

New Light from the Book of Hebrews – September 2014

Introduction

Once we understand the book of Hebrews we will be ready for heaven!

New Light from the book of Hebrews: Part I

Did you know that:

1. The book of Hebrews, in the New Testament, was written by the apostle Paul and was addressed specifically to the Hebrews which were familiar with the 5 books of Moses, commonly called the Torah?
2. The book of Hebrews is to the New Testament what the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy are to the Old Testament?
3. The Torah is found and explained in the book of Hebrews. Paul is in the New Testament what Moses was in the Old Testament. While Moses presents the type in the Old Testament, Paul presents the antitype in the New Testament?
4. There were many things Christ would have loved to tell His disciples before His crucifixion but they were not ready to receive them. Paul reveals these crucial points necessary for us to understand today in order to receive perfection of character. Do you know what are those things?
5. The book of Hebrews was written specifically for us today in these last days of Earth's History?
6. The book of Hebrews explains why Christ could not be a High Priest on earth but He could be a High Priest in heaven?
7. The Biblical figures mentioned in chapter 11 of Hebrews are still waiting in the grave and cannot be made perfect till we understand the book of Hebrews?
8. The book of Hebrews contains the reason for our faith?
9. It contains a complete explanation of the Old and New Covenant?
10. It contains the difference between the Aaronic Priesthood and the Priesthood of the Firstborn restored?
11. It contains the purpose of the Earthly and the Heavenly Sanctuary - type and antitype?
12. It contains the Final Atonement and the preparation for heaven?

Yet, how many Christians understand and can teach the light freely offered in the book of Hebrews?

Can you explain the 12 points submitted above?

If not, would you like an explanation of every one of these points to prepare you for heaven and prepare others?

New Light from the book of Hebrews: Part II

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1. The book of Hebrews, in the New Testament, was written by the apostle Paul and was addressed specifically to the Hebrews which were familiar with the 5 books of Moses, commonly called the Torah.

In order to fully understand the book of Hebrews, one needs to read and study the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. Paul wrote 16 of the 27 books of the New Testament. And though the authorship of the book of Hebrews has been debated in the past centuries, it is impossible to find another writer as well acquainted with the Old Testament as the apostle Paul since he was a Pharisee or lawyer of the Law and was knowledgeable of the Hebrew and Christian faiths. The Spirit of Prophecy attributes the authorship of the book of Hebrews to Paul.

2. The book of Hebrews is to the New Testament what the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy are in the Old Testament.

Indeed, the content of the book of Hebrews is as follows:

- Chapter **1** of Hebrews points to the Creation story of **Genesis** 1 and 2
- Chapter **2** of Hebrews points to the Salvation offered after sin in Genesis 3.
- Chapters **3** and **4** of Hebrews point to the 'Rest' mentioned in Genesis 2:1-3 and **Exodus** 16:23 where the word 'Sabbath' is mentioned for the first time in the Bible. When using the true Biblical calendar, the Sabbath can be counted from the week of the manna. The words Rest and Sabbath are also mentioned in Exodus 20:8-11, the 4th Commandment.
- Chapters **5** and **6** of Hebrews admonish to accept Christ as High Priest of which we can learn His functions and purposes from the book of **Leviticus**, the book of the priesthood. The Priesthood of Christ is Present Truth for us today.
- Chapter **7** of Hebrews is a most important chapter in the book of Hebrews as it demonstrates why Christ could not be a High Priest while on earth but could be a High Priest in heaven. It is of the utmost importance to understand the Priesthood as part of the birthright in the Old Testament. Genesis 49, Exodus 32 and **Numbers** 3 are vital chapters to study in order to understand Chapter 7 of Hebrews (more explanations will be given when covering point 10).
- Chapters **8** and **9** of Hebrews point to the Earthly Sanctuary erected by Moses after he received the instructions directly from God on Mount Sinai. Exodus 25-40 gives a detailed description of the earthly sanctuary which was a pattern of the heavenly. A thorough understanding of the Old and the New Covenant is offered in Chapter 9 of

Hebrews. The Old Covenant was ratified by the blood of animals while the New Covenant is ratified by the blood of Christ, for 'without shedding of blood is no remission' of sin. Yet, both the Old and New Covenant are based on obedience to the Law of Commandments, Statutes and Judgments which Moses was commanded in **Deuteronomy** to teach Israel and is still, more than ever, binding for us today

- Chapter **10** of Hebrews confirms the superiority of Christ's sacrifices to animal sacrifices as described in Leviticus 1-9.
- Chapter **11** of Hebrews rightly called the Hall of Faith brings us back to the books of Genesis, Joshua, Judges, Samuel and all the historical and prophetic books of the Old Testament. It also reminds us of our important calling as the People of the Judgment for these famous witnesses will remain in the grave unless we understand that 'God has provided some better things for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.' Does Laodicea understand the better things God has provided for her and appropriate them in order to participate in the final work in the Most Holy Place? After 170 years since 1844, unhappily the answer is an emphatic 'No'.
- Chapters **12** and **13** of Hebrews is an appeal to faithfulness, brotherly love and godly living in order to finish the work and continue to stand fast no matter the obstacles and temptations.
- The book of Hebrews is written for us today who are facing the Last Day Events and the Second Coming of Christ. We need to understand and appreciate much more than we do the High Priesthood of our Savior. In fact, the 'correct understanding of the ministration in the Heavenly Sanctuary is the foundation of our faith.' Evangelism, 221.

