

GOSPEL IN THE SANCTUARY

Steps to the Father -01

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Hebrews 8:5 Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, **See, saith he, [that] thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount.**

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

- **Light from the sanctuary illumined the past, the present, and the future. They knew that God had led them by His unerring providence. GC 423.1**

- Christ was the foundation of the Jewish economy. The whole system of types and symbols was a compacted prophecy of the gospel, a presentation in which were bound up the promises of redemption. {AA 14.1}
- 1 Timothy 2:5 For [there is] one God, and **one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;**
- Hebrews 7:24 **But this [man],** because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.
- 7:25 Wherefore **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.
- Romans 8:26 Likewise **the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities:** for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but **the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings** which cannot be uttered.
8:34 Who [is] he that condemneth? **[It is] Christ that died,** yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, **who also maketh intercession for us.**
- Genesis 28:12 **And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.**
- 28:13 And, behold, **the LORD stood above it, and said, I [am] the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac:** the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;
- John 1:51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.
- **Christ is the ladder that Jacob saw, the base resting on the earth, and the topmost round reaching to the gate of heaven,** to the very threshold of glory. If that ladder had failed by a single step of reaching the earth, we should have been lost. But Christ reaches us where we are. He took our nature and overcame, that we through taking His nature

might overcome. Made "in the likeness of sinful flesh" (Romans 8:3), He lived a sinless life. Now by His divinity He lays hold upon the throne of heaven, while by His humanity He reaches us. He bids us by faith in Him attain to the glory of the character of God. Therefore are we to be perfect, even as our "Father which is in heaven is perfect." {DA 311.5}

- **Through Christ we have constant communication with the Father.** Through this open door we may view the glories of the celestial world, and may estimate the superiority of heavenly attractions as compared with earthly. {RH, January 6, 1891 par. 9}
- Leviticus 8:30 And Moses took of *the anointing oil, and of the blood which [was] upon the altar, and sprinkled [it] upon Aaron, [and] upon his garments*, and upon his sons, and upon his sons' garments with him; and sanctified Aaron, [and] his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.
- Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing
- John 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: **for the Holy Ghost was not yet [given]; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.**)
- Acts 2:33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.
- **Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally; therefore it was altogether for their advantage that He should leave them, go to His father, and send the Holy Spirit to be His successor on earth. The Holy Spirit is Himself divested of the personality of humanity and independent thereof. He** would represent Himself as present in all places by His Holy Spirit, as the Omnipresent. "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall (although unseen by you), [THIS PHRASE WAS ADDED BY ELLEN WHITE.] teach you all things, and bring

all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" [John 14:26]. "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will come not unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you" [John 16:7]. {14MR 23.3}



THE VEIL OF THE SANCTUARY

- Exodus 26:1 Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle [with] ten curtains [of] fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: **[with] cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them.**
- Exodus 26:30 And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle according to the fashion thereof which was showed thee in the mount. 26:31 *A n d* thou shalt make a veil [of] blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: **with cherubims shall it be made:** 26:32 *A n d thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of shittim [wood] overlaid with gold:* their hooks [shall be of] gold, upon the four sockets of silver. 26:33 And thou shalt hang up the veil under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within the veil the ark of the testimony: and the veil shall divide unto you between the holy [place] and the most holy.
- Ezekiel 41:25 And [there were] made on them, on the doors of the temple, **cherubims and palm trees, like as [were] made upon the walls;** and [there were] thick planks upon the face of the porch without.

The Father's presence encircled Christ, and nothing befell Him but that which infinite love permitted for the blessing of the world. Here was His source of comfort, and it is for us. He who is imbued with the Spirit of Christ abides in Christ. The blow that is aimed at him falls upon the Saviour, who surrounds him with His presence. Whatever comes to him comes from Christ. He has no need to resist evil, for Christ is his defense. Nothing can touch him except by our Lord's permission, and "all things" that are permitted "work together for good to them that love God." Romans 8:28. {MB 71.2}

