

The Fit Man

There should be less preaching and more teaching {6T 87.3}

Hebrews 8:1	Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an High Priest , who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty <u>in the heavens</u> ;
Hebrews 8:2	a Minister of the <u>sanctuary</u> , and of the <i>true tabernacle</i> , <u>which the Lord pitched</u> , and <u>not man</u> .
Daniel 8:14	And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days ; <u>then shall the sanctuary be cleansed</u> .
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Hebrews 9:24	For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true ; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:
Hebrews 9:25	Nor yet that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;
Hebrews 9:26	For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now <i>once</i> in the end of the world hath He appeared to <u>put away sin by the sacrifice of himself</u> .
Hebrews 9:27	And as it is appointed unto men <i>once</i> to die , but after this the <u>judgment</u>
Revelation 14:7	...Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His <u>judgment</u> is come...

The *significance of the Jewish economy is not yet fully comprehended*. Truths vast and profound are shadowed forth in its rites and symbols. **The gospel is the key that unlocks its mysteries**. Through a knowledge of the plan of redemption, its truths are opened to the understanding. Far more than we do, it is our privilege to understand these wonderful themes. We are to comprehend the deep things of God. *Angels desire to look into the truths that are revealed to the people* who with contrite hearts are searching the word of God, and praying for greater lengths and breadths and depths and heights of the knowledge which He alone can give. {COL 133.1} Chapter 11 Things New and Old

Leviticus 16:5	And he shall take from the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats as a sin offering...
Leviticus 16:7	He shall take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the door of the <u>tabernacle of meeting</u>.
Leviticus 16:8	Then Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats: one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the scapegoat.
Leviticus 16:9	And Aaron shall bring the goat on which the LORD's lot fell, and offer it as a sin offering.
Leviticus 16:10	But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the LORD, <u>to make atonement upon it</u> , and to let it go as the scapegoat into the wilderness.
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Leviticus 16:15	Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering, <u>which is for the people, bring its blood inside the veil...</u> and <u>sprinkle it on the mercy seat and before the mercy seat.</u>
Leviticus 16:16	So he shall make atonement for the Holy Place , because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all their sins ; and so he shall do for the tabernacle of meeting which remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness.
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Leviticus 16:20	And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place, the tabernacle of meeting, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat.
Leviticus 16:21	And <u>Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat</u> , and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, <u>putting them upon the head of the goat</u> , and <u>shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness:</u>
Leviticus 16:22	And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities <u>unto a land not inhabited</u> ; and he shall <u>let go the goat in the wilderness.</u>
Jude 1:9	Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, <u>when he disputed about the body of Moses</u> , dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, " The Lord <i>rebuke</i> you! "

Leviticus 16:17	There shall be no man in the tabernacle of meeting when he goes in to make atonement in the Holy Place , until he comes out, that he may make atonement for himself, for his household, and for all the assembly of Israel
Leviticus 16:29	This shall be a statute forever for you: In the <i>seventh</i> month, on the <i>tenth</i> day of the month, <u>you shall afflict your souls</u> , and do no work at all, whether a native of your own country or a stranger who dwells among you.
Leviticus 16:30	For <i>on that day the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the Lord.</i>
Leviticus 16:31	It is a sabbath of solemn rest for you, and <u>you shall afflict your souls</u> . It is a statute forever.
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Leviticus 23:27	Also the <i>tenth</i> day of this <i>seventh</i> month shall be the Day of Atonement . It shall be a holy convocation for you; <u>you shall afflict your souls</u> , and offer <u>an offering made by fire to the Lord</u> .
Leviticus 23:28	And you shall do no work on that same day, for it is the Day of Atonement , to <i>make atonement for you before the Lord your God.</i>
Leviticus 23:29	For <u>any person who is not afflicted in soul on that same day shall be cut off from his people.</u>
Leviticus 23:30	And any person who does any work on that same day , that person I will destroy from among his people.
Leviticus 23:32	It shall be to you <u>a sabbath of solemn rest</u> , and <u>you shall afflict your souls...</u>
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James 4:8	<u>Draw nigh to God</u> , and <u>He will draw nigh to you</u> . Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your <i>hearts</i> , ye <i>double minded</i> .
James 4:9	<u>Be afflicted</u> , and <u>mourn</u> , and <u>weep</u> : let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.
James 4:10	Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.