New Light from the book of Hebrews: Part III

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3. The book of Hebrews is to the New Testament what the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy are in the Old Testament.

4. The Torah is found and explained in the book of Hebrews. Paul is in the New Testament what Moses was in the Old Testament. While Moses presents the type in the Old Testament, Paul presents the antitype in the New Testament.

‘As soon as there was sin, there was a Savior.’ The first sacrifice of blood was offered in the Garden of Eden after Adam and Eve sinned - **Genesis** 3:21. It pointed to Christ, the Lamb of God that was to die and take away the sin of the world. All throughout Genesis, the patriarchs, from Adam to Jacob, offered sacrifices of blood for the remission of sin for ‘without the shedding of blood, there is no remission.’ Hebrews 9:22. Those sacrifices were types pointing to the True sacrifice to come, went type would meet antitype through the blood of Christ.

In the book of Exodus, Moses is instructed to build a sanctuary after the pattern of the Heavenly sanctuary which he saw on the mount. This earthly sanctuary was a type of the antitype in heaven. The sanctuary on earth was to be an object lesson to teach Israel about the complete plan of salvation and the work of Christ as both the sacrifice and the priest. From the sanctuary, Israel was to learn the lessons of the daily Continual Atonement and Perpetual Intercession in the Court and Holy Place and the yearly Final Atonement and Final Intercession in the Most Holy Place.

The sanctuary on earth was ordered by God Himself to be a place that He “may dwell among them.” Exodus 25:8. All these truths are emphasized in the book of Hebrews and demonstrate without a shadow of a doubt that Christ was the true sanctuary (John 2:19-21) and the fulfillment of the sacrifices and high priesthood of the Old Testament, pointing to the Court, the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place.

This quote from the Word of Inspiration explains the whole purpose of the sanctuary and the complete plan of salvation like no other quote does:

“The **blood of Christ**, while it was to **release the repentant sinner** from the condemnation of the law, was **not to cancel the sin [Court and Holy Place]**; it would stand on record in the sanctuary until the final atonement [**Most Holy Place**]; so in the type, the blood of the sin offering removed the sin from the penitent, but it rested in the sanctuary until the Day of Atonement.” Patriarchs and Prophets, 357, emphasis supplied.

Thus from the book of Genesis chapter 3 to Deuteronomy 34, we learn that the transgression of the Creator’s Moral Law of Commandments, Statutes and Judgments

demanded the death of a victim to atone for sin. Christ was the only One who could atone and remove sin from the repentant sinner. The book of Hebrews demonstrates why Christ could be the victim and the priest in His High position of Creator, Redeemer and High Priest and King. And the reason why is explained in Part IV. The book of Hebrews is the only book in the New Testament and the whole Bible at that, which explains clearly why Christ could and can be our Great High Priest. A complete understanding of this truth will open heaven to us.

New Light from the book of Hebrews: Part IV

Please read Part I, II and III along with the Introduction in order to understand this most important Part IV.

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5. There were many things Christ would have loved to tell His disciples before His crucifixion but they were not ready to receive them. Paul reveals these crucial points necessary for us to understand today in order to receive perfection of character.

Before giving an explanation of the revelation found in the book of Hebrews and the THINGS Christ would have loved to tell His disciples, it is only fair to answer these major questions:

A. Why are we still here?

Do you know why Israel never entered into God's rest? Paul explains it clearly in chapters 3 to 6 of Hebrews. The main reason, according to Paul and the testimony of the Old Testament from Genesis to Malachi and all the prophets which wrote before him, was **UNBELIEF**. Hebrews 4:1-11. Christianity in general and the nominal Adventists in particular, are repeating the same mistake. The churches today continue to feed on the **MILK** of the Gospel (**PRECIOUS TRUTH**: repentance, baptism, state of the dead, justification, continual atonement, sanctification, perpetual intercession – Court and Holy Place) while they should be feeding upon the **MEAT** of the Everlasting Gospel (**PRESENT TRUTH**: Sanctuary, Most Holy Place, High Priesthood of Christ, Judgment Hour, Final Atonement, Final Intercession, Second Coming). Hebrews 5:11-14 and 6:1-6.

