

If the Heavenly Sanctuary is the original, and the Earthly is the miniature or copy, there must be a close correspondence between the programme of ministry in the two sanctuaries—at least, in general features—else, what point would there be in comparing them?

The most conspicuous feature of the Earthly Sanctuary Service was its two-fold division. It was conducted in two apartments, and the full year's programme of ministry was divided into two phases—the Daily and the Yearly.

(See Chart No. 31—Parallels Between the Two Sanctuaries)

From this comparison we conclude that the two phases of ministry in the Earthly Sanctuary during one year, provide a key to the two phases of ministry in the Heavenly Sanctuary during the whole Christian era.

The keynote of the Daily Service on earth was the continual priestly ministration of the blood of sacrifice, and the continual rising of the incense of intercession. This corresponds with the first division of Christ's heavenly ministry.

1 John 2:1: "An Advocate with the Father."

Rom. 8:34: "Christ makes intercession at the right hand of God."

Heb. 7:25: "He ever liveth to make intercession for us."

Rev. 5:6: "A Lamb as it had been slain."

The keynote of the Yearly Service on earth was the judgment and final blotting out of sin. This corresponds with the second division of Christ's heavenly ministry.

Heb. 9:23: The Heavenly Sanctuary, like the Earthly, must be "purified" or "cleansed" from the defiling shadow that sin has cast.

Dan. 7:9, 10: The books are opened for final judgment.

Acts 3:19: The promise of the "blotting out" of sins in a "last day" setting.

Rev. 22:11: All human destinies decided and characters fixed. Rewards apportioned. "Unjust—unjust still"; "holy—holy still".

4.—THE POWER OF HIS PRIESTHOOD

Three New Testament words describe the power of Christ's priesthood. They are: "HE - IS - ABLE".

Heb. 7:25: "He is able to save to the uttermost."

Heb. 2:18: "He is able to succour them that are tempted."

Jude 24: "He is able to keep us from falling and present us faultless" to God.

Jesus, in His present role as our great High Priest, is the inexhaustible supply of all our needs. He is the evergreen, moment-by-moment REALITY which was pictured so vividly by the various symbolic features of the earthly sanctuary:

The Human Priest—pictured ACCESS TO GOD through Jesus.

The Ark and Law—pictured RIGHTEOUSNESS BEFORE GOD through Jesus.

The Mercy Seat—pictured ACCEPTANCE BY GOD through Jesus.

The Blood of Sacrifice—pictured RECONCILIATION WITH GOD through Jesus.

The Golden Candlestick—pictured ENLIGHTENMENT FROM GOD through Jesus.

The Table of Shewbread—pictured SUSTENANCE FROM GOD through Jesus.

The Altar of Incense—pictured the CONTINUAL FRAGRANCE OF JESUS' INTERCESSION BEFORE GOD.

When we studied "The Saving Work of the Holy Spirit" (Lesson 7), we learned that Jesus, from His place of authority at God's right hand, sends forth His Holy Spirit—His "Other Self"—to translate these Divine provisions into daily reality in our lives!

What more could we ask? What needs do we have that Jesus does not supply?