

THE HOLY OF HOLIES : BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST

BIBLE TEXT : Exodus 26:31-34; 37:1-9; 40:20, 21, 34-38; Leviticus 16:2;

Acts 2:1-4; Hebrews 9:6-8; 10:19-22

LESSON 74 Senior Course

MEMORY VERSE: "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience" (Hebrews 10:22).

BIBLE TEXT in King James Version

Exodus 26:31-34

³¹ And thou shalt make a vail of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubims shall it be made:
³² And 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.
³³ And thou shalt hang up the vail under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within the vail the ark of the testimony: and the vail shall divide unto you between the holy place and the most holy.
³⁴ And thou shalt put the mercy seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy place.

Exodus 37:1-9

¹ And Bezaleel made the ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half was the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it:
² And he overlaid it with pure gold within and without, and made a crown of gold to it round about.
³ And he cast for it four rings of gold, to be set by the four corners of it; even two rings upon the one side of it, and two rings upon the other side of it.
⁴ And he made staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold.
⁵ And he put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, to bear the ark.

BIBLE REFERENCES:

I "The Holiest of All," in the Tabernacle

- 1 The vail was a division between the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies, Exodus 26:31-33
- 2 The Ark of the Covenant was placed in the Holy of Holies, Exodus 37:1-5; 40:20, 21
- 3 The Mercy Seat. a solid plate of pure gold, was a covering for the Ark, Exodus 26:34; 37:6
- 4 Two cherubims were over and above the Mercy Seat, Exodus 37:7-9
- 5 All natural or artificial light was excluded from the Holiest of All,
 - 1 **Kings 8:12** ¹² Then spake Solomon, The LORD said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.
 - Revelation 21:23** ²³ And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.
 - Revelation 22:5** ⁵ And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.
- 6 God's approval was manifested by the presence of the cloud above, and His glory within the Tabernacle, Exodus 40:34-38;
 - Exodus 25:22** 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.
 - Numbers 7:89** ⁸⁹ And when Moses was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation to speak with him, then he heard the voice of one speaking unto him from off the mercy seat that was upon the ark of testimony, from between the two cherubims: and he spake unto him.
 - Leviticus 9:22-24** ²² And Aaron lifted up his hand toward the people, and blessed them, and came down from offering of the sin offering, and the burnt offering, and peace offerings.
²³ And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the people.
²⁴ And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces.
- 7 God told Moses to warn Aaron of the danger of entering the Holy of Holies except as directed, Leviticus 16:2

II "The Holiest of All" in the Christian Dispensation

- 1 The Holiest of All, or the Holy of Holies, pointed to a promised experience which was not given in the dispensation of the Law,
 - Hebrews 9:1-9** ¹ Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.
² For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.
³ And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;
⁴ Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the

⁶ And he made the mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half *was* the length thereof, and one cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

⁷ And he made two cherubims of gold, beaten out of one piece made he them, on the two ends of the mercy seat;

⁸ One cherub on the end on this side, and another cherub on the *other* end on that side: out of the mercy seat made he the cherubims on the two ends thereof.

⁹ And the cherubims spread out *their* wings on high, and covered with their wings over the mercy seat, with their faces one to another; *even* to the mercy seatward were the faces of the cherubims.

Exodus 40:20-21

²⁰ And he took and put the testimony into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the mercy seat above upon the ark:

²¹ And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the vail of the covering, and covered the ark of the testimony; as the LORD commanded Moses.

Exodus 40:34-38

³⁴ Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

³⁵ And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

³⁶ And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys:

³⁷ But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the

covenant;

⁵ And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.

⁶ Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.

⁷ But into the second *went* the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

⁸ The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:

⁹ Which *was* a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;

2 The new experience, typified by the Holy of Holies, is to be given only to the sanctified, and this wonderful gift of the Holy Ghost is for us today, Hebrews 10:22

Hebrews 10:14-19 ¹⁴ For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

¹⁵ *Whereof* the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,

¹⁶ This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

¹⁷ And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

¹⁸ Now where remission of these is, *there* is no more offering for sin.