B. Are we teaching what we were called to teach?

To the Seventh church, which the book of Revelation calls Laodicea or the People (Laos) of the Judgment (Dicea) or announcing the Judgment (Revelation 14:6, 7), it has been given to understand and teach the prophecy of the 2300 days which is the vision of the evening and the morning (which forms a day) spoken of in Daniel 8:14, and 26 and chapter 9. This vision was sealed till the time of the end and was unsealed through the studies of the Millerites in the 1840 era. This is the work of the last church, Laodicea, to perform and teach the sanctuary and the Great Day of Atonement of October 22, 1844. When His church, which He called by His Name shall teach what she is called to teach, she will revive and reform from her old ways and combine the Precious Truth and Present Truth empowered by the Holy Spirit and the end will come.

For according to the Word of Inspiration,

“The preaching of a definite time for the judgment, in the giving of the first message [Revelation 14:6, 7], was ordered of God. The computation of the prophetic periods on which that message was based, placing the closing of the 2300 days in the

autumn of 1844 [October 22, 1844], stands without impeachment.” The Great Controversy, chapter 26, 457.

C. Why are the Wise and Foolish Virgins of Matthew 25 ALL slumbering and sleeping?

Hence is the secret of the Great Revival and Reformation promised at the time of the Refreshing and the outpouring of the Early Rain and the Latter Rain. The rain, according to the Word of God is not the Holy Spirit, though He is the One who pours out the Rain. In Zechariah 10:1, we are told to ask for the rain, the early and the latter rain, and He will send bright clouds and showers of rain, on the grass. A cross reference study of the words rain, bright clouds, and grass will reveal that the grass is the people (Isaiah 40:7), the bright clouds is the presence of power and glory of the Holy Spirit, (Exodus 14:24; Luke 21:27); the rain is the doctrine, ‘My doctrine shall drop as the rain.’ Deuteronomy 32:1, 2.

The Early Rain is the **PRECIOUS TRUTH** which the wise and foolish virgins possessed because they are all church members and the Latter Rain is the **PRESENT TRUTH** which **ONLY** the wise virgins made sure to acquire before they fell asleep along with the foolish virgins because the Bridegroom has tarried now for longer than expected. In 1844, the Marriage Supper of the Lamb (the Judgment of the Dead, the Great Day of Atonement) started and those who were wise entered with Him in the Most Holy Place by faith, but ALL of those have fallen asleep since; they have died in the faith. Now the living ones have forgotten their duties and have fallen asleep but they are still alive, some appropriating only the Precious Truth while others have accepted both, the Precious and the Present Truth.

D. The reason for our Lukewarm Condition as a people

No wonder we are not able to understand the writing of Paul, especially the book of Hebrews. The apostle Peter explains why in his Second Letter chapter 3, verses 15, 16. After exhorting us like Paul and John to be diligent, he admonishes us to be “without spot, blameless, and account that the long suffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you: as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are **unlearned and unstable wrest**, as they do also the other scriptures unto their own destruction. Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, **BEWARE** lest ye also being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.”

In John 16, Christ gives the promise of the Holy Spirit to His disciples. He also mentions a disturbing fact which should have prepared His followers of their coming rejection, betrayal and abandonment of Him. In verses 12 and 14 we read:

E. Why the disciples could not receive more from the Fountain of Life?

“I have yet many things to say unto you but you cannot bear them now. 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. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.” John 16:12 – 14.

The Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Godhead is to show us things to come and glorify Christ. Paul, in the book of Hebrews, chapter 5 to 7, and according to the wisdom given him and the knowledge of the sanctuary he possessed as a descendant of the tribe of Benjamin, exposes in a most advance manner, what were the many things the disciples which were still arguing until the Last Supper experience whom shall be the greatest, could not, under their carnal mind disposition, understand these sacred truths which Paul was given to understand.

Even us today, Seventh-day Adventists by name, have failed to understand and teach these advanced truths and this is the major reason why we are still here playing church instead of continuing the Movement started with the Reformation under Martin Luther and the Millerite Movement under William Miller. Because, like it or not, time as continued for 170 years since 1844 and we are still here while the pen of Inspiration, after the great defeat of 1888, wrote plainly in 1889, that the Latter Rain started falling with the Message of Righteousness by Faith and the discussion they had of the Law in Galatians which points to the **STATUTES and are part of the Moral Law, not the Ceremonial Law of Sacrifices and Offerings. These, the sacrifices and offerings were nailed to the cross at the death of Christ and are part of the Ceremonial Law but not the Statutes.**

These Statutes (more than 600) include the Holy Convocations of Leviticus 23, which in verse 2 and 3, mentions clearly the Seventh-day Sabbath to be calculated from the same sanctuary calendar restored by the Millerites in 1844. Unhappily, because of insubordination, which is worse than unbelief because it stems from opened rebellion, we will still be ere long while we could have entered into heaven if we had obeyed and accepted the Statutes which are not nailed to the cross but were given to guard the 10 Commandments and are binding unto eternity.

