Unmasking the Supernatural 06

"And (Jesus) said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven!" Luke 10:18

Where Is Jesus Today?

Suppose you had a friend; he was a rich and influential person and able to do almost anything, and one day you found yourself in some very bad trouble. You needed help desperately and you needed to contact your good friend because he had promised to help. What is the first thing that you have to know to reach out to your friend? Well, first off you have to know where he is so you can get hold of him; right? Then you have to know how to contact him. Without this information you would be unable to obtain help from your friend. Most of the world, at least the Christian world, assumes that Jesus is their friend; but the sad fact is that hardly anyone of them knows where Jesus is, or the best way to get in touch with Him. In this lecture we are going to discover this important information.

In the time period of 1844, on October 22, the prophetic fulfillment of the great 2300 year time prophecy of Daniel 8:14 took place. Having its beginning in 457 BC, it pinpointed the time of Jesus' ministry and great sacrifice, and then carried on to end in October 22, 1844. God's 'Advent' people, having been mistaken about which event was to take place on that day, had suffered a heart-rending shock and a disappointment when Christ did not return to earth as they thought the prophecy indicated.

Most Advent Believers simple gave up their hope and turned away from the Bible and the Advent movement forever. But a central core stood firm, they just knew there had to be an answer; and they determined, through Bible study and prayer, to fathom what had happened. Soon, with the guidance and enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, a man by the name of Hiram Edson, was given a glimpse of insight as he and a friend crossed a corn field on their way to encourage some of their fellow believers. He saw that there was still work that had to be done before Jesus could return to earth to gather His people, and this work was to be performed in the Heavenly Sanctuary.

As they looked further into this subject, great light on the Sanctuary services was given them. They saw that Christ's death on the cross was symbolized by the Passover; then followed by the Wave Sheaf, and Pentecost which were fulfilled by events taking place on earth. However, the fulfilment of the final events of the symbols of the ceremonial year of the earthly sanctuary, would take place in relation to the Heavenly Sanctuary, which was the true tabernacle, not made with men's hands, but by God.

Realizing that Jesus, at His ascension had gone into the First Apartment of the heavenly sanctuary, the Holy Place, they learned that the prophecy and the ceremonial year events indicated that Jesus, our great high Priest, had come indeed, but not to earth. Instead He had now moved into the Most Holy Place, there to fulfil the events foreshadowed by the Day of Atonement. This work is best described as the 'Investigative Judgment', where all the cases of everyone who has professed to receive the benefits of God's great plan of Redemption, will have their cases examined to see if they continued faithful, having fulfilled their part in the process, and could remain written with the redeemed, to come up in the First Resurrection and go to heaven when Jesus returns.

This event is foretold by the parable of Jesus about the wedding supper, where He told of the King, which is God the Father, coming in to see the guests. To pass the inspection, they needed to be wearing the Wedding Garment, which represents Christ's righteousness; not their own righteousness which is as filthy rags and could never save them.

Precious truths unfolded as these things were prayerfully studied into, and then were verified by God sending a special gift of prophecy to a young girl named Ellen Harmon. This knowledge placed the little flock of faithful Adventists in a class separate from any other 'Christian' denomination. They could see clearly that the Advent movement did not 'just happen'; it was not the product of some charismatic leader; it was truly a prophetic

fulfilment of clear and precise Bible prophecy! As they looked into the sanctuary truths, they saw that many prophecies were being fulfilled around the time of the Great Advent Movement.

One of them was, "And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament:" Revelation 11:19. As the Ark of the Testament, the Law, was opened in the Most Holy Place, we would expect that some special light relating to the Ten Commandment Law would be seen.

Sure enough; soon the light on the Seventh day Sabbath was brought to view. After studying into this, the little group realized they were to fulfil the prophecy of Isaiah 58, to restore the breach that had been made in God's Law; and they adopted the name Seventh Day Adventists.

"And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in." Isaiah 58:12.

Great Power made available.