- According to Hebrews 10:20 we see that the veil is symbolic of flesh of Jesus; the sins of the world then were transferred to veil and the veil was a carrier of blood, why then are angels embroidered there? It is not just about ministering to the saints but also by beholding it, it guards them from apostasy and even also the unfallen worlds that's why Peter says they look intently into these things 1 Peter 1:12
- To the angels and the unfallen worlds the cry, "It is finished," had a deep significance. IT WAS FOR THEM AS WELL AS FOR US THAT THE GREAT WORK OF REDEMPTION HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. They with us share the fruits of Christ's victory. {DA 758.2}
- Not until the death of Christ was the CHARACTER OF SATAN CLEARLY REVEALED TO THE ANGELS OR TO THE UNFALLEN WORLDS. The archapostate had so clothed himself with deception that even holy beings had not understood his principles. They had not clearly seen the nature of his rebellion. {DA 758.3}
- SATAN SAW THAT HIS DISGUISE WAS TORN AWAY. His administration was laid open BEFORE THE UNFALLEN ANGELS AND BEFORE THE HEAVENLY UNIVERSE. THE LAST LINK OF SYMPATHY BETWEEN SATAN AND THE HEAVENLY WORLD WAS BROKEN. {DA 761.2}
- The significance of the death of Christ will be seen by saints and angels. ...THE ANGELS ASCRIBE HONOR AND GLORY TO CHRIST, FOR EVEN THEY ARE NOT SECURE EXCEPT BY LOOKING TO THE SUFFERINGS OF THE SON OF GOD. IT IS THROUGH THE EFFICACY OF THE CROSS THAT THE ANGELS OF HEAVEN ARE GUARDED FROM APOSTASY. WITHOUT THE CROSS THEY WOULD BE NO MORE SECURE AGAINST EVIL THAN WERE THE ANGELS BEFORE THE FALL OF SATAN. Angelic perfection failed in heaven. Human perfection failed in Eden, the paradise of bliss. All who wish for security in earth or heaven must look to the Lamb of God. {5BC 1132.8}
- NOT ONLY MAN BUT ANGELS WILL ASCRIBE HONOR AND GLORY TO THE REDEEMER, FOR EVEN THEY ARE SECURE ONLY THROUGH THE SUFFERINGS OF THE SON OF GOD. It is through the efficacy of the cross that the INHABITANTS OF UNFALLEN WORLDS HAVE BEEN GUARDED FROM APOSTASY. It is this that has effectually unveiled the deceptions of Satan and refuted his claims. NOT ONLY THOSE THAT ARE WASHED BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST, BUT ALSO THE HOLY ANGELS, ARE DRAWN TO HIM BY HIS CROWNING ACT OF GIVING HIS LIFE FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD. {BTS, December 1, 1907 par. 4}
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Mathew 8:8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: **but speak the word only**, and my servant shall be healed.

8:9 For I am a **man under authority, having soldiers under me**: and I say to this [man], Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth [it]. :10 **W h e n Jesus heard [it], he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.**

8:11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

8:12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

- **The anointed ones standing by the Lord of the whole earth, have the position once given to Satan as covering cherub. By the holy beings surrounding his throne, the Lord keeps up a constant communication with the inhabitants of the earth. The golden oil represents the grace with which God keeps the lamps of believers supplied, that they shall not flicker and go out. Were it not that this holy oil is poured from heaven in the messages of God's Spirit, the agencies of evil would have entire control over men. {RH, July 20, 1897 par. 6}**
- Here Christ virtually says, On the bank of the Jordan the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended like a dove upon Me. That scene was but a token that I am the Son of God. If you believe on Me as such, your faith shall be quickened. You shall see that the heavens are opened, and are never to be closed. I have opened them to you. **The angels of God are ascending, bearing the prayers of the needy and distressed to the Father above, and descending, bringing blessing and hope, courage, help, and life, to the children of men.** {DA 142.4}

- The Altar of Incense .-John saw in a vision heavenly beings "having golden vials full of odours (incense) which are the prayers of the saints." He also saw an angel "having a golden censer, and there was given to him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of the saints upon the golden altar that was before the throne."
- The angels of God are ever passing from earth to heaven, and from heaven to earth. **The miracles of Christ for the afflicted and suffering were wrought by the power of God through the ministration of the angels. And it is through Christ, by the ministration of His heavenly messengers, that every blessing comes from God to us.** In taking upon Himself humanity, our Saviour unites His interests with those of the fallen sons and daughters of Adam, while through His divinity He grasps the throne of God. And thus Christ is the medium of communication of men with God, and of God with men. {DA 143.1}
- ***Then I saw that Jesus would not leave the most holy place until every case was decided either for salvation or destruction, and that the wrath of God could not come until Jesus had finished His work in the most holy place, laid off His priestly attire, and clothed Himself with the garments of vengeance. Then Jesus will step out from between the Father and man, and God will keep silence no longer, but pour out His wrath on those who have rejected His truth.*** I saw that the anger of the nations, the wrath of God, and the time to judge the dead were separate and distinct, one following the other, also that Michael had not stood up, and that the time of trouble, such as never was, had not yet commenced. {EW 36.1}

PART 2

- **1Ki 6:27** And he set the cherubims within the inner house: and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubims, so that the wing of the one touched the *one* wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house.