In Part V, the truth which Christ through the Holy Spirit wants us to grasp, understand and teach and is clearly explained by Paul in the book of Hebrews, will be revealed. In order to understand this major revelation of the book of Hebrews which will open up the door of heaven to us, we need to know our birthright, the importance of being firstborn and why Christ, while on earth, could never have been a High Priest but in the Heavenly Sanctuary, He is our Great High Priest finishing the work of perfection of character for us and preparing us to enter into our eternal abode with Him in heaven. Those who will understand these majestic revelations will bless heaven for the means supplied to this last generation to obtain perfection of character and will open the gates of hade (death) for those who are still in the grave since Adam.

New Light from the book of Hebrews: Part V

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- His Priesthood
- The Restoration of the Firstborn's Birthrights
- Our Priesthood and our Birthrights

"I have yet many things to say unto you but you cannot bear them now. 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. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you." John 16:12 - 14.

Have you ever wondered what were the many things Christ wanted to say to His disciples but they could not have received them at that time? Pursuing His admonition, He promised them the gift of the Holy Spirit who would guide them into all truth. The Holy Spirit is our greatest need at this time. We are on the border of the Heavenly Canaan. Like Israel of Old, we have returned to the wilderness more than once since 1844. We need His wisdom to understand a major revelation which will propel us forward and finish the work assigned to us as the people of the Judgment and the last generation. What is that revelation?

CHRIST COULD NOT BE A PRIEST FROM THE AARON'S ORDER

"For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood." Hebrews 7: 12-14.

If Christ would have declared Himself the High Priest while the temple was still standing, the disciples could not have understood and accepted Him. How could He have been a high priest since He sprang from the tribe of Judah while the tribe of Levi was the chosen descendant to give attendance at the altar? The answer is found in the book of Genesis and the loss of the **BIRTHRIGHT** in the Old Testament.

1. Cain lost his birthright after he killed Abel because of anger and rebellion. Genesis 4: 3-11.
2. Esau lost his birthright for a bowl of lentils because of appetite and lack of self-control. Genesis 27: 1-46.

3. Reuben lost his birthright because he slept with his father's concubine; because of passion and lack of self-control. Genesis 49: 3, 4.

THE BIRTHRIGHT OF THE FIRSTBORN: THE EXCELLENCY OF DIGNITY, OF POWER - REUBEN WAS THE FIRSTBORN OF JACOB

"Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power: Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou went up to thy father's bed; then defiled thou it: he went up to my couch." Genesis 49: 3, 4.

"The promises made to Abraham and confirmed to his son were held by Isaac and Rebekah as the great object of their desires and hopes. With these promises Esau and Jacob were familiar. They were taught to regard the BIRTHRIGHT as a matter of great importance, for it included not only an inheritance of worldly wealth but spiritual pre-eminence. He who received it was to be the priest of his family, and in the line of his posterity the Redeemer of the world would come. On the other hand, there were obligations resting upon the possessor of the birthright. He who should inherit its blessings must devote his life to the service of God. Like Abraham, he must be obedient to the divine requirements. In marriage, in his family relations, in public life, he must consult the will of God." Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 177, 178.

THE BIRTHRIGHT INCLUDED:

1. An inheritance of worldly wealth: a double portion of the father's wealth.
2. To be the progenitor of the Redeemer to come.
3. To be the PRIEST of the family.

JACOB'S THREE SONS INHERITED THE BIRTHRIGHT INSTEAD OF THE FIRSTBORN REUBEN

1. Joseph received the DOUBLE PORTION through Ephraim and Manasseh.
2. Judah became the PROGENITOR of the Redeemer.
3. Levi received the PRIESTHOOD.

THE SPIRITUAL MEANING OF THE BIRTHRIGHT

1. THE DOUBLE PORTION

The Early and the Latter Rain of the Precious Truth and the Present Truth as received from the Holy Spirit. Deuteronomy 32:2; Zechariah 10:1; Matthew 25: 1-13 The 10 virgins: Both had the Holy Spirit (the oil) but the 5 foolish had the precious truth only - 5 wise had the precious truth and the present truth and were ready for the marriage supper of the Lamb. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Early and Latter Rain.

2. TO BE PROGENITOR OF THE REDEEMER

To be progenitor of the Redeemer means to partake of His Character. Partaker means: participant, sharer, associate, fellow, partner, belong to, eat or drink, pertain, take part, communicate, communion, fellowship. (Greek Concordance 3353).

3. TO BE THE PRIEST OF THE FAMILY

"For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually." Hebrews 7: 1-3; Genesis 14: 18 - first time mentioned.