¹⁹ Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

3 The way into the spiritual Holy. of Holies was opened by the death of Christ,

Hebrews 10:20-22 ²⁰ By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

²¹ And *having* an high priest over the house of God;

²² Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Matthew 27:50-51 ⁵⁰ Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

⁵¹ And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

4 Christ promised a Comforter and prayed for His people that they might be sanctified, so they could receive this third experience,

John 14:16-18 ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

¹⁷ *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

¹⁸ I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

John 14:26 ²⁶ But the Comforter, *which* is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 16:7-14 ⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

⁸ And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

⁹ Of sin, because they believe not on me;

¹⁰ Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

¹¹ Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

¹² I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

¹³ Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

¹⁴ He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

John 17:6 ⁶ I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

John 17:16-23 ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

¹⁷ Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

day that it was taken up.

³⁸ For the cloud of the LORD *was* upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

Leviticus 16:2

² And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy *place* within the vail before the mercy seat, which *is* upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat.

Acts 2:1-4

¹ And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

³ And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Hebrews 9:6-8

⁶ Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service *of God*.

⁷ But into the second *went* the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and *for* the errors of the people:

⁸ The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:

¹⁸ As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

²⁰ Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

²¹ That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

²² And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

²³ I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

5 The original outpouring of the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire fulfilled the promise of Jesus, Acts 2:1-4

Acts 1:4-5 ⁴ And, being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, *saith he*, ye have heard of me.

⁵ For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Acts 1:8 ⁸ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

6 Subsequent outpourings and the original promise prove that this experience is for all who will seek it, not excluding us who live in the last days,

Joel 2:21-32 ²¹ Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.

²² Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.

²³ Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first *month*.

²⁴ And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵ And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

²⁶ And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

²⁷ And ye shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel, and *that I am* the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

²⁸ And it shall come to pass afterward, *that I will* pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

²⁹ And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

³⁰ And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

³¹ The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

³² And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Acts 2:16-21 ¹⁶ But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

¹⁷ And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

¹⁸ And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

¹⁹ And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

²¹ And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Acts 8:17 ¹⁷ Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

Hebrews 10:19-22 ¹⁹

Having therefore, brethren,
boldness to enter into the holiest
by the blood of Jesus,

²⁰ By a new and living way, which
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²¹ And *having* an high priest over
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²² Let us draw near with a true
heart in full assurance of faith,
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an evil conscience, and our bodies
washed with pure water.

Acts 10:44-46 ⁴⁴ While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost
fell on all them which heard the word.

⁴⁵ And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished,
as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also
was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

⁴⁶ For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.
Then answered Peter,

Acts 15:8 ⁸ And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness,
giving them the Holy Ghost, even as *he did* unto us;

Acts 19:6 ⁶ And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy
Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and
prophesied.

1 Corinthians 12:13 ¹³ For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one
body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or
free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

1 John 2:20 ²⁰ But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye
know all things.

NOTES:

God Leads His People Along

A man, rejoicing in the first experience of the redeeming
grace of God, may feel as if Heaven itself had come down to
him, or as if no power of death or hell could shake his faith or
cast a suspicion on his love. But man in his natural state is
nothing but a poor, frail child of the dust. He needs a voice
from Heaven, the voice of the Holy Spirit, to lead him to God;
and he also needs to hear that voice continually to lead him in
the true worship of God.

It is said that man naturally feels an instinct within him
to worship something. But man must be led by God; he must be
shown just what constitutes true worship, or he will go astray.
God knew this innate character of man; and to help those
who turned their hearts toward Heaven He devised a plan of
redemption whereby man could be saved from his sins.
cleansed from his inbred depravity; and, finally, empowered
for service by the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire.

The Offerings and Their Significance

The trespass offering was for the pardon of sins willfully
committed and those committed through neglect or lack of
diligence in observing all God's revealed will.

The pardoned sinner was then able to bring his
individual burnt offering and his meat offerings for personal
consecration as he felt his need of drawing nearer to God. He
could also bring his peace offerings for the establishment of a
deeper communion with Heaven. But to all this he must add
still another offering. He had deep in his heart an inbred
nature of sin requiring the shed blood for its destruction. The
sin offering was given to aid man in his approach to God when
seeking this second great experience of grace, entire
sanctification.