*Important truths concerning the atonement were taught the people by this yearly service. In the sin offerings presented during the year, a substitute had been accepted in the sinner's stead; but **the blood of the victim had not made full atonement for the sin**. It had only provided a means by which the sin was transferred to the sanctuary. By the offering of blood, the sinner acknowledged the authority of the law, confessed the guilt of his transgression, and expressed his faith in Him who was to take away the sin of the world; but **he was not entirely released from the condemnation of the law**. {PP 355.5 & GC 420.1}*

On the Day of Atonement the high priest, having taken an offering for the congregation, **went into the most holy place with the blood and sprinkled it upon the mercy seat**, above the tables of the law. Thus the claims of the law, which demanded the life of the sinner, were satisfied. **Then in his character of mediator the priest took the sins upon himself**, and, leaving the sanctuary, he bore with him the burden of Israel's guilt. At the door of the tabernacle **he laid his hands upon the head of the scapegoat and confessed over him** "all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat." And **as the goat bearing these sins was sent away**, they were, with him, **regarded as forever separated from the people**. *Such was the service performed "unto the example and shadow of heavenly things."* {PP 355.5 & GC 420.1}

Psalms 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has He **removed our transgressions from us**.

Jeremiah 17:1 The *sin of Judah* is **written with a pen of iron**, and **with the point of a diamond**: it is **graven upon the table of their heart**, and upon the horns of your altars

Every mistake, every error, unimportant though it may be regarded, **leaves a scar in this life and a blot on the heavenly records**. {OHC 227.2} August 9

Now it may be it is not too late. Now it may be you can repent. But even if pardon is written against your names, you will sustain terrible loss; for **the scars you have made upon your souls will remain**. {TM 447.1} Chapter 63

He may be converted; he may see the wickedness of his injustice to his fellowmen—and, as far as possible, make restitution; **but the scars of a wounded conscience will ever remain**. {1MCP 326.2} Chapter 34 Conscience

The infinite value of the sacrifice required for our redemption reveals the fact that sin is a tremendous evil. *Through sin the whole human organism is deranged*, the **mind is perverted**, the **imagination corrupted**. Sin has degraded the **faculties of the soul**. **Temptations from without find an answering chord within the heart**, and the feet turn **imperceptibly toward evil**. {MH 451.2} Chapter 38

- Leviticus 16:18 And he shall go out **to the altar** that is before the LORD, and **make atonement for it**, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and some of **the blood of the goat**, and **on the horns of the altar** all around put it.
- Leviticus 16:19 Then he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, **cleanse it**, and **consecrate it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel**.
- Jeremiah 17:1 The *sin...* it is **graven upon the table of their heart**, and **upon the horns of your altars**
- 1 Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that **you are the temple of God** and that the **Spirit of God dwells in you**?
- 1 Corinthians 3:17 If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the *temple of God is holy*, which **temple you are**.
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Jacob prevailed because he was persevering and determined. His victory is an evidence of the power of *importunate* prayer. All who will lay hold of God's promises, as he did, and be as earnest and persevering as he was, will succeed as he succeeded. Those who are unwilling to **deny self**, to **agonize before God**, to **pray long and earnestly for His blessing**, will not obtain it. **Wrestling with God**—how few know what it is! How few have ever had their souls drawn out after God with intensity of desire until every power is on the stretch. When waves of despair which no language can express sweep over the suppliant, **how few cling with unyielding faith to the promises of God**. {GC 621.2}

importunate = Troublesomely urgent or persistent in requesting; pressingly entreating.

