

Salvation

Why is Salvation Needed?

Genesis 3:1-6 ~ 1 Now the **serpent** was more subtle than any beast of the field which Jehovah God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of any tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the **serpent**, Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat: 3 but **of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it**, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the **serpent** said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as God, knowing good and evil. 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, **she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat; and she gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat.**

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast down, **the old serpent**, he that is called **the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world**; he was cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him.

Genesis 3:14-15 And Jehovah God said unto the **serpent**, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And **I will put enmity between thee and the woman[Eve], and between thy seed and her seed; it[Eve's seed - Christ] shall bruise thy[serpent/satan's] head**, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Romans 5:12 ¶ ... **by one man[Adam] sin entered into the world, and death by sin**; and so death passed upon all men, for that **all have sinned**:

Romans 6:23 ... **the wages of sin is death[eternal]**; but **the gift of God[Father Jehovah] is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Who is the Salvation Solution?

Exodus 15:2 **Jehovah is** my strength and song, And he is become **my salvation**: This is my God, and I will praise him; My father's God, and I will exalt him.

Psalm 18:2 **Jehovah is** my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; My God, my rock, in whom I will take refuge; My shield, and the horn of **my salvation**, my high tower.

Psalm 27:1 **Jehovah is** my light and **my salvation**; Whom shall I fear? Jehovah is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?

Luke 1:69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; (**Prophecy of Zacharias, Father of the Baptist, concerning Christ**)

Luke 2:28-31 ~ 30 For **mine eyes have seen thy salvation**, 31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; 32 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. (**Simeon, praising Father Jehovah as he held the Christ child in his arms**)

John 3:14-17 (Jesus speaking) **14** And as **Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness**, even so must **the Son of man be lifted up**:

In Numbers 21:4-9, we find the Moses story Jesus referred to. The children of Israel were near the end of their 40-years of wandering in the wilderness. Life was hard for them in their travels. As a result, they began to "speak against God and against Moses"(verse 5). Because of this, "Jehovah sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. 7 And the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, because we have spoken against Jehovah, and against thee; pray unto Jehovah, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. 8 And **Jehovah said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a standard(like a flagstaff or pole): and it shall come to pass, that every one that is**

bitten, when he seeth it, shall live. 9 And Moses made a serpent of brass, and set it upon the standard: and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked unto the serpent of brass, he lived."(verses 6-9)

Just as the children of Israel "looked unto the serpent of brass, [and] lived", so it is that as we look unto Jesus, and His Father Jehovah, for our salvation, we will "have everlasting life."

15-17 That **whosoever believeth in him**[the Son of man (Jesus)] **should not perish**, but have eternal life. For **God**[Father Jehovah] **so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Hebrews 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many...

Luke 19:9-10 And Jesus said unto him(Zacchaeus), **This day is salvation come to this house**, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Acts 4:8-12 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, ... Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This[Jesus] **is the stone** which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. **Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

1 Thessalonians 5:9 For God hath **not** appointed us to wrath, but to **obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ**,

Hebrews 5:9 And being made perfect, he(Christ) **became the author of eternal salvation** unto all them that obey him;

How God Handles the Sin Problem by Cleansing the Sanctuary

Hebrews 9:22-23 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood is no remission.** It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these[**the blood of animals (symbolic service)**]; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these[**the precious blood of Christ (real service)**].

The "wages of sin" being eternal death is the reason why "shedding of blood" is required for the remission(putting away) of sin. In the symbolic service, it was the **blood of animals** that were sacrificed. In the real service, it was **the blood of Jesus**. The priests who officiated on earth, served "unto the example and shadow of heavenly things." [Hebrews 8:4-5](#).

The ministration of the earthly sanctuary consisted of two divisions; the priests ministered daily in the holy place, while once a year the high priest performed a special work of atonement in the most holy, for the cleansing of the sanctuary. Day by day **the repentant sinner** brought his offering to the door of the tabernacle and, **placing his hand upon the victim's head, confessed his sins**, thus in figure **transferring them from himself to the innocent sacrifice. The animal was then slain.** "Without shedding of blood," says the apostle, there is no remission of sin. "**The life of the flesh is in the blood.**" [Leviticus 17:11](#). The broken law of God demanded the life of the transgressor. **The blood**, representing the forfeited life of the sinner, whose guilt the victim bore, **was carried by the priest into the holy place and sprinkled before the veil, behind which was the ark containing the law that the sinner had transgressed. By this ceremony the sin was, through the blood, transferred in figure to the sanctuary...** ¶ Such was the work that went on, day by day, throughout the year. **The sins of Israel were thus transferred to the sanctuary**, and a special work became necessary for their removal... ([GC 418](#))

Once a year, on the great Day of Atonement, the priest entered the most holy place for the cleansing of the sanctuary. The work there performed completed the yearly round of ministration. ([GC 419](#))

Leviticus 16:8,9,15,16,21,22,26 ~ 8 And Aaron shall cast lots upon the **two goats; one lot for [Jehovah], and the other lot for the scapegoat.** 9 And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which [Jehovah's] lot fell, and offer him for a **sin offering.** ... 15 ¶ Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the veil,... and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat: 16 And he shall make an atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness. ... 21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live [scape-]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 shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness: 22 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.** ... 26 And he that let go the goat for the scapegoat shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward come into the camp.

