrate it this way. It is Friday afternoon; mother's getting everything ready for the coming Sabbath. Just now, she's mopping the kitchen. In comes

Bobby with muddy feet and runs across the kitchen floor. What must mother do, or somebody? Do some more mopping, right? And about the time that mother has that nearly taken care of that in comes Mary from school, and she's got muddy feet too and runs across the floor.

When can mother finish mopping the floor? You can see, she can never finish as long as people keep tracking mud in, right? And this is the picture in the Heavenly Sanctuary. Jesus was ready to finish the work of investigative judgment and blot out the sins, sprinkle the blood on the mercy seat for the full and final atonement, He was ready to do that long ago—125 years ago. He went into the Most Holy Place to do that very work, didn't He? How long is He going to stay there? Well, that depends on you and me, friends.

I'm so thankful with all my heart that He's been willing to stay there patiently waiting until we get done with our sinning, what do you say? If He'd ever stopped His work of intercession and atonement before we were done, it would be everlastingly too late.

This is not to frighten us, friends; because I can tell you frankly, if God was ever going to run out of patience, and just stop things off short and let everybody that was part-way there be left out, He could have done that long ago, couldn't He? The fact that He has waited so long is evidence to me He's going to wait until He gets what He wants—a church who will fully reflect His image, who fully keep His holy law.

Oh friends, how can it be done? Will it be done? Well if it isn't, He'll have to stay there with the sprinkled blood and the smoking censer. That's all that stands between us and the wrath of a broken law, my friends. That's all that stands between us and that tonight, right? As long as the need continues, that loving heart will continue to plead for us, to intercede for us. But oh, His heart is set on a work which has as its culmination a clean sanctuary and a clean people.

Now, we're going to read some in the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of Hebrews tonight, showing how that the ancient service never could bring them to that point, and showing how the new covenant, the work of Jesus can and will do that very thing.

"For the law..."

That is, the Mosaic law with the sanctuary service.

"...having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect" Hebrews 10:1.

The work of the ancient sanctuary in the daily and yearly service, could never make the worshippers what? Perfect. It couldn't? Well listen, if the new covenant can't make them perfect, is it any better? That's what he's talking about.

"For the law having a shadow of good things to

come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshipers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins” Hebrews 10:1–2.

If the ancient sanctuary had really accomplished the work of cleansing the worshipers, what would have happened to those sacrifices? They would have ceased, that’s what he says. There would have been no further need for them.

“But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins” Hebrews 10:3–4.

What was the trouble with that ancient service? It depended upon the blood of bulls and goats. There is not enough power in the blood of an animal shed to break the hold of sin in the human life. Listen, when I look into the eyes of a lamb that’s dying for me or a bullock, I may be some sorry. But the history of 4,000 years proves that that wasn’t enough to break the hold of sin in human lives—No. What must happen? I must come to Calvary, and I must come to the sanctuary, and I must see the real cost of sin. Not the blood of a goat, not the blood of a bullock, but the blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I must see that sin is so terrible that it breaks the heart of Jesus. That’s the only thing that’s going to break sin loose the hold of sin in my life, my friend.

But, can that do it? Can it? What do you say? We sing it: “There’s power in the blood.” Is it? Is that simply power to get the penalty canceled so we can go right on? Is that what that means? What is power anyway? Oh, that’s the strength to keep this holy law, isn’t it? Thank God.

“For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin...”

The margin says, “by a sacrifice for sin.”

“...condemned sin in the flesh...”

What for?

“...That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit” Romans 8:3–4.

Will it be done? Thank God. All right.

“...it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore...”

For this reason...

"...because the blood of those animals could never accomplish the purpose of getting rid of sin. when He cometh into the world, He says, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared Me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of Me,) to do Thy will, O God" Hebrews 10:4–7.

Now here Jesus speaking prophetically through David 1,000 years before His birth in Bethlehem; Jesus speaking prophetically in Psalm 40; Paul is quoting it here: Says Father, I know that what You want is not offerings and sacrifices. I know that what You want is the doing of Your will.

Do you remember how Samuel put it to Saul?

"...to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams" 1 Samuel 15:22.