This special insight into the Plan of Salvation, Jesus' work in the Heavenly Sanctuary, and returning to the keeping of all of God's Commandments, gave great power to this little flock as they began to go forward under the guidance of the Spirit of Prophecy. This caused the powers of darkness and their leader great consternation. They hated this special light the Adventists had been given, and strove to interfere with it any way they could. In the past they had worked tirelessly to bury these truths from the sight of humans under piles of rubbish and tradition, so they determined to attack it any way they could. For a long while they got nowhere as the little group pressed together and moved forward with complete faith in God's Word.

So these enemies of truth strove to bring the love of the world into the new denomination and they were somewhat successful. They encouraged believers to be covetous and hold back support from those who were striving to go forth with the message, so that they often faced serious deprivation and want of the common necessities of life. Bit by bit they raised up people who would question the whole idea of a sanctuary in heaven. At first they met with little success and these instigators were asked to leave the church.

But in more modern times, as worldliness increased and God's messenger had been laid to rest, some people were raised up that Satan gave great charisma to and guidance in attacking the foundational teachings on which the power of the denomination rests. People began to reject the whole 1844 idea and deny that there ever existed any such thing as a Heavenly Sanctuary! The flowery ideas of New Theology came in and deceived many into thinking there was no need to overcome sin, as Jesus would magically do that when He returned.

Where are we now? Many folk that call themselves Seventh Day Adventist have no understanding of Christ's work in the Most Holy Place or the events of the great Day of Atonement. They have no idea how to enter boldly into the Most Holy Place by the Blood of the Lamb and have Jesus present their prayers before the Father, mingled with His Blood and the incense of His perfect life.

So where is the power that attended the little flock as they went forward with that original message? Gone like the dew on a hot day. Gone too is confidence in the Messenger of the Lord, in the Spirit of Prophecy because that source clearly denies this modern foolishness. Satan laughs at our gullibility as we sit and listen to these preachers that he has tutored, pour out their theories that destroy our foundations as a people and deprive us of heaven's power to free us from sin, and which allowed us once to be a light to the world.

So you can see that it is vital that we return to our roots and retrieve that mighty message that has by so many been tossed on the rubbish heap of time, and as we do, we will learn how to tap into that power that Christ's ministry before the Mercy Seat in the Most Holy Place brings to all true believers! Where is Jesus today? He is ministering in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary; we have been taught how, by faith to enter there for all our needs; but the 'Christian' world and even much of Adventism, do not believe that such a place even exists!

We are going to look at something very special that few in Adventism today know about; but it is part of our heritage! Jesus wants your heritage restored to you so that your faith and courage may abound in Him. This is an account published in the 'Day Star' in February 1846, and it tells what God showed to Sister Ellen regarding the event that had taken place on October 22, 1844. It has great meaning for us today, yet few have seen it.

"God showed me the following, one year ago this month: [Note: this was in February 1845, only 5 months after the Great Disappointment]--I saw a throne, and on it sat the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. I gazed on Jesus' countenance and admired his lovely person. The Fathers person I could not behold for a cloud of glorious light covered him. I asked Jesus if his Father had a form like himself; He said he had, but I could not behold it; for, said he, if you should for once see the glory of his person, you would cease to exist. Before the throne was the Advent people, the Church, and the world. "I saw a company bowed down before the throne, deeply interested, while most of them stood up disinterested and careless. Those who were bowed before the throne would offer up their prayers and look to Jesus, then he would look to his Father and appeared to be pleading with him. Then a light came from the Father to his Son and from him to the praying company. Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from the Father to the Son and from the Son it waved over the people before the throne. But few would receive this great light. [This was the Midnight Cry] Many came out from under it and immediately resisted it. Others were careless and did not cherish the light and it moved off from them. Some cherished it and went and bowed down before the throne with the little praying company. This company all received the light, and rejoiced in it as their countenances shone with its glory. Then I saw the Father rise from the throne and in a flaming chariot go into the Holy of Holies within the vail, and did sit.