We have seen how portions of the Tabernacle worship
typified these experiences and how the blood of various animals
pointed to "the innocent blood" that was to be shed in God's
time. We have seen that the shedding of blood was vitally
important in all these different offerings for sin and
transgressions. We have seen' how the blood was sometimes
placed on the brazen altar and further study has shown us
how atonement was made through the sprinkling of some of
that blood before the Lord. We then saw how certain other
offerings required that the blood be sprinkled in the Holy Place
instead, before the veil itself, and a portion of it placed on
the horns of the golden altar. We have seen that there was no
part of the worship where blood was not an important factor.
And even in the Holy of Holies it was necessary that blood be

sprinkled as a reminder to the people that their only hope of salvation from the judgments of God was in and through blood shed in their stead. The symbolism of the Tabernacle worship all pointed to the coming Sacrifice, Jesus Christ, the great Anointed One.

God's Dwelling Place

The Tabernacle itself was divided into two parts. The Holy of Holies was separated from the Holy Place by a veil hung to shield the priest — who came into the Holy Place in his daily ministrations — from the consuming presence of God which was over the Ark of the Covenant in the Holy of Holies. The Ark, with its cover called the Mercy Seat, and the cherubims of beaten gold which stood on each end, was the only article in the Holy of Holies. It was the center, around which all the worship of the Israelites revolved. When God's presence was manifest they knew He was there as their Leader, Guide, and Protector.

The only time anyone entered the Holy of Holies, except when it was necessary to move the Tabernacle, was on the Day of Atonement. On this day the high priest went into that room and offered incense and blood for the sins of the people *as* a general symbol of the all-inclusive atonement of Christ (**Leviticus 16:12** ¹² And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the veil: **Leviticus 16:14** ¹⁴ And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times. **Hebrews 9:7** ⁷ But into the second *went* the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: **Hebrews 10:19-20** ¹⁹ Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh). This did not remove any individual obligation from a person who had sinned. That person had to bring a trespass offering to make a personal atonement for his own sins.

There was no natural or artificial light in the Holy of Holies. The glory which emanated from God's very Presence between the cherubims was the light thereof, even as is said of the New Jerusalem: "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof" (Revelation 21:23). The Shekinah was God's very Presence in manifesting Himself to Moses and the high priest, for Moses also was one of God's priests (**Psalms 99:6** ⁶ Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them).

So intense was the glory of God in the Tabernacle, when it was set up for the first time, that even Moses could not enter (**Exodus 40:35** ³⁵ And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle). Moses had talked intimately with God, perhaps more so than any man who ever lived on earth. He had seen God's presence manifested in an outstanding way on Mt. Sinai when all of the Children of Israel, with the exception of the few who accompanied him up the mountain, fled away. He had stood before the burning bush and heard the voice of God speak from out of the flame. But we are told that God manifested Himself in so much greater degree in the Tabernacle, at its dedication, that even Moses could not enter.

The Ark, Mercy Seat, and Cherubims

The Ark was remarkable in itself. Built of choice wood, overlaid with gold, it was to be used to hold different sacred treasures as directed by God. Its main function was to hold the tables of stone upon which the Law of God was written.

We have spoken of the Mercy Seat as the cover for the Ark. It was made of pure gold. At each of its ends was placed a

cherubim, figures beaten out of pure gold whose faces were toward each other and downward toward the tables of the Law in the Ark. It *has* been said that the artistry necessary to make, by beaten work, these two figures out of solid gold is a feat that few, if any, artisans of the present day could accomplish.

Christ, the Mercy Seat

We are told in Scripture (**Romans 3:24-25** ²⁴ Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: ²⁵ Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God) that we are justified by the redemption that is in Christ whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation for us. Greek scholars tell us that the more literal rendering of the word propitiation is mercy seat. The symbolism of the Mercy Seat in the Tabernacle is very plain to us through this New Testament Scripture. The Mercy Seat represented Christ.