Sad to say, many of the people back there got the idea that the sanctuary service was a way you could pay off for your sins. We have the same fundamental error continued in the Roman Catholic teaching and system of worship down through the last 1,500 years. But oh, I wonder if Protestants have learned the lesson. I wonder if the members of the remnant church have grasped the fact that what God really wants is not a continuation of the sanctuary service. He wants it to close.

Listen, think of the Father way back there from the gates of Eden on down. Every time He sees a lamb sacrificed, what does the Father see? The cross erected on Calvary, right? He sees His own darling Son nailed to that tree. He sees the blood flowing every time a lamb is killed. Is that right? Do you think He got any pleasure out of that? No. Pain, pain, pain, pain.

And now since the cross, as we bring our sins to Jesus, the wounds of Calvary must flow afresh. For those who continue sinning Hebrew 6 says:

"...crucify to themselves..."

What?

"...the Son of God afresh, and put Him to an open shame"  
Hebrews 6:6.

So what God is longing for is not for this sacrificial system either in type or anti-type to keep on going and going, and going. Oh, no. He wants it to close. But He loves you and me so much that He doesn't want it to close until we get our sins in, and get an experience where we won't need this anymore. What do you say?

All right, now how did Jesus show this? He said, Dear Lord, I've come now.

And I've come to do Your will. I know this is what You want, Lord. I know that You don't want all these offerings of peace. What You want is the doing of Your will. Do you remember how it's put there in Psalm 40? Sacrifice and offering, thou would not, but a body hast thou prepared me. Lo, I come to do thy will oh God:

"I delight to do Thy will, O My God: yea, Thy law is..."

Where?

"...within my heart" Psalm 40:8.

Then, watch this point, in order to do the will of God, Jesus had to have this law where? In His heart. He was the true Ark in which the law was enshrined. In the tablets of His mind and heart, this law was fully written. That's why friends, He pleased the Father. He said, "I do always those things that please Him."

Listen, if you and I would have this law written in our minds and hearts, wouldn't we love it the way Jesus did? Wouldn't we do it the way He did? That's exactly the promise of the new covenant. We come down now please to the 15<sup>th</sup> verse, and I want to read it, and I'll read the margin on the 17<sup>th</sup> verse, listen carefully:

"Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord, I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin" Hebrews 10:15–18.

Notice, when the law of God is written in the mind and heart, then sins and iniquities can be remembered no more—blotted out. And there need be no more offering for sin. When the law of God is the rule of our life, there will be no more sin for which Jesus needs to keep standing there and ministering His sacrificial blood. Do you see, this is the vital thing?

But the only way that can be done as we've read here, is for this law to be written in the mind and heart. We sin either because we don't know better or because we know better and don't love God enough to do better. Isn't that it? One or the other. If the law of God is written in the mind, we'll know what God requires, right? If the law of God is written in our hearts, we'll love God's law enough to do it.

Now I don't suppose any of us here tonight, know everything that's involved in living according to this law. But I'd like to ask you a question: Do any of you know more about what God requires in this law than you did 10 years ago; may I see your hands? What happened? Through your eyes and ears, a message reached your mind that put some of this law into your mind. Am I right? Are there any of you that 10 years ago didn't know that the 7<sup>th</sup> day is the Sabbath; may I see your hands? Why yes, quite a number. Has God written that commandment in your mind during the last 10 years sometime? Yes, thank God. Do you see what I mean, friends?

Now it's true that all through eternity, we're going to study this law and discern new beauty in it. But I want to tell you something, before probation closes we're going to find out those things in our lives that are sin, that are transgressions of this law in order that they might be put away, right? That's why we have the third angel's message. That's why we're teaching people the Sabbath, health reform, dress reform, educational reform, tithe paying, the ordinance of humility, and all the rest.

Jesus said, go teach them to observe how much? All things whatsoever I have commanded you. And while it's true we will be studying all through eternity and learning more about it, we're going to learn enough truth before probation closes so that we'll not ignorantly be breaking the law of God. Do you see that?

Now then, I want to ask you something, if during the last 10 years, or longer, or shorter you've discovered certain things in your life that you didn't know were wrong, and you found out would some more study of the law of God looking through the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy's magnifying glasses, might that study reveal some more things to you? Would it be a good thing then to spend some time every day looking into this law, and the Bible, and the Spirit of Prophecy to find out anything God requires that we're not doing? And when we do it, ask Him to forgive us, send those sins into the sanctuary so they could be blotted out in the investigative judgment. Would that be the thing to do? If we mean business, that's it.