"There I saw thrones which I had not seen before. Then Jesus rose up from the throne, and most of those who were bowed down rose up with him. And I did not see one ray of light pass from Jesus to the careless multitude after He rose up, and they were left in perfect darkness. Those who rose up when Jesus did, kept their eyes fixed on Him as He left the throne, and led them out a little way, then he raised his right arm and we heard his lovely voice saying, wait ye, I am going to my Father to receive the Kingdom. Keep your garments spotless and in a little while I will return from the wedding, and receive you to myself. And I saw a cloudy chariot with wheels like flaming fire.

"Angels were all about the chariot as it came where Jesus was; He stepped into it and was borne to the Holiest where the Father sat. Then I beheld Jesus as He was before the Father a great High Priest. On the hem of his garment was a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate. Then Jesus shewed me the difference between faith and feeling. And I saw those who rose up with Jesus send up their faith to Jesus in the Holiest, and praying, Father give us thy spirit. Then Jesus would breathe on them the Holy Ghost. In the breath was light, power and much love, joy and peace.

"Then I turned to look at the company who were still bowed before the throne. They did not know that Jesus had left it. Satan appeared to be by the throne trying to carry on the work of God. I saw them look up to the throne and pray, My Father give us thy spirit. Then Satan would breathe on them an unholy influence. In it there was light and much power, but no sweet love, joy and peace. Satan's object was to keep them deceived and to draw back and deceive God's children. I saw one after another leave the company who were praying to Jesus in the Holiest, go and join those before the throne and they at once received the unholy influence of Satan."

Notice, this does not say that Satan was actually in heaven near the throne of God as some like to scoffingly claim, not at all; instead it was God's way of showing her that the Christian churches who rejected this light about the sanctuary and so on, would by doing this, have placed themselves where Satan could and would be influencing them. Much of what they would think was from God, would be the subtle deceptions of the enemy.

Satan is capable of giving people feelings of great excitement and pleasure and many think that these come from the Holy Spirit. These feelings are often what prevent people from taking their stand clearly on the Word

of God. They think that because they have these 'wonderful' feelings that Jesus is guiding them; but they are under the influence of the spirits of darkness. Please take special notice of the difference between the spirit sent to the people by Satan and the Holy Spirit from God. It is important to be aware of this contrast.

God's Spirit: in it was light, power and much love, joy and peace.

Satan's spirit: there was light and much power, but no sweet love, joy and peace.

Friends, we can't rely on feelings or excitement or even spiritual power to let us know the truth. We must stand solidly on the Word of God to defeat the enemy.

Now we see even in this short account that some who went by faith into the Most Holy fell under the influence of those who did not. Satan of course wished in any way possible to turn people away from this great light that God had sent. So Satan led the nominal churches as they ridiculed and attacked this light in many ways. Then some that had first received it turned back and made fun of their former beliefs. Symbolically they went back into the Holy Place that Jesus had left, and came under the influence of Satan as soon as they did that. This is a warning to all who reject these messages from Jesus.

In the first visons of Sister Ellen, there is another warning that we do well to take heed of. In the very first vision given by God to Sister Ellen in December of 1844, she saw a pathway high above the earth and on it the Advent people were traveling to the New Jerusalem. She saw Jesus leading them and a bright light that shone behind them and kept their feet safe on the path. This light was the Midnight Cry; that means that it was the special experience that the Advent people had gone through in relation to October 22, 1844. It showed that this experience was from God and was not a mistake.

Now as long as the people on the path believed in this light, they stayed safe on the path; but the vision showed that after a while some began to deny that light, they began to say it was not from God, it was just a silly mistake. But as they criticized and denied this light, for them it went out and left their feet in darkness. They no longer had a solid place to stand. Notice the words of the vision:

"Others rashly denied the light behind them, and said that it was not God that had led them out so far. The light behind them went out which left their feet in perfect darkness, and they stumbled and got their eyes off the mark and lost sight of Jesus, and fell off the path down in the dark and wicked world below. It was just as impossible for them to get on the path again and go to the City, as all the wicked world which God had rejected. They fell all the way along the path one after another. . "

Friends, this is where we are today; ever so many in Adventism now, teach and believe that this light in our past was just a silly mistake made by people who were not trained theologians. For them the light of our past history has gone out, and they fall off the true advent path down into the world of the fallen churches of Babylon. It says it was impossible for them to get back on! This means that as long as they continue to deny our history as a people, and our true prophetic heritage, they can't get back onto that heavenly path! That is scary; don't you think so?