The cherubims are understood to represent the carrying out of God's judgments, since such heavenly creatures have been associated with missions of that nature in Scripture. A beautiful picture is given to us here The Law of God, contained in the Ark, demanded that judgment be pronounced upon each one who violated its precepts. Over that Law was poised these cherubims which were representative of the execution of that judgment. But the execution of judgment was tempered by the interposition of Christ, the Mercy Seat. How beautifully God brought the picture of His love for mankind to the Israelites, and to us also, in these symbols found in the Holy of Holies.

The Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire

But the Holy of Holies brings us a more specific picture, interpreted by the writer of the book of Hebrews. He shows us that as the brazen altar in the outer court of the Tabernacle typified justification, and the golden altar in the Holy Place typified sanctification, the Holy of Holies with its constantly abiding Spirit and presence of God typified the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire.

This wonderful experience, first given to mankind on the Day of Pentecost immediately following Christ's death on Calvary, is the distinguishing mark or feature of the Gospel dispensation — the Church age. The baptism of the Holy Ghost is attended with the "glory" that was prophesied should come after Christ's death, which the prophets themselves earnestly desired to possess and the angels in Heaven desired to look into (**1 Peter 1:9-12** ⁹ Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls. ¹⁰ Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you: ¹¹ Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. ¹² Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into). The Holy Ghost is the Comforter that Jesus said **He** would send after He had ascended to the Father (**John 16:7** ⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you). He was not yet given to those in Old Testament times, because the way into the Holiest of All was not yet opened (**Hebrews 9:8** ⁸ The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing). However, when Jesus died and the vail of the Temple was rent, the way was made for all who came thereafter to enter boldly into the spiritual Holy of Holies: the third, distinct Christian experience in God's plan of salvation (**Hebrews 10:19-22** ¹⁹ Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for

us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; ²¹ And *having* an high priest over the house of God; ²² Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water).

We are also shown conclusively that it is necessary that we be sanctified before the Holy Ghost can come into our hearts to abide in His fullness (**Hebrews 10:12-22** ¹² But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; ¹³ From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. ¹⁴ For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. ¹⁵ *Whereof* the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, ¹⁶ This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; ¹⁷ And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. ¹⁸ Now where remission of these is, *there is* no more offering for sin. ¹⁹ Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; ²¹ And *having* an high priest over the house of God; ²² Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. **Hebrews 2:11** ¹¹ For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified *are* all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, compared with **Acts 2:1** ¹ And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place). The prophets of Old Testament times were sanctified men (**Isaiah 6:1-7** ¹ In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. ² Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. ³ And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. ⁴ And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. ⁶ Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, *which* he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: ⁷ And he laid *it* upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.) but they did not have the baptism of the Holy Ghost, for we have seen that they prophesied of it and desired it but could not receive that experience because it was not yet given (**1 Peter 1:9-12** ⁹ Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls. ¹⁰ Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you: ¹¹ Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. ¹² Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into. **Hebrews 9:8** ⁸ The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing).

We are exhorted to enter this Holy of Holies without delay (**Hebrews 10:22** ²² Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water); so we can say that it is not a type of Heaven, as some teach, but a type of an experience that can be given to us in our present lifetime. it is apparent, then, that here is but another of the great finger posts in Scripture placed to lead men into the fullness of God's truth. Here in one of the first and earliest steps in God's plan, are symbolized all the three Christian experiences that we who live in the Church dispensation can receive.

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith." Let us be sure that we "hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering." Let us take heed that we forsake not "the assembling of ourselves together," but exhort one another daily to a closer walk and a more intimate relationship with God as we see the day of Christ's coming fast approaching.

QUESTIONS

- 1 What furnishings were placed in the Holy of Holies? Describe each item.
- 2 What did each of these items typify and represent?
- 3 What separated the two compartments of the Tabernacle? Describe It.
- 4 What was typified by the Holy Place?
- 5 What does the Holy of Holies *as* a whole typify?
- 6 What was the source of light in the Holiest of All?
- 7 When was the type shown in the Holy of Holies fulfilled for the first time?
- 8 Tell of other times when it was fulfilled, up to the present day.
- 9 How do the Scriptures tell us that one must be sanctified prior to receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost?
- 10 What great event gave us all entrance into our spiritual Holy of Holies?