Oh friends, the Devil knows this and he's competing for time. Two of the greatest inventions you'll find in *Great Controversy*, page 488—that he's an inventor, Satan is. Satan invents unnumbered schemes to occupy our minds, it says, so we don't dwell on this work in the sanctuary and the investigative judgment. Two of the greatest inventions on that are the TV and the radio. I know they're being used in a marvelous way to bring the message, and thank God friends for every soul that hears the third angel's message over the TV and radio, what do you say? But only Heaven knows how many are going out the back door through listening to and looking at all the rest on TV and radio, while some are coming in the front door. Isn't it too bad friends?

If the members of the remnant church would be looking at the heavenly TV, oh what wonderful things could be written in our minds and hearts, there's a broadcast every day. Are you tuning in? Are you taking the time to study on your knees, the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy so that you know what this law says about everything in your life?

The new covenant promise is: I will write My law in their minds. But how does God do it? While we're asleep? Does He run us through one of these photocopy things, and we just go in blank and come out with all this law in our minds? Is that the way it does? Oh, no. Don't forget He uses our eyes and ears. He uses what we see and listen to. Oh, let's give Him more time, what do you say?

You remember last night; I showed that on the Day of Atonement, God arranged for all Israel to have plenty of time to come to the sanctuary. He said, no work today, no eating today, everybody come to the sanctuary. I'll tell you this friends, if that means anything to you and me, it ought to mean this: that no work

will interfere with our coming to the sanctuary every day. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Our job today is not to make a living. It's to make a life. It's to get this law, by the grace of God, and by His Holy Spirit written in our minds. That's our work, and I'll tell you good news friends, there are lines of work which will help us get this law written in our mind and heart. There are lines of work that will do that.

When Jesus came to this world, friends, He spent more of His time healing than preaching, right? But He spent more time in the carpenter shop than He did healing and preaching together. Is that correct? I wonder why He did? It was to get this law written in His mind and heart.

I repeat, there are some lines of work friends that have to do with building character. But I want to tell you something else, there never was a generation in all the history of the world that had so many ways of making money that instead of building character, destroy character. And they're not all in Las Vegas either. There's just a great mass of business and business operations where men learn to be sharp and keen and cunning in cutting the other fellow. Do you know anything about it? If I were in a business like that friends, I'd get out if I had to lose every cent I had. My soul is worth too much, bought by the precious blood of Christ.

I'm not talking just about dishonesty. I'm talking about this competitive, mad rush to make money that's filling the minds of people today. God help us to get away from the rat race and come to the sanctuary.

This doesn't mean we'll just sit and meditate all day long. There's plenty of good, hard work to be done. But I repeat, if you mean business, God has lines of work for you to be in where your very work will help to put the law of God in your mind and heart, and muscles. Jesus found it.

Do you remember what God did to Moses when he was 40 years of age, and Moses decided he wanted to work for God? God in effect said, "Very well, Moses. You've learned some things down in Egypt, but there's a lot you've learned you're going to have to forget if you're going to help lead Israel." Do you remember? He took him out to do what? To feed sheep, herd sheep. He kept him at it for, how long? 40 years. Men would have thought it a great waste of time, but there were two big things that happened to Moses out there; he forgot a lot of things, and he learned a lot of things.

That's what needs to happen to so many of us today, friends. We need to forget a large share of what we've learned in the schools of the world and in the business practices of this world, and in the ways of living of this world. We need to learn a new way of life altogether that has not merely of the time between Friday sunset and Saturday sunset, oh no—7 days a week, 24 hours a day. We'll find it in the law of God; we'll find it in the Bible magnified. We'll find it in those thousands of pages of Spirit of Prophecy counsels: *Ministry of Healing, Education, The Testimonies for the Church*, and all the rest. Let's be down on our knees, finding out Heaven's way of life. What do you say, friends? And as fast as we see where God wants us to make a change, let's make it without conferring with flesh and blood, our own or others. Let us do what God says, whatever the cost. What do you say?



But now notice, the new covenant promise by His blood is not only to write this law in our minds but in our what? In our hearts. To have it in our minds is to know it. To have it in our heart is to love it. That's it.

