

The Sanctuary: Origins

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Text: Exodus 25:8 And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.

God Speaks to Us

Reference verses: Romans 1:20; Hebrews 1:1; Hebrews 4:2

1. What are three ways God communicates with us?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

God With Us

Reference verses: Matthew 1:23; 1 Corinthians 6:19; Hebrews 9:11-12

2. How do these verses communicate the various ways God is with us?

The Key to Understanding Prophecy

3. According to Uriah Smith, why is a correct understanding of the sanctuary important to prophetic interpretation?

The sanctuary "is a key to the interpretation of some of the most important prophecies pertaining to the present time. Neglecting to use this, an expositor can hardly come to right conclusions; using it, he can scarcely go astray. It shows our present whereabouts in the world's history. It answers the question, What of the night? It places the law of God in its true light, draws out the heart in practical Christianity, points the inquirer the way to Christ, shows on what lines the judgment proceeds, how and when the work of mercy for the world will close, Christ appear, redemption be completed, and the blessings of the everlasting covenant be secured. Strange that a subject occupying so important a position in the divine economy should have been so long overlooked. Strange that so few even now are found to give it in any degree their attention, still less their study." – Uriah Smith, *Looking Unto Jesus*, 57-58

The Key to Understanding My Salvation

Reference verses: Hebrews 10:3-4

4. How does a correct understanding of the sanctuary reveal our need of God's plan of salvation for me?

"As a correct understanding of the sanctuary opened up God's last message and shed a flood of light on all lines of Bible truth due at that time, so at its close a revival of sanctuary study will vitalize Christian experience and strengthen our faith in the closing work of God." – Sarah Peck, *Path to the Throne of God*, 15

Reference verses: Luke 24:27; Psalm 63:1-2

5. Why did Jesus begin at Moses when helping the disciples on the road to Emmaus understand who He was?

"...a spiritual understanding of the sanctuary building as described in the book of Exodus is the true foundation of all sanctuary study. Without this foundation, we cannot so well appreciate the significance of the offerings as recorded in the book of Leviticus, nor can we so well understand the force of the many allusions to the sanctuary which pervade the entire Bible." – Sarah Peck, *Path to the Throne of God*, 7

A Window into Heaven

Reference verses: Exodus 25:8-9

6. How does a neglect to study the sanctuary for yourself represent such a dangerous condition if are heaven bound?

"But for the past half century or more, with few exceptions, a serious study of the sanctuary by church members generally has received but little attention, and in the education of children and young people it has been almost entirely neglected. Therefore, by the church as a whole, it is but dimly understood, and its vital significance but feebly comprehended." – Sarah Peck, *Path to the Throne of God*, 12

"The subject of the sanctuary and the Investigative Judgment should be clearly understood by the people of God. All need a knowledge for themselves of the position and work of their great High Priest." – Ellen White, *The Great Controversy*, 488.