"The high priest was designed in a special manner to represent Christ who **was to become a high priest forever after the order of Melchisedec**. This order of priesthood was not to pass to another or be superseded by another." Redemption, The First Advent of Christ, p. 14.

CHRIST WAS THE FIRSTBORN OF AN UNCHANGEABLE PRIESTHOOD

"If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament. And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: but this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood." Hebrews 7:11, 12, 22-24.

Thus Christ, through His incarnation, life, death, resurrection and ascension to heaven has restored the Birthright of the Firstborn and made it available for us today!

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." 1 John 3:1, 2.

Part VI will demonstrate the firstborn rights of Christ, His unchangeable priesthood, and by inheritance, our firstborn rights which enable us to be called Sons and Daughters of His Father and to become partakers of His Divine Nature.

New Light from the book of Hebrews: Part VI

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6. The book of Hebrews explains why Christ could not be a High Priest on earth but He could be a High Priest in heaven.

10. It contains the difference between the Aaronic Priesthood and the Priesthood of the Firstborn restored.

CHRIST COULD NOT BE A PRIEST FROM AARON'S ORDER: HE SPRANG FROM JUDA AND NO FROM LEVI

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CHRIST WAS THE FIRSTBORN OF AN UNCHANGEABLE PRIESTHOOD: FIRSTBORN

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- Difference between the Aaronic Priesthood and the Priesthood of the Firstborn
Why Christ could not be a high priest on earth – but a High Priest in heaven

Levitical Priesthood versus the Priesthood of the Firstborn

Tribe of Levi	Firstborn
Aaronic	Melchisedec
No oath	With an oath
Offered daily sacrifice	Christ Himself
Blood of animals	His own blood
Because of his sins	Had no sin
Earthly sanctuary	Heavenly
Pitched by man	By God
Changeable	Unchangeable
Because of death	Knew no death
Temporary	Eternal
Aaron is dead	Christ lives
Old Covenant	New Covenant
Law written on stones	In the mind

PART OF OUR BIRTHRIGHT: TO BE PRIEST AND KING

"And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." Revelation 1:6. "And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth." Revelation 5:10 "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years." Revelation 20: 6.

WORK OF THE PRIESTHOOD

The Levites had different functions which are applicable for us today:

- Attended in the sanctuary service: church service functions
- In charge of music: choose elevating, worship hymns for service
- Preached the Word: give Bible study during the week
- Visited the needy and sick: Medical Missionary Work
- Were given cities of refuge for those accused of murder: visit prisoners and pray with them, encourage them
- Offered intercessory prayers: intercede for salvation of others

BECAUSE OF OUR SAVIOR WE ARE ENTITLED TO OUR INHERITANCE

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differ nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: but when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of son. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ." Galatians 3: 26-29; 4: 1-7.

New Light from the book of Hebrews: Part VII

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7. The book of Hebrews contains a complete explanation of the Old and New Covenant.

The book of Hebrews, chapters 8 and 9 explain the Covenant or Testament which was ratified in the Old Testament through the blood of goats and calves in type, pointing to the blood of Christ, the antitype of a 'better covenant.'

The Old and the New Covenant required the same agreement: complete obedience to the Law of the Creator, but "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

The Pen of Inspiration declares the terms of God's Covenant in this way:

"God's people are justified through the administration of the "better covenant," through Christ's righteousness. A covenant is an agreement by which parties bind themselves and each other to the fulfilment of certain conditions. Thus the human agent enters into agreement with God to comply with the conditions specified in His Word. His conduct shows whether or not he respects these conditions.

Man gains everything by obeying the covenant-keeping God. God's attributes are imparted to man, enabling him to exercise mercy and compassion. God's covenant assures us of His unchangeable character. Why, then, are those who claim to believe in God changeable, fickle, untrustworthy? Why do they not do service heartily, as under obligation to please and glorify God? It is not enough for us to have a general idea of God's requirements. We must know for ourselves what His requirements and our obligations are. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and will all thy soul, and with all thy strength and with all thy mind, and thy neighbour as thyself." These are the conditions of life. "This do," Christ said "and thou shalt live."

Christ's death and resurrection completed His covenant. Before this time, it was revealed through types and shadows which pointed to the great offering to be made by the world's Redeemer, offered in promise for the sins of the world. Anciently believers were saved by the same Savior as now, but it was God's veiled. They saw God's mercy in figures. The promise given to Adam and Eve in Eden was the gospel to a fallen race. The promise was made that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head and it should bruise His heel. Christ's sacrifice is the glorious fulfilment of the whole Jewish economy. The Sun of Righteousness has risen. Christ our righteousness is shining in brightness upon us.