- Jeremiah 30:5 For thus says the Lord: We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.
- Jeremiah 30:6 Ask now, and see, whether **a man is ever in labor with child?** So why do I see **every man with his hands on his loins like a woman in labor**, and all faces turned pale?
- Jeremiah 30:7 Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the **time of Jacob's trouble**, but **he shall be saved out of it**.

Had not Jacob previously repented of his sin in obtaining the birthright by fraud, **God would not have heard his prayer** and mercifully preserved his life. So, ***in the time of trouble***, if the people of God had unconfessed sins to appear before them while tortured with fear and anguish, they would be overwhelmed; despair would cut off their faith, and they could not have confidence to plead with God for deliverance. But *while they have a deep sense of their unworthiness, they have no concealed wrongs to reveal.* **Their sins have gone beforehand to judgment and have been blotted out**, and ***they cannot bring them to remembrance.***
 {GC 620.1} Chapter 39 The Time of Trouble

- Isaiah 43:21 **This people I have formed for Myself; *they shall declare My praise.***
- Isaiah 43:25 I, even I, am **He who blots out your transgressions** for My own sake; and ***I will not remember your sins.***
- Isaiah 43:26 Put Me in remembrance; ***let us contend together***; state your case, **that you may be acquitted.**
- 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins **and** to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- Psalms 51:1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, **blot out my transgressions.**
- Psalms 51:2 **Wash me thoroughly** from my iniquity, and **cleanse me from my sin.**

Now, *while our great High Priest is making the atonement for us*, we should seek to become perfect in Christ. Not even by a thought could our Saviour be brought to yield to the power of temptation. Satan finds in human hearts some point where he can gain a foothold; some sinful desire is cherished, by means of which his temptations assert their power. But Christ declared of Himself: "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me." **Satan could find nothing in the Son of God that would enable him to gain the victory**. He had kept His Father's commandments, and **there was no sin in Him that Satan could use to his advantage**. **This is the condition in which those must be found who shall stand in the time of trouble.**
 {GC 623.1} Chapter 39 The Time of Trouble

Micah 7:19 He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will **cast all our sins into the depths of the sea**.

Jeremiah 50:20 *In those days, and in that time*, saith the LORD, **the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for**, and there **shall be none**; and the **sins of Judah**, and they **shall not be found**: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.

Isaiah 54:4 Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame; for **you will forget the shame of your youth**, and **will not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore**.

Jeremiah 31:34 ...For I will forgive their iniquity, **and their sin I will remember no more**.

It is in this life that we are to separate sin from us, through faith in the atoning blood of Christ.
 {GC 623.2} Chapter 39 The Time of Trouble

He who has **not sufficient faith** in Christ **to believe** that *He can keep him from sinning*, has not the faith that will give him an entrance into the kingdom of God.
 {RH March 10, 1904, par. 26} "Laborers Together With God"

Revelation 22:11 He that is unjust, **let him be unjust still**: and he which is filthy, **let him be filthy still**: and he that is righteous, **let him be righteous still**: and he that is holy, **let him be holy still**.

Man may grow up into Christ, his living head. It is not the work of a moment, but that of a lifetime. By growing daily in the divine life, he will **not attain to the full stature of a perfect man in Christ until his probation ceases**. {4T 366.3} Chapter 32 Religion in the Daily Life

Those who are living upon the earth when the intercession of Christ shall cease in the sanctuary above are to **stand in the sight of a holy God without a mediator**. Their robes must be spotless, their characters must be purified from sin by the blood of sprinkling. Through the grace of God and their own diligent effort they must be conquerors in the battle with evil. While the **investigative judgment** is going forward in heaven, while the **sins of penitent believers are being removed from the sanctuary, there is to be a special work of purification, of putting away of sin, among God's people upon earth...** **When this work shall have been accomplished, the followers of Christ will be ready for His appearing.**
 {GC 425.1-2} Chapter 24 In the Holy of Holies