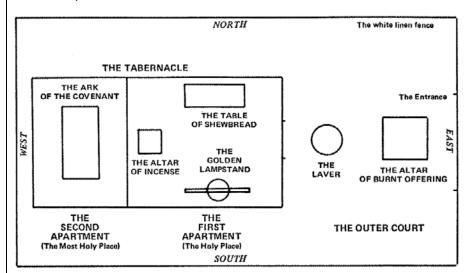
Friends, Adventism is not just another protestant church; it is so sad that leadership has so often tried to be accepted as just another church; one among many. No, no, never; Adventism is unique; separate and called to be a 'peculiar people'. Don't be afraid of it, because this uniqueness is the greatest blessing ever given by God to man. Now we are going to look into the earthly Sanctuary and learn what it tells us about where Jesus is, and what He is doing for us today.

Jesus' Ministry in the Heavenly Sanctuary.

"Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?" Psalm 77:13

The hour of the evening sacrifice has arrived. The priest stands in the court of Jerusalem's Temple, ready to offer the specially chosen lamb as an offering. Clothed in his beautiful garments, with raised knife in hand, he prepares to kill the victim as the people look on with intense interest. Suddenly the earth shakes and trembles; the knife drops from the nerveless hand of the priest. The lamb escapes in the confusion and excitement of the earthquake. Then all at once, an unseen hand tears the Temple veil in two from top to bottom, exposing the innermost sacred room of the sanctuary. No one but the high priest had ever looked into the Most Holy Place before, but now it stands open to the multitude.

At that precise moment, only a few hundred yards away, Jesus, the Lamb of God, is dying on the cross to take away the sins of the world. He shouts, "It is finished!" and dies. At that moment the earthquake shakes



Jerusalem, the sacrifice escapes, and the Temple services lose their significance forever. Symbol has met reality and must give way before it. The great sacrifice which all the Temple services foreshadowed has occurred, and so the ritual symbols must end. From this time on. Jesus will officiate both as Priest and as Sacrifice in the sanctuary of heaven.

Fifteen hundred years before on Mount Sinai, God showed Moses a method by which the children of Israel could understand His plan to redeem mankind. God told Moses, "And let

them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. 9 According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it." Exodus 25:8, 9).

God told Moses exactly how to build the sanctuary, because the earthly Tabernacle was designed to be an accurate copy of the one in heaven. Hebrews 8:5 says of the ancient priests of Israel, "They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly sanctuary; for when Moses was about to erect the tabernacle, he was instructed by God, saying, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount."

The Tabernacle Moses built was a small portable structure, part wood and metal, and part cloth hangings. A curtain "of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, of needlework" (Exodus 36:37) closed the entrance on the east side. The roof of the building consisted of four layers of linen material and animal skins. The innermost layer of blue, purple, and scarlet linen had the figures of angels embroidered on it in gold thread. Above this a covering of goats' hair, another of rams' skins, and a fourth of sealskin, provided protection from the weather.

A low wall of linen curtains surrounded the Tabernacle itself, forming a courtyard around the building. Within this court stood the altar of burnt offering on which the priests sacrificed the animal offerings, and the laver which they used for washing.

This Tabernacle, although not really large, displayed intricate and beautiful design. It represented the dwelling place of God and was to remind Israel of the beauty of the heavenly sanctuary and God's throne. The presence of God visibly rested on the Tabernacle in a pillar of cloud by day and a fiery cloud at night. Constantly the people had evidence that God indeed dwelt with them.

Inside the Tabernacle a veil of the same blue, purple, and scarlet material with embroidered angels separated the building into two rooms, or apartments. The smaller of these, called the Most Holy Place, contained a single piece of furniture, a small wooden chest approximately four feet long and two and a half feet wide. This chest, known as the ark, was covered inside and out with pure gold.