God did not lessen His claim upon men in order to save them. When as a sinless offering Christ bowed His head and died, when by the Almighty's unseen hand the veil of the temple was rent in twain, a new and living way was opened. All can now approach God through the

merits of Christ. It is because the veil has been rent that men can draw nigh to God. They need not to depend on priest or ceremonial sacrifice. Liberty is given to all to go directly to God through a personal Savior." MS 148, 1897

New Light from the book of Hebrews: Part VIII

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11. The book of Hebrews contains the purpose of the Earthly and the Heavenly Sanctuary - type and antitype.

"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's thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount." Hebrews 8:5.

"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood: and without shedding of blood is no remission." Hebrews 9:22.

"Christ was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. To many it has been a mystery why so many sacrificial offerings were required in the old dispensation, why so many bleeding victims were led to the altar. But the great truth that was to be kept before men, and imprinted upon mind and heart, was this, "Without shedding of blood is no remission." In every bleeding sacrifice was typified the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Christ Himself was the originator of the Jewish system of worship, in which by type and symbols, were shadowed forth spiritual and heavenly things. Many forgot the true significance of these offerings and the great truth that through Christ alone there is forgiveness of sin, was lost to them. The multiplying of sacrificial offerings, the blood of bulls and goats, could not take away sin." ST, Jan 2, 1893.

"A lesson was embodied in every sacrifice, impressed in every ceremony solemnly preached by the priest in his holy office, and inculcated by God Himself - that through the blood of Christ alone is there forgiveness of sin. How little we as a people feel the force of this great truth! How seldom, by living, acting faith do we bring into our lives this great truth that there is forgiveness for the least sin, forgiveness for the greatest sin." RH, Sept 21, 1886.

New Light from the book of Hebrews: Part IX

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12. It contains the Final Atonement and the preparation for heaven.

At the cross, Christ was both the victim and the priest. No man took His life, He offered it freely. At His ascension, Christ took His function as our Great High Priest, administrating a **Continual Atonement** through His blood which He had offered in the Court and which represents the earth and a **Perpetual Intercession** in the Holy Place in the heavenly sanctuary.

From 31 AD to 1844, Christ fulfilled the work of redemption in the Court, forgiving the sins of the repentant sinner, washing him anew in the Water of Life and offering him **Justification** as if he had never sinned; in the Holy Place, He granted the sinner the baptism of the Holy Spirit, feeding him with the Bread of Life, His Word and interceding for him at the altar of incense for his **Sanctification**. His Holy Spirit is necessary at this time more than ever, as He is to convince us of sins, (Court), of righteousness (Holy Place) and of judgment (Most Holy Place). (John 16:8)

In 1844, according to the prophecy of Daniel 8:14 and 9:24-27, Christ entered the Most Holy Place where He is doing a **Final Atonement** and a **Final Intercession** for both the Dead and the Living. The Great Day of Atonement has begun since October 22, 1844 and though it is 170 years since Christ has entered into the Most Holy Place, it represents only a few hours in the clock of heaven, for remember that for the Creator of time, 1 day is like 1000 years and 1000 years is like 1 day (2 Peter 3:8).

“The coming of Christ as our high priest to the most holy place, for the cleansing of the sanctuary, brought to view in Daniel 8:14; the coming of the Son of man to the Ancient of days, as presented in Daniel 7:13; and the coming of the Lord to His temple, foretold by Malachi 3 and 4, are descriptions of the same event; and this is also represented by the coming of the bridegroom to the marriage, described by Christ in the parable of the ten virgins of Matthew 25.” The Great Controversy, 426.

The Final Atonement was heralded through the Midnight Cry in the period of 1834 to 1844. It is the complete removal of the character of Satan, the knowledge of evil, which is not removed in the Court when the repentant sinner accepts Christ as his personal Savior. It is not obtained in the Holy Place when the repentant sinner continues his daily walk with his Redeemer, is filled with the Spirit, reads his Bible and prays without ceasing. It is only obtained in the Most Holy Place and can only be accomplished by Christ who removes the sins and the records left in the mind each time the sinner had transgressed the Law of his Maker.

Those sins had left blots, scars, tendencies, bent, propensities which are only removed on the anti-typical Great Day of Atonement according to the type in Leviticus 16 and 23. This Great Day is well on its way since 1844 and about to finish. Soon, our Mediator will declare: "It is finished" as He declared at the cross when His sacrificial atonement was complete. Soon, He will say: "Let them who are righteous, be righteous still; let them who are wicked, be wicked still." Soon, He will no longer plead with the sinners. The Final Atonement will be completed. The reconciliation with the Father will be completed for we know that when His character is perfectly reflected in His people, He will come to take them home to partake of His glory.