Let me see if I can illustrate this. I don't want anybody to think of this as crude or rude, but I want you to get the point, you'll never forget. Mary, is that your little girl over there? Is that your little boy? Suppose I would say to Mary, Why don't you kill them?

Suppose she would say to me, "Why, Brother Frazee, don't you know there's a law in Colorado against that? If I'd do that, they'd put me in prison, or I might have to die. At least I'd have to spend maybe all my life at least many years in prison. So I'm pretty careful. Now at times, they just wear me out. And I just have to pray so hard to keep from strangling them."

Is this it? Is this why the children are safe? Is there a law in Colorado against murder? Is that what is protecting the children? Do you think they're safe, or do you think we need a policeman on guard?

Now let me go a little further. Suppose when I ask her that strange question, why she doesn't kill the children, she says to me, "Why Brother Frazee, don't you know there's a law in the Ark in the Temple in Heaven that says 'Thou shalt not kill'? If I'd murder one of my children, I would go to hell and burn. And so I try so hard to keep from doing it. I just try so hard. Sometimes it just takes all the willpower I have to keep from it. But when I think of those burning flames of hell, so far, I haven't done it. I hope I succeed."

Is that the answer friends? Is it? Is it true there's a law in Heaven that says Thou shalt not to kill? Is that enough? Oh, no. Thank God—don't miss this—the same hand that wrote that on the stone and put it in the Ark has written it in that mother's heart, right?

Don't think it just comes automatically friends. Every now and then you see in the paper about some mother or father that's killed their children. Have you noticed it? Terrible, without natural affection, the Bible says. But it illustrates what I'm talking about? That there's something that's got to be done in these minds and hearts of ours if we're to be kept from breaking the law of God. Do you see what I mean?

What is it that that mother has in her heart? Love. Is that enough to handle this problem? Do you know any other way to handle it? It would take quite a group of policemen to be on duty 24 hours a day to protect these children if there weren't love there, wouldn't it? But if the love is there, you can dismiss the policemen. You don't need judges or jails. And may I say it reverently friends, and this is exactly what I mean, you don't need the sanctuary service any more of sacrifice when that is done on every commandment. This is the answer. But it takes the blood of Jesus Christ and the work of His Holy Spirit to do it, friend.

Tell my Mary, don't you wish all the law was written there in your heart just

like that is? Can it be done? Or is it impossible? This is the answer friends, this is the answer. So listen, when we're down on our knees every day asking God to write this law in our minds so we'll know His will; shall we ask Him to write it in our hearts so we'll love His will?

This is why God has asked us to come to the sanctuary, and see in the Most Holy Place, not only a law which tells us what do, but a great high priest who stands there pleading for us, and presenting His blood as the sacrifice for sin. When we see that, love awakens and grows in our hearts.

Tell me, friends, do you love Him some? How did you get what love you've got? You got it by getting acquainted with what He's done for you, and is doing for you, right? Don't you think if we knew Him better, we'd love Him more? Don't you think if we'd spend more time with Him, we *would* love Him more by knowing Him better? Let's give Him the time. What do you say?

Take this new covenant promise and make it your own. I will write My law in your mind. I will write My law in your heart. Let's claim it, but let's give Him the time to do it. What do you say?

Now, I want to ask you this question in closing tonight. Friends, the real blessing of this meeting will be seen and realized, not tonight, but in the days to come. Do you see that there's nothing that can happen to us tonight which of itself will settle this thing forever? Tonight we can choose to turn all our sin in, but we need a further work of education and a deeper work of repentance. Do you see that? Let's let God do for us everything that He will tonight, and that we're ready for. But this is my question: wouldn't you like to make a covenant with God tonight that by His grace you're going to give Him time every day to write this law in your mind and heart so that you'll know His will and love it? Will you do that? This is the key. Come to the sanctuary.

So just now if you mean that, forget all about this audience and just where you are, kneel down and make that covenant with God. If you can't kneel, bow your head.

Heavenly Father, we thank Thee with all our hearts tonight that Jesus is still in the sanctuary; that there is still available the blood of Calvary to sprinkle for our past transgressions, to cover our sins. And oh, we thank Thee that the sprinkled blood is speaking of a final work which will finish the burden-bearing of our loving Savior, which will put an end to the pain that began when sin began. Help us tonight.

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