1 John 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure.

As the people of God afflict their souls before Him, pleading for purity of heart, the command is given, **"Take away the filthy garments"** from them, and the encouraging words are spoken, **"Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment."** The spotless robe of Christ's righteousness is placed upon the tried, tempted, yet faithful children of God. The despised remnant are clothed in glorious apparel, *nevermore to be defiled by the corruptions of the world*. Their names are retained in the Lamb's book of life, enrolled among the faithful of all ages. They have resisted the wiles of the deceiver; they have not been turned from their loyalty by the dragon's roar.
 {5T 475.2} Chapter 53 Joshua and the Angel

Now they are eternally secure from the tempter's devices. **Their sins are transferred to the originator of sin**. And the remnant are not only pardoned and accepted, but honored. "A fair miter" is set upon their heads. They are to be as kings and priests unto God. While Satan was urging his accusations and seeking to destroy this company, **holy angels**, unseen, were passing to and fro, **placing upon them the seal of the living God. These are they that stand upon Mount Zion with the Lamb, having the Father's name written in their foreheads**. They sing the new song before the throne, that song which no man can learn save **the hundred and forty and four thousand**, which were redeemed from the earth.
 {5T 475.2} Chapter 53 Joshua and the Angel

Psalms 8:6	You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands ; You have put <u>all things under his feet</u>
Ephesians 1:22	And <u>He put all things under His feet...</u>
Colossians 2:9	For <u>in Him dwells all the fullness</u> of the Godhead bodily
Ephesians 1:23	...the <u>fullness of Him who fills all in all.</u>
Ephesians 3:19	...that <u>you may be filled with all the fullness of God.</u>
Genesis 3:15	And <u>I will put enmity between you and the woman...He shall bruise your head...</u>
Romans 16:20	And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.

We were brought into existence because we were needed. How sad the thought that if we stand on the wrong side, in the ranks of the enemy, we are **lost to the design of our creation**. We are disappointing our Redeemer; the **powers He designed for His service** are used to oppose His grace and matchless love.
{ST April 22, 1903, par. 5} The Co-operation of Humanity with Divinity

Leviticus 16:21 And **Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness**

I saw that **Jesus' work in the sanctuary will soon be finished.** And after His work there is finished, He will come to the door of the first apartment, and confess the sins of Israel upon the head of the Scape Goat. Then **He will put on the garments of vengeance.** Then **the plagues will come upon the wicked,** and they do not come till Jesus puts on that garment, **and takes His place upon the great white cloud.** Then **while the plagues are falling, the Scape Goat is being led away.** *He makes a mighty struggle to escape, but* **he is held fast by the hand that leads him.** ***If he should effect his escape, Israel would lose their lives.*** I saw that it would take time to lead away the Scape Goat into the land of forgetfulness after the sins were put on his head.
{SpM 2.1}

Jeremiah 4:19	...The sound of the trumpet , the alarm of war .
Jeremiah 4:20	Destruction upon destruction is cried, for the whole land is plundered . Suddenly my tents are plundered, and my curtains in a moment.
Jeremiah 4:21	How long will I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet ?
Jeremiah 4:23	I beheld the earth , and indeed it was <u>without form, and void</u> ; and the heavens, they had no light .
Jeremiah 4:24	I beheld the mountains , and indeed they trembled , and all the hills moved back and forth .
Jeremiah 4:25	I beheld, and indeed there was no man , and all the birds of the heavens had fled .
Jeremiah 4:26	I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land was a <u>wilderness</u> , and all its cities were broken down at the presence of the LORD, <u>by His fierce anger</u> .

The Lord **Jesus is making experiments on human hearts** through the **exhibition of His mercy and abundant grace**. He is effecting **transformations so amazing that Satan**, with all his triumphant boasting, **with all his confederacy of evil** united against God and the laws of His government, **stands viewing them as a fortress impregnable to his sophistries and delusions**. ***They are to him an incomprehensible mystery***. The **angels of God, seraphim and cherubim**, the powers commissioned to cooperate with human agencies, **look on with astonishment and joy**, that **fallen men, once children of wrath, are through the training of Christ *developing characters after the divine similitude, to be sons and daughters of God***, to act an important part in the occupations and pleasures of heaven.