- In the earthly or typical sanctuary, the symbol of God's presence was between the two cherubim, whose wings shadowed the mercy-seat. [Exodus 25:22](#). So, in the heavenly temple, **God dwells between the two covering cherubim**. "The Lord reigneth; let the people tremble; He sitteth between the cherubim; let the earth be moved." "Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; **Thou that dwellest between the cherubim, shine forth**." "O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubim, Thou art the God, even Thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; Thou hast made heaven and earth." [Psalm 99:1](#); [80:1](#); [Isaiah 37:16](#). This testimony shows that God's dwelling-place **is between the cherubim**.

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- Ezekiel gives a lengthy description of these cherubim in [chapters 1 and 10](#), and in conclusion says: "**This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river of Chebar; and I knew that they were the cherubim**." [Ezekiel 10:20](#). Zechariah refers to the same when he says: "**These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth**." [Chap. 4:14](#).

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- Exodus 25:18-22 And thou shalt make two cherubims [of] gold, [of] beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat. 25:19 And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: [even] of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof. 25:20 ***And the cherubims shall stretch forth [their] wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces [shall look] one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.*** 25:21 And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. 25:22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which [are] upon the ark of the testimony, of all [things] which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

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- Ezekiel 41:25 And [there were] made on them, on the doors of the temple, **cherubims and palm trees, like as [were] made upon the walls;** and [there were] thick planks upon the face of the porch without.
- Zachariah 6:12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name [is] The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:
- 6:13 Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, **and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne:** and the counsel of peace shall be **between them both.**
- Revelation 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with **me in my throne,** even as I also overcame, and am set down with my **Father in his throne.**
- Daniel 7:9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and **the Ancient of days did sit,** whose garment [was] white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: **his throne [was like]** the fiery flame, [and] his wheels [as] burning fire. 7:10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: **thousand thousands ministered unto him,** and

ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened. 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, [one] **like the Son of man came with the clouds {angels }of heaven**, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

- 7:14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion [is] an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom [that] which shall not be destroyed.
- Rev 5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice **of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;**
- 5:12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.
- 5:13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, [be] **unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.**
- 5:14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four [and] twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.
- We need to understand better than we do the work of these **angel visitants**. It would be well for all who claim to be children of God to consider that the words they speak are in the hearing of heavenly beings, and that they behold the works they do. ***Who would think that heavenly angels are cooperating with us in our work? But so it is, and thus earth is connected with heaven.*** ... {12MR 308.1}

Three angels messages

Rev 1:1 The Revelation **of Jesus Christ, which God gave** unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified [it] by his **angel unto his servant John**:

Rev 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, **a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty** [and] four thousand, having his **Father's name** written in their foreheads.

Rev 3:12 Him that overcometh **will I make a pillar in the temple of my God**, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him **the name of my God**, and the **name of the city of my God**, [which is] new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and [I will write upon him] **my new name. {they have ONLY the name of the father and the son}**

Rev 14:7 Saying with a loud voice, **Fear God, and give glory to HIM**; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

GOLDEN OIL

It is Christ, the Light of the world. Oil had to be poured into the candlestick for the light. John saw seven lamps of fire burning before the throne of God and he was told that they were "the seven Spirits of God." We must have oil if we are to be burning and shining lights, and this oil is the Holy Spirit. {March 5, 1903 EJW, PTUK 154.6}

On each end of the mercy seat was the figure of an angel, representing the two anointed ones that stand in the presence of God. From what was shown to Zechariah, we learn that it is through these heavenly beings that the golden oil of God's Holy Spirit is made to flow from Him to us. {October 10, 1901 EJW, PTUK 650.17}

God says of His angels that they are all "ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation." Jacob in a dream saw the angels coming and going between heaven and earth. The way to the throne of God is ever open, and these heavenly messengers are the channel through

which God pours the golden oil of love and grace into His people. It is through these precious

Word has been given to man; for He sent them the prophets the things that they wrote to enlighten the world. {October 10, 1901 EJW, PTUK 650.18}

This Holy Word is as the golden pipes through which the oil was emptied from these anointed ones into the candlesticks. So if we would have always a fresh supply of oil, if we would burn brightly for the glory of God and the good of others, we must study God's Holy Word, that through this channel His own Spirit may be poured into our hearts. Then we shall "shine as lights in the world, holding forth the Word of life." {October 10, 1901 EJW, PTUK 651.1}