5. The book of Hebrews was written specifically for us today in these last days of Earth's History.

Christ is finishing the judgment for the dead based on the book of Remembrance (Malachi 3:16), the book of Records (Daniel 7:10) and the book of Life (Revelation 3:5; 22: 22:19) where their good deeds, their sins and their names are written in heaven, At this time, those living upon the earth must prepared for what is coming upon the world as an overwhelming surprise. This overwhelming surprise is not the Second Coming of Christ in the cloud of heaven but it is the International Sunday Law which is presently instigated by the Mother of Harlots, the Roman Catholic Church supported by the apostate Protestant Church, the Second Papal Supremacy which brings about the close of probation for the living.

The Roman Catholic Church has been preparing for more than 2 centuries for the complete restoration of her lost supremacy since 1798 when Napoleon, through General Berthier, took the Pope of Rome prisoner to France and brought an end to the First Supremacy of the Church of Rome which lasted 1260 years as foretold in the prophecy of Daniel 7:25. At about the same time of the infliction of her wound (Revelation 13:3), Christ entered the Most Holy Place to perform the Judgment of the Dead and soon, no man knows how soon, it will pass to the Judgment of the Living with the International Sunday Law and the Second Supremacy of the Pope when all the kings of the earth give her back her civil and religious power which she had obtained in 538 AD and which was followed by the gloomy Dark Ages.

At this time, those living upon the earth will go through the test of the Sunday Law – the Mark of the authority of the Beast of Revelation 13, which is the sign that the Judgment of the Living has started in heaven above.

The Judgment of the Living, which takes place in the Most Holy Place, during the 10 antitypical days of Atonement preceding the Great Day of Judgment means for the living that:

- Their case come up before God
- Their eternal destiny is decided
- They receive the seal of the Living God
- Their Father's Name is received on their foreheads

- They are the firstfruits to receive moral perfection
- They will reflect the image of Jesus fully
- They are prepared to live through the 7 last plagues
- When the judgment closes their Mediator leaves the Heavenly sanctuary
- They are a spectacle to the Universe of complete fulfillment of the Covenant promises
- They are the 144000 who are the only one to enter the Heavenly Temple

New Light from the book of Hebrews: Part X

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8. The Biblical figures mentioned in chapter 11 of Hebrews are still waiting in the grave and cannot be made perfect till we understand the book of Hebrews.

The important message revealed in Hebrews regarding the Sanctuary and the Priesthood of Christ:

“And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us cannot be made perfect.” Hebrews 11:40.

Why are the men and women of faith mentioned in Hebrews 11 still waiting in the graves? What are they waiting for? Who are they waiting after?

The pen of Inspiration gives us a clear answer:

“The mass of people think that if a person is prepared to die, he is prepared for the coming of the Lord. But they do not consider the difference between **dying** and **standing alive** to meet the Lord at His appearing. It is one thing to die in the Lord, to yield our spirits to Him while He is pleading for us before the Father’s throne, and quite a different thing to stand in the time of trouble after Jesus has ceased to plead in man’s behalf, after His priesthood is closed, and He is preparing to come to redeem His own, and take vengeance of His foes. They who realize these things will bless heaven that means have been devised in the mercy of God for the perfection of the saints.” Life Sketches of James and Ellen White, page 431.

What is the “means devised in the mercy of God for the perfection of the saints?” Is it something distinctly different from what was available prior to Christ’s ministry in the Most Holy Place?

“We are not called to worship and serve God by the use of the means employed in former years. God requires higher service now than ever before. He requires the improvement of the heavenly gifts. He has brought us into a position where we need higher and better things than have ever been needed before. The slumbering church must be aroused, awakened out of its spiritual lethargy, to a realization of the important duties which have been left undone. The people have not entered into the [most] holy place, where Jesus has gone to make atonement for His children.” RH Feb 25, 1890

There was never a time since Adam to today, when man was left without a Mediator. All of those who have died or were translated in heaven had a Mediator according to the promise of Genesis 3:15. Since Adam, all who have died in Christ believed in the resurrection of the dead and the coming of the Savior to take them home. The function of the Court and the

Holy Place was to prepare the people to **die in Christ**. However, since Christ entered the Most Holy Place in 1844 to complete the Final Atonement and the Final Intercession, starting with the judgment of the dead soon to pass to the living, there is now the possibility of **standing alive** without knowing death at the coming of Christ. What makes the difference between dying in Christ while He was in the Court and the Holy Place and now being alive while He is in the Most Holy Place is the Cleansing of the Sanctuary.

“The third angel’s message was to be given, the minds of believers were to be directed to the heavenly sanctuary, where Christ had entered to make an atonement for His people.” 1 SM 67.

The problem of the 7th Church is clearly indicated here:

“The people have not entered into the [most] holy place, where Jesus has gone to make an atonement for His children.”