On the Day of Atonement the high priest, having taken an offering from the congregation, went into the most holy place with the blood of this offering, and sprinkled it upon the mercy seat, directly over the law, to make satisfaction for its claims. Then, **in his character of mediator, he took the sins upon himself and bore them from the sanctuary. Placing his hands upon the head of the scapegoat, he confessed over him all these sins, thus in figure transferring them from himself to the goat. The goat then bore them away, and they were regarded as forever separated from the people.** [GC 420.1](#)

Such was the service performed "unto the example and shadow of heavenly things." And what was done in type in the ministration of the earthly sanctuary is done in reality in the ministration of the heavenly sanctuary. After His ascension our Saviour began His work as our high priest. Says Paul: "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." [Hebrews 9:24](#). [GC 420.2](#)

The ministration of the priest throughout the year in the first apartment of the sanctuary, "within the veil" which formed the door and separated the holy place from the outer court, represents **the work of ministration upon which Christ entered at His ascension. It was the work of the priest in the daily ministration to present before God the blood of the sin offering,** also the incense which ascended with the prayers of Israel. **So did Christ plead His blood before the Father in behalf of sinners, and present before Him also, with the precious fragrance of His own righteousness,** the prayers of penitent believers. Such was the work of ministration in the first apartment of the sanctuary in heaven. [GC 420.3](#)

Thither the faith of Christ's disciples followed Him as He ascended from their sight. Here their hopes centered, "which hope we have,"([Hebrews 6:19](#)) said Paul, "as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest forever." "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us." [Hebrews 6:19,20;9:12](#). [GC 421.1](#)

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, yet their sins still remained upon the books of record. As in the typical(symbolic) service there was a work of atonement at the close of the year, so before Christ's work for the redemption of men is completed there is a work of atonement for the removal of sin from the sanctuary.** This is the service which began when the 2300 days ended. At that time, as foretold by Daniel the prophet, our High Priest entered the most holy, to perform the last division of His solemn work—to cleanse the sanctuary. [GC 421.2](#)

As anciently the sins of the people were by faith placed upon the sin offering and through its blood transferred, in figure, to the earthly sanctuary, so **in the new covenant the sins of the repentant are by faith placed upon Christ and transferred, in fact, to the heavenly sanctuary.** And as the typical(symbolic) cleansing of the earthly was accomplished by the removal of the sins by which it had been polluted, so the actual cleansing of the heavenly is to be accomplished by the removal, or blotting out, of the sins which are there recorded. But before this can be accomplished, there must be an examination of the books of record to determine who, through repentance of sin and faith in Christ, are entitled to the benefits of His atonement. The cleansing of the sanctuary therefore involves a work of

investigation—a work of judgment. This work must be performed prior to the coming of Christ to redeem His people; for when He comes, His reward is with Him to give to every man according to his works. [Revelation 22:12](#). [GC 421.3](#)

... It was seen, also, that while the sin offering pointed to Christ as a sacrifice, and the high priest represented Christ as a mediator, the scapegoat typified Satan, the author of sin, upon whom the sins of the truly penitent will finally be placed. When the high priest, by virtue of the blood of the sin offering, removed the sins from the sanctuary, he placed them upon the scapegoat. **When Christ, by virtue of His own blood, removes the sins of His people from the heavenly sanctuary at the close of His ministration, He will place them upon Satan (the scapegoat)...** [GC 422.2](#)

Then [Christ] will put on the garments of vengeance. Then the plagues come upon the wicked, and they do not come until Jesus puts on the garments of vengeance and takes His seat upon the great white cloud. Then **while the plagues are falling the scape goat is being led away**. He makes a mighty struggle to escape, but he is held fast by the hand that bears him away. If he should effect his escape Israel would be destroyed (or slain)... [1LtMs, Ms 15, 1850, par. 8](#)

... **Satan... will be for a thousand years confined to the earth, which will then be desolate, without inhabitant...** ([GC 485.3](#))

... [satan] is made to suffer not only for his own rebellion, but **for all the sins which he has caused God's people to commit**. His punishment is to be far greater than that of those whom he has deceived. After all have perished who fell by his deceptions, he is still to live and suffer on. **In the cleansing flames the wicked are at last destroyed, root and branch—Satan the root, his followers the branches. The full penalty of the law has been visited; the demands of justice have been met; and heaven and earth, beholding, declare the righteousness of Jehovah.** [GC 673.1](#)

... So will **Satan be forever... blotted from existence** in the final destruction of sin and sinners. [GC 422.2](#)

Thus the great plan of redemption will reach its accomplishment in the **final eradication of sin** and the deliverance of all who have been willing to renounce evil. [GC 485.3](#)

Summary/Conclusion

When we sin, the law says we must die - forever([Romans5:12;6:23](#)). However, "we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous"([1John2:1](#)). So, when "we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."([1John1:9](#)).

How does that work? When we confess, our sins are transferred to Christ. Since He has never sinned, His death satisfies our death penalty. Father Jehovah accepts the shedding of Christ's blood for the remission our our sins, thus exchanging our sins for Christ's righteousness.

What happens to sins that were transferred to Christ? not long before Christ returns, the destiny of all people on Earth will have been sealed. The sins of the saved, will be placed on satan. The lost will pay for their own sins.

Sin, death, and hell are finally destroyed when all who tainted with sin are forever destroyed in the lake of fire([Revelation20:14;21:8](#)).

Desiring to live by every word that comes from the mouth of Jehovah ([Deut8:3](#); [Matt4:4](#))

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