{TM 18.1} Chapter 1 The Object of His Supreme Regard

Colossians 1:27 To them *God willed to make known* what are the **riches of the glory of *this mystery among the Gentiles***: which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory.

To His church, Christ has given ample facilities, that He may receive a large revenue of glory from His redeemed, purchased possession. **The church**, being endowed with the righteousness of Christ, is His depository, in which the wealth of His mercy, His love, His grace, is to appear in full and final display. The declaration in His intercessory prayer, that the Father's love is as great toward us as toward Himself, the only-begotten Son, and that **we shall be with Him where He is, forever one with Christ and the Father**, is a marvel to the heavenly host, and it is their great joy. **The gift of His Holy Spirit**, rich, full, and abundant, is to be to His church as an encompassing wall of fire, which the powers of hell shall not prevail against. In their untainted purity and spotless perfection, Christ looks upon His people as the reward of all His suffering, His humiliation, and His love, and the supplement of His glory— **Christ, the great center from which radiates all glory**. "Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb." {TM 18.2} Ch.1 Divine Experiments

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- Joel 2:11 The LORD gives voice before **His army**, for **His camp is very great**; for strong is the One who executes His word. For the *day of the LORD is great and very terrible; who can endure it?*
- John 16:33 *In the world you will have tribulation*; but be of good cheer, **I have overcome the world**.
- 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.

Satan, the fallen angel, had **declared that no man could keep the law of God after the disobedience of Adam**. He claimed the whole race under his control. {5MR 112.1}

Not until he fell crippled and helpless upon the breast of the covenant angel did Jacob know the victory of conquering faith and receive the title of a prince with God. It was when he "halted upon his thigh" that the armed bands of Esau were stilled before him, and the Pharaoh, proud heir of a kingly line, stooped to crave his blessing. So **the Captain of our salvation was made "perfect through sufferings,"** and the children of faith "out of weakness were made strong," and "turned to flight the armies of the aliens." So do "the lame take the prey," and the **weak become "as David,"** and "the house of David ... as the angel of the Lord." {MB 62.3} Chapter 3 The Spirituality of the Law

- 2 Corinthians 3:18 But **we all**, *with unveiled face*, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed into the same image** from glory to glory, just as **by the Spirit of the Lord**.
- 1 John 3:2 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**.

There are many precious truths contained in the Word of God, **but it is “present truth” that the flock needs now.** I have seen the danger of the messengers running off from the important points of present truth, to dwell upon subjects that are not calculated to unite the flock and sanctify the soul. ***Satan will here take every possible advantage to injure the cause.*** {EW 63.1}

But such subjects as the **sanctuary, in connection with the 2300 days**, the **commandments of God** and the **faith of Jesus**, are perfectly calculated to explain the past Advent movement and show what our present position is, establish the faith of the doubting, and give certainty to the glorious future. These, I have frequently seen, were the **principal subjects on which the messengers should dwell.** {EW 63.2}

Psalms 68:18	You have ascended on high, You have led captivity captive
Leviticus 16:21	...[High Priest] shall send him away <u>by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness</u>
Revelation 10:7	But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel , when he shall begin to sound, the <i>mystery of God should be finished</i> , as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.
Romans 11:25	For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery , lest you should be wise in your own opinion , <u>that blindness in part has happened to Israel</u> until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

Acts 3:19	Repent ye therefore, and be converted , <u>that your sins may be blotted out</u> , <i>when the times of refreshing shall come</i> from the presence of the Lord
Acts 3:20	And He shall send Jesus Christ , which before was preached unto you
John 14:6	Jesus said to him, "I am the <u>way</u> , the truth, and the life..."
Psalms 77:13	Your <u>way</u>, O God, is in the sanctuary ; Who is so great a God as our God?

John 13:1	Now before the feast of the Passover , when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, <u>having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.</u>
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