A lid of solid gold, which the Bible calls the mercy seat, covered it. Two angels, each made from a single piece of solid gold, faced each other from opposite ends of the mercy seat. Inside the ark rested the two tables of stone on which God Himself had written the Ten Commandment law.

This ark constituted the focal point of the entire sanctuary. Between the angels, whose wings arched over the mercy seat, God manifested Himself to the priest in a soft glow of light known as the Shekinah glory. This piece of furniture represented the throne of God in heaven. Here He made Himself available in the sanctuary on earth. The psalmist said, "Thou that dwellest between the cherubims, shine forth." Psalm 80:1.

The arrangement of this symbolic throne of God carried great significance. God covered His Ten Commandment law with the mercy seat. The justice which His law demands, mercy satisfies. Mercy and justice meet here at God's throne. Paul says that God is both "just, and the justifier of him which believes in Jesus" (Romans 3:26). God symbolized here how the sinner's hope might revive. Here he could meet the demands of the law through the mercy and grace made available in Christ.

Today the sinner comes to God, not through a human priest, but through Jesus, who paid the supreme price on Calvary. Jesus said, "No man comes unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Hebrews 7:25 assures us of the mercy we may find in Christ: "He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

No one except the high priest could enter this sacred room where the ark stood, and he could do so only once each year at the special ceremony of the Day of Atonement. However, any priest might enter the larger of the two rooms called the holy place. In this room the daily services of the Temple took place.

The Holy Place contained 3 items; the altar of incense stood before the veil which separated the two rooms. Like the ark, it was constructed of wood overlaid with gold. Incense was burned on this altar each morning and evening. This represented morning and evening worship. "And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand" Revelation 8:4.

As the incense rose, the priest looked in faith to the ark with its mercy seat, which he could not see behind the veil. Today we look to Christ in prayer through faith. These prayers ascend to the throne of God as sweet incense. Although we do not see Him, yet we know that He stands in the heavenly sanctuary above, pleading before the mercy seat in our behalf.

On the right side of the Holy Place stood the table of showbread, or "bread of the presence." This table, too, was overlaid with pure gold and ornamented with a crown of gold running about the edge. Each Sabbath day twelve fresh cakes of unleavened bread were placed on it; the ones that were removed were eaten by the priests. The bread represented Christ, the Bread of heaven.

On the left side of the first room stood the seven-branched candlestick made of a single piece of pure gold. The priests continually kept its seven lamps trimmed and burning. No one but the priests could carry out this sacred work of keeping the lamps burning. Christ, as our High Priest, is the only one who can keep the light of our life burning today, through the oil of His Holy Spirit. He trims our lamps; He furnishes the oil to keep us burning. The constantly burning light from the lamp stand represented Jesus, the Light of the world.

There were daily services and there were special yearly services. Every day sacrifices were offered morning and evening at the altar of burnt offering in the courtyard. The priest ministered daily in the first room, the Holy Place. The incense, the lamps, and the bread required daily attention from the priests.

The individual, who sinned, brought as an offering a lamb or kid of the goats. Laying his hands upon the animal, the sinner confessed his sin, and with his own hand killed it. The priest caught some of the blood in a small bowl and either applied some of the blood to each corner of the altar of burnt offering or carried the blood into the first room of the sanctuary and sprinkled it seven times upon the veil which separated the two apartments. In either case, the ceremony symbolized the transfer of the sin from the sinner, to the sacrifice, and to the sanctuary.

The yearly service called the 'Cleansing of the Sanctuary', occurred each year on the tenth day of the seventh month, the Day of Atonement. This most solemn service represented the final eradication of sin from the

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universe. Day after day sin had symbolically accumulated in the sanctuary, but on the Day of Atonement the sins received ceremonial atonement.

On that day the people gathered about the Tabernacle, spending the day in sober, thoughtful meditation and prayer as the high priest ministered in the sanctuary. This was a day of judgment, in which those who had not confessed their sins were cut off from the congregation. The priest first offered a bull for himself and his family before he performed any other service.