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words that I speak unto you, [they] are spirit, and [they] are life.**

The oil with which the wise virgins filled their lamps represents the Holy Spirit. "The angel that talked with me," writes Zechariah, "came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep, and said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: and two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. . . . Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick, and upon the left side thereof? And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches, which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my Lord. Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth." {RH, February 3, 1903 par. 4}

By the holy beings surrounding his throne, the Lord keeps up a constant communication with the inhabitants of the earth. The golden oil represents the grace with which God keeps the lamps of believers supplied. Were it not that this holy oil is poured from heaven in the messages of God's Spirit, the

agencies of evil would have entire control over men. {RH, February 3, 1903 par. 5}

God is dishonored when we do not receive the communications that he sends us. Thus we refuse the golden oil which he would pour into our souls to be communicated to those in darkness. When the call shall come, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him," those who have not received the holy oil, who have not cherished the grace of Christ in their hearts, will find, like the foolish virgins, that they are not ready to meet their Lord. They have not in themselves the power to obtain the oil, and their lives are wrecked. But if God's Spirit is asked for, if we plead, as did Moses, "Show me thy glory," the love of God will be shed abroad in our hearts. The golden oil will be given to us. {RH, February 3, 1903 par. 6}

Only by knowing God here can we prepare to meet him at his coming. "This is life eternal," said Christ, "that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." But many of those who profess to believe in Christ do not know God. They have only a surface religion. They do not love God; they do not study his character; therefore they do not know how to trust, how to look and live. They do not know what restful love is, or what it means to walk by faith. Opportunities to hear and receive the messages of God's love are unappreciated and unimproved. They fail of understanding that it is their duty to receive, in order that they may enrich others. {RH, February 3, 1903 par. 7}

The world by wisdom knows not God. Many have talked eloquently about him, but their reasoning brings men no nearer to him, because they themselves are not in vital connection with him. Professing themselves to be wise, they become fools. Their knowledge of God is imperfect. They are not conformed to him. {RH, February 3, 1903 par. 8}

Christ is a perfect revelation of God. "No man hath seen God at any time," he says; "the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him." Only by knowing Christ can we know God. And as we behold him, we shall be changed into his image, prepared to meet him at his coming. {RH, February 3, 1903 par. 9}

But no man can impart that which he himself has not received. In the work of God, humanity can originate nothing. No man can by his own effort make himself a light bearer for God. ***It was the golden oil emptied by the heavenly messengers into the golden tubes, to be conducted from the golden bowl into the lamps of the sanctuary, that produced a continuous bright and shining light. It is the love of God continually transferred to man that enables him to impart light.*** Into the hearts of all who are united to God by faith the golden oil of love flows freely, to shine out again in good works, in real, heartfelt service for God. {COL 418.5}

From the two olive trees, the golden oil was emptied through golden pipes into the bowl of the candlestick and thence into the golden lamps that gave light to the sanctuary. ***So from the holy ones that stand in God's presence, His Spirit is imparted to human instrumentalities that are consecrated to His service. The mission of the two anointed ones is to communicate light and power to God's people.*** It is to receive blessing for us that they stand in God's presence. As the olive trees empty themselves into the golden pipes, so the heavenly messengers seek to communicate all that they receive from God. The whole heavenly treasure awaits our demand and reception; and as we receive the blessing, we in our turn are to impart it. Thus it is that the holy lamps are fed, and the church becomes a light bearer in the world. {TM 510.1}

We know that the lamps which give us light have no light in themselves. They cannot fill themselves. So the holy appointed ones must empty the golden oil into the golden tubes. And the heavenly fire, when applied, makes them burning and shining lights. Our hearts cannot reflect light until there is a vital connection with heaven. This alone can make them burn steadily with holy, unselfish love for Jesus, and for all who are the purchase of His blood. And unless we are constantly replenished with the golden oil, the flame will die out. Unless the love of God is an abiding principle in our hearts, our light will go out. . . . {TDG 98.3}

Satan seems paralyzed as he beholds the glory and majesty of Christ. He who was once a covering cherub remembers whence he has fallen. A shining seraph, "son of the morning;" how changed, how degraded! From the council

where once he was honored, he is forever excluded. He sees another now standing near to the Father, veiling His glory. He has seen the crown placed upon the head of Christ by an angel of lofty stature and majestic presence, and he knows that the exalted position of this angel might have been his. {GC 669.1}

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2Co 5:18 And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

2Co 5:19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

2Co 5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.