

DOING “THE CORRESPONDING WORK”



**HOW
IMPORTANT IS
THIS WORK?
IS IT OPTIONAL
OR IMPERATIVE?**

WHERE IS JESUS NOW? AND WHAT IS HE DOING NOW?

BACKGROUND: John 10:

- 1. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.
- 2. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.
- 3. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep **by name**, and leadeth them out.
- 4. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, **he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him**: for they know his voice.

WHERE IS JESUS NOW? AND WHAT IS HE DOING NOW?

BACKGROUND: John 10:

9. **I am the door:** by me if any man enter in, **he shall be saved**, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

10. **The thief** cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might **have life**, and that they might have it more abundantly.

11. **I am the good shepherd:** the good shepherd **giveth his life** for the sheep.

WHERE IS JESUS NOW? AND WHAT IS HE DOING NOW?

BACKGROUND: John 10:

14. I am the good shepherd, and **know my sheep**, and **am known of mine.**

27. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and **they follow me:**

28. And I give unto them **eternal life**; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

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INTRODUCTION:

Antitypical Day of Atonement began October 22, 1844

Jesus' role or work switches to High Priest and his place switches to The Holiest of All / The Holy of Holies / The Most Holy Place – Really, this is **another phase in the Plan of Redemption.**

An in-depth look at the Typical Day of Atonement per se will reveal what Jesus is currently doing in Heaven – Minus the actual sacrifices, etc.

[Please see Leviticus 16 & 23, etc.]

JUST AS NECESSARY

- The intercession of Christ in man's behalf in the sanctuary above is as essential to the plan of salvation as was His death upon the cross. By His death He began that work which after His resurrection He ascended to complete in heaven. **We must by faith enter within the veil, "whither the forerunner is for us entered."** Hebrews 6:20. There the light from the cross of Calvary is reflected. There we may gain a clearer insight into the mysteries of redemption. The salvation of man is accomplished at an infinite expense to heaven; the sacrifice made is equal to the broadest demands of the broken law of God. *Jesus has opened the way to the Father's throne*, and through His mediation the sincere desire of all who come to Him in faith may be presented before God. **FLB 204**

LEVITICUS 23:

²⁷ Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a **day of atonement**: it shall be an **holy convocation** unto you; and ye shall **afflict your souls**, and **offer an offering made by fire** unto the LORD.

²⁸ And ye shall **do no work** in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to **make an atonement for you** before the LORD your God.

²⁹ For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.

³⁰ And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people.

³¹ Ye shall do no manner of work: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

³² It shall be unto you *a sabbath of rest*, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.

Seriousness of Sanctuary Truth—While Christ is cleansing the sanctuary, the worshipers on earth should carefully review their life, and compare their character with the standard of righteousness.—The Review and Herald, April 8, 1890. {Ev. 224.1}

CHRIST IS IN THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY!

Christ is in the heavenly sanctuary, and he is there to make an atonement for the people. He is there to present his wounded side and pierced hands to his Father. He is there to plead for his Church that is upon the earth. He is cleansing the sanctuary from the sins of the people. What is our work?—It is our work **to be in harmony with the work of Christ**. By faith we are to work with him, to be in union with him. {RH January 28, 1890, par. 7}



When Jesus is within the sanctuary above, when we have an Advocate in the courts of heaven, how earnestly should ***the corresponding work of intercession*** be going on upon the earth! While we may see and should sense the guilt of sin, we are to appreciate the mercy of God through the atonement. The Lord has promised that because of the propitiatory sacrifice He will, if we -198- repent, certainly forgive our iniquities. Now, while Christ is pleading in our behalf, while the Father accepts the merits of the atoning Sacrifice, let us ask and we shall receive. **Let all confess their sins and let them go beforehand to judgment that they may be forgiven for Christ's sake, and that pardon may be written against their names.**

{3MR 197.3} OR Miscellaneous Collections 1888 – The Ellen G. White Materials, (1987) Chapter 111 – Diary Entries.

THE SHAKING

- I saw some, with strong faith and agonizing cries, pleading with God. Their countenances were pale, and marked with deep anxiety, expressive of their internal struggle. Firmness and great earnestness was expressed in their countenances; large drops of perspiration fell from their foreheads. Now and then their faces would light up with the marks of God's approbation, and again the same solemn, earnest, anxious look would settle upon them. {CET 175.1}
- Evil angels crowded around, pressing darkness upon them to shut out Jesus from their view, that their eyes might be drawn to the darkness that surrounded them, and thus they be led to distrust God, and murmur against Him. Their only safety was in keeping their eyes directed upward. Angels of God had charge over His people, and as the poisonous atmosphere of evil angels was pressed around these anxious ones, the heavenly angels were continually wafting their wings over them to scatter the thick darkness. {CET 175.2}

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- As the praying ones continued their earnest cries, at times a ray of light from Jesus came to them, to encourage their hearts, and light up their countenances. Some, I saw, did not participate in this work of agonizing and pleading. They seemed indifferent and careless. They were not resisting the darkness around them, and it shut them in like a thick cloud. The angels of God left these, and went to the aid of the earnest, praying ones. I saw angels of God hasten to the assistance of all who were struggling with all their power to resist the evil angels, and trying to help themselves by calling upon God with perseverance. But His angels left those who made no effort to help themselves, and I lost sight of them. {CET 175.3}

VERSE 23 - EGW COMMENTS

- Christians are set as **light bearers** on the way to heaven. They are to reflect to the world the light shining upon them from Christ. **Their life and character should be such that through them others will get a right conception of Christ and of His service.** {SC 115.2}

“Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul-temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost.” {CET 189.2}

