The Sanctuary as a Key
Study Guide
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There are various versions in Christianity over the significance of what happened at the cross. Whether it is Protestant or Catholic, the differences of understanding regarding the theology of the cross are wide spread.
How can the gospel be good news if there is so much confusion?
Is there a biblical key that will unlock the mystery of the cross?

Isaiah 59:2
But your _____ have separated you from your God; And your _____ have hidden *His* face from you, so that He will not hear.

_____ separates us from God

The God head comes up with a plan to make sinful humans _____ again.

Leviticus 11:44

For I *am* the Lord your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be _____; for I *am* _____.

Exodus 25:8
And let them make me a _____ that I may _____ among them.

<u>Solutions to Sin</u>

_____
The Priesthood
Purity Laws

Thank you God
-grain offering
-fellowship offering

I am Sorry
-burnt offering
-guilt offering
-_____ offering

John 1:36
“And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, “Behold the _____ of God!“

John 1:29
“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The _____ of God who takes _____ the _____ of the world!”

For the Jew, the lamb had significant meaning. It was an integral part of the sanctuary service. However, when the Jews heard John the Baptist refer to Jesus as the Lamb of God, they failed to recognize the connection. The lamb was to “take away” sin. This was a familiar concept in the sanctuary service.

Leviticus 4:32-35
If he brings a _____ as his sin offering… Then he shall lay his _____ on the head of the sin offering, and kill it as a sin offering at the place where they kill the burnt offering. The _____ shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and pour all the remaining blood at the base of the altar.

Sin was transferred from the _____ to the animal, then to blood and finally to the _____.

Jesus being referred to as the Lamb of God “who takes away the sin of the world” implied that sin was to be transferred from the world to Jesus. Christ was to become our sin bearer and die as our substitute. Had the Jews understood the connection between Christ and the Sanctuary they would have understood the purpose of Christ in coming to earth. The Sanctuary provided the key that unlocked the significance of Christ‟s earthly mission.

In other words, the sanctuary became a necessary interpretive framework (lens) for the Jews to understand what happened on the cross. This is what theologians would call a hermeneutical key.

_____ refers to the principles of how we interpret Scripture.

Question: Is the sanctuary still relevant today?

The sanctuary gives us the key for interpreting the cross correctly.

Many sincere people believe that the sanctuary was an Old Testament archaic structure that no longer has significance. However, the Bible points out that the sanctuary was more than just an earthly structure.

Exodus 25:8-9
"And let them make Me a _____, that I may dwell among them. According to all that I show you, that is, the _____ of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it."

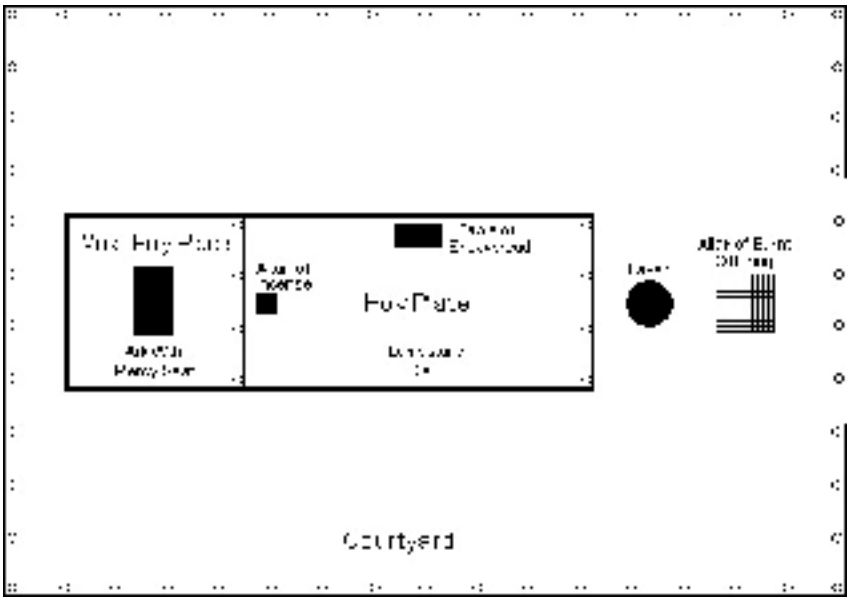
Hebrews 8:1-5
"Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the _____ tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; who serve the _____ and _____ of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.".

Hebrews 9:23-24
"Therefore it was necessary that the _____ of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are _____ of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;"

The Bible points out that the sanctuary was not just an Old Testament structure, but it was a heavenly structure. Paul states that the earthly sanctuary was constructed after the copy of the heavenly sanctuary. Furthermore, Paul uses the sanctuary service to describe not only what Jesus did on the cross, but also what Jesus is doing in heaven.

Hebrews 9:11-12
But when Christ came as high _____ of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle _____ made by _____, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the _____, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

Paul points out that Christ is ministering the blood of His own sacrifice as our high priest in the heavenly sanctuary. Thus the sanctuary becomes an important hermeneutical (interpretive) key for understanding the ministry of Christ past and present.



The sanctuary is the _____ to understanding Christ.

Psalms 77:13
“Your _____, O God, is in the _____.”