After the priest had become qualified to serve, he cast lots upon two goats which stood at the door of the Tabernacle. One goat was chosen as the Lord's goat, and the other became the scapegoat, or Azazel's goat. (See Leviticus 16:8.) Azazel represented Satan; hence one goat symbolized Satan and the other stood for Christ. God instructed that the priest "bring the goat upon which the Lord's lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering." (verse 9).

The high priest then took the blood and went past the veil into the Most Holy Place, where the ark and the mercy seat stood. This was the only time in the entire year that anyone came into this sacred room, the room where God's presence dwelt. The priest sprinkled the blood upon the Mercy Seat, before the Mercy Seat,

and also upon the Altar of Incense out in the first room of the Tabernacle, and finally upon the Altar of Burnt Offering in the court. In this way the entire sanctuary was symbolically cleansed of the accumulated sins of the

When the priest had cleansed the sanctuary, he brought the live goat, the scapegoat representing Satan, to the door of the Tabernacle. God instructed that the priest "lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness: and the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness." (Leviticus 16:21, 22).

This goat remained in the wilderness, symbolizing the thousand years when Satan will be bound on this earth after Jesus Second Coming. This ceremony did not make Satan the people's sin bearer. Christ is the Savior. But the service acknowledged Satan's ultimate responsibility for sin. In the reality which the sanctuary service foreshadowed, Satan will be forced to bear the final responsibility for sin, and for the sins of the redeemed, which will be rolled back on the tempter who originated them. Then the great act of cleansing the entire universe of all sin will be forever complete. (See Revelation 21:4.)

The sanctuary service here on earth in the Old Testament represented what takes place in reality in heaven. Hebrews 9:23, 24 notes, "It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens [the earthly Tabernacle] should be purified with these [animal blood]; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us."

Today Christ is in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly temple, performing the cleansing service symbolized by the Day of Atonement. We are living in the heart-searching, solemn Day of Judgment. How thankful we should be that "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9). Not only are our sins forgiven, but they are covered by the blood of the atonement to finally be place onto the head of the instigator of sin, Satan.

"My sin, O the bliss of the glorious thought! My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more; Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!"

So how does this special insight in to Christ's work as our intercessor, help us in our battle against self and sin?

it is my firm belief that if the individuals that make up Christ's commandment-keeping church, were more appreciative of Jesus' ministration in the heavenly sanctuary, more alert to recognize the moving of the Holy Spirit in blessing the lives of those we pray for, then we could approach our heavenly Father with exceedingly joyful hearts over His perfect plan of salvation. It would become a way of life for us to have a melody of praise constantly ascending to God, and our Christian experience would increasingly strengthen us.

Then our heavenly Father would be able to make the words of Psalm 91:14-16 a reality in our lives: "Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation."

As we consider our Lord and Saviour in the Holy of Holies of the heavenly sanctuary ministering in behalf of fallen humanity (Hebrews 8:1, 2), we will find our hearts soaring in thanksgiving for all the many blessings He had so compassionately bestowed on us and others in answer to our prayers.

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb," Revelation 12:11. Where do we go by faith to see that Blood in action? To the Most Holy Place in the heavenly Sanctuary. And as we realize the mighty power of Christ's intercession for us there, we will rejoice in the words of Romans 8:38, 39, "I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

We need to learn to fortify ourselves in the merits of the sacrificial blood of Christ; and in addition, make it a part of our morning devotions to review the events of that sacrifice by reading Matthew 27:24-54 or one of the other accounts. Such practices will remove all fear of the destroyer, and served to surround us with a spiritual atmosphere of light and peace.

We can with holy confidence present before our great High Priest in the Holy of Holies of the heavenly sanctuary, our personal needs, and ask Him to impart to us strength and energy sufficient to meet the needs and demands of the day. We can also present the needs of others there, interceding for them by faith. When in faith we take hold of His strength, He will change--wonderfully change--the most hopeless, discouraging outlook.

Why do we look to the Holy of Holies of the heavenly sanctuary and direct our prayers there? Because that's where Jesus is, and that is where the power is.