As mentioned earlier:

“It is one thing to die in the Lord, to yield our spirits to Him while He is pleading for us before the Father’s throne, and quite a different thing to stand in the time of trouble after Jesus has ceased to plead in man’s behalf, after His priesthood is closed, and He is preparing to come to redeem His own, and take vengeance of His foes. They who realize these things will bless heaven that means have been devised in the mercy of God for the perfection of the saints.”

And that is the reason we are still here: we are not ready to **LIVE** and stand in the time of trouble after Jesus has ceased to plead in man’s behalf, after His priesthood is closed, and He is preparing to come to redeem His own, and take vengeance of His foes.

The means devised in the mercy of God for the perfection of the saints is the removing of the knowledge of evil, the character of Satan which we all inherited because of Adam’s sin. Though we are not guilty of his sin, we are conceived in sin. When we confess our sin, he forgives us of our sins but the record is still in the sanctuary in heaven till the Great Day of Atonement.

This record which needs to be removed and only Christ can remove it, is also called:

Knowledge of evil
Character of Satan
Experience in sin
Filthy Garment
Sinful Nature
Corrupt Channel
Blots
Scars
Stains
Bent to Evil
Force Unaided
Desire to Sin

Love for Evil
Depraved
Conscious Guilt
Perverted by Sin
Propensities to Evil
Evil Propensities

Conclusion

Once we understand the book of Hebrews we will be ready for heaven!

Hence are the answers to the questions asked at the beginning of section X:

Why are the men and women of faith mentioned in Hebrews 11 still waiting in the graves?

What are they waiting for? Who are they waiting after?

And the answers are:

- They are waiting for us to enter by faith in the Most Holy Place where Jesus has gone to make atonement for His children.
- They are waiting for us to stand in the time of trouble after Jesus has ceased to plead in man's behalf, after His priesthood is closed, and He is preparing to come to redeem His own, and take vengeance of His foes.
- They are waiting for us to vindicate the character of the Heavenly Father before the whole Universe and end the false accusation Satan has brought against Him that His Law cannot be kept.
- They are waiting for us so they can be delivered from the grave, free from the character of Satan and to be changed at the sound of the trumpet into immortal beings dwelling with Christ for eternity.
- They are waiting for us to be the 'fit man' of Leviticus 16:21 to bring the scapegoat in the wilderness.
- They are waiting for us as the 144000 to recognize our work and fulfill it.

9. The book of Hebrews contains the reason for our faith.

The pen of Inspiration specifically reveals the reason for our faith as the Seventh Church of Revelation 3:14-22 when it states:

"The correct understanding of the ministration in the heavenly sanctuary is the foundation of our faith." Evangelism 221

The ministration in the heavenly sanctuary by our Great High Priest is to accomplish the Final Atonement, the removal of the character of Satan, the knowledge of evil. It points to the Judgment Hour, the Marriage Supper of the Lamb which has been in process since 1844.

Christ is preparing a group called the 144000 who are not better than those who have preceded them but who will live under a different dispensation: they will have to stand in the time of trouble after He has ceased to plead in man's behalf, after His priesthood is closed, and He is preparing to come to redeem His own, and take vengeance of His foes. They are without guile, spots or character of Satan.

They are the anti-type of Noah and his seed who were kept in the ark during the flood to preserve the progenitor of Messiah. They are the firstfruits unto the Lord, the barley harvest preceding the great multitude to rise from the grave, the wheat harvest. The

wicked will not rise till the third coming as the grape harvest fully ripe of Revelation 14:14-20. They have entered by faith in the Most Holy Place where the Ark of the Covenant is found containing the 10 Commandments or Moral Law, the hidden manna or Present Truth, the rod of Aaron that budded or the royal priesthood of the saints and by the side of the Ark, the Statutes which are binding unto eternity.

Through Noah, a seed was preserved in the ark against the flood of water to be the progenitor of Messiah that was to come and die to redeem the human race. Through the 144000, Christ is preserving a seed under the protection of the Ark of the Covenant to go through 'a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation' to be the progenitor of His character and to return as the King of kings and LORD of lords vindicated at last.

The Holy Spirit will still be guiding the 144000 while there will be no Mediator left in the Most Holy Place as presented in the type in Leviticus 16 when the high priest finished the work of Atonement in the most holy place and tarried in the holy place to wash and change his priestly garment back to his high priest ones before entering the Court (earth) to bless the people and send them to prepare for the feast of Tabernacles which points to Christ Second Coming.

According to the pen of Inspiration, they will experience hunger, thirst and cold while the plagues are falling upon the earth but angels will bring them food and drink in their prison cells or while hidden away in the caves of the earth. The book The Great Controversy, chapter 39-42 gives an account of their experience and hope in vivid details for our instruction and preparation.

May we all strive and be ready to be among the 144000 to vindicate the character of our Heavenly Father and see our Redeemer coming in the cloud of glory, is my prayer.

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