

Session #3

THE "DAILY" TODAY

(Victory over the Power of Sin!)

God is serious about sin. *"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."* (Matthew 1:21) Please notice the writer didn't say *"in their sins,"* but *"from them."* This is the focus of Christ's mission, and the theme of the sanctuary. The sanctuary reveals to us that in the end Jesus will once and for all destroy sin and those who sadly refused to give it up. In this study we will take a closer look at the glorious work that Jesus is doing for His humble, struggling, weak, but growing children.

1. What is God's will concerning His people?

1 Thessalonians 4:3, 4 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality: that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, ...

Note: Sanctification is the total surrender of our will to the will of God. It is something God does in the repentant sinner who cooperates with God. Bible sanctification is motivated and empowered all the way by the Holy Spirit and directed to the honor and glory of God. Without his power working in us we are totally helpless, and hopeless! Jesus said, *"For without Me you can do nothing."* It is God who transforms the believer in all aspects of his daily existence, in his thinking, and acting, desires; in short, completely. This effect is seen in the home, work, school, church and in the community at large.

2. In order to enjoy sanctification, what attitude must one have toward Jesus and sin?

1 John 3:3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.
Exodus 33:13 Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. ... (A teachable spirit)

Note: True sanctification is a daily work, continuing as long as life lasts. Those who are battling with daily temptations, overcoming their own sinful tendencies, and seeking for holiness of heart and life, make no boastful claims of holiness. *"They are hungering and thirsting for righteousness."* Sin appears to them exceedingly sinful.

3. How is this work accomplished?

John 15:4-6 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. (What is the fruit? Galatians 5:22, 23)

4. Through what medium is this abiding change wrought? Through the “daily” experience! My work in cooperating with Jesus is to meet with Him each day, and submit to His work and leading.

- **1.) Confession & turning from sin. (The Brazen Altar)**
John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins...
- **2.) A daily commitment to Jesus (The Lavar)**
Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- **3.) An obedient life through the power of the Holy Spirit (The Candle Stick)**
Romans 15:16 Being sanctified by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:15).
- **4.) Studying the word of God (The Table of Showbread)**
John 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.
- **5.) Communing with God in prayer (The Golden Altar)**
1 John 5:14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

Note: This is the “Daily” Holy Place experience. It was for Israel of old and it is for us today. While with penitence and humble trust we meditate upon Jesus (through His word), Whom our sins have pierced and our sorrows have burdened, we may learn to walk in His footsteps. By beholding Him we become changed into His divine likeness. And when this work is produced in us, we will claim no righteousness of our own, but will exalt Jesus, while we hang our helpless souls upon His merits.

5. Where does the power to obey come from?

Philippians 2:13 ... for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

6. How does God do this?

Ezekiel 36:26, 27 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

Hebrews 10:16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them.

Note: “All true obedience comes from the heart. It was heart work with Christ. And if we consent, He will so identify Himself with our thoughts and aims, so blend our hearts and minds into conformity to His will, that when obeying Him we shall be but carrying out our own impulses. The will, refined and sanctified, will find its highest delight in doing His service. When we know God as it is our privilege to know Him, our life will be a life of continual obedience. Through an appreciation of the character of Christ, through communion with God, sin will become hateful to us.” (*Desire of Ages p. 668*)

7. When united to Jesus, what is our duty?

Colossians 3:1, 2 *If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*

Matthew 6:33 *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

8. Sadly, Paul warned that in the last days much of “Christianity” would become like the world.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 *But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!*

Note: The power to transform lives comes only from Jesus through the Holy Spirit, but when we love the world, we lose our “abiding” with Jesus through the Holy Spirit. *“Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God” (James 4:4).*

9. As Jesus works to transform me, what is to be my response?

Luke 22:42 *Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. (Surrender... Don't fight Him)*

10. How is this state of things brought about?

Romans 12:2 *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

Matthew 11:29 *Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

Note: The change is brought about by taking our eyes off of sin and self and placing them on Jesus through the study of His word, and meditating on His life. (2 Corinthians 3:18).

11. In all things, what should be our mind set?

Philippians 2:5 *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.*

12. To what extent must our deeds be done with reference to God's glory?

1 Corinthians 10:31 *Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*

13. How much must we give up to become a true disciple of Jesus?

Luke 14:33 *So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.” (Give up everything that stands between you and Jesus.)*

14. If we thus follow Jesus, how will Satan respond?

John 15:20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

15. Will the devil allow God to do this wonderful work in our lives unopposed?

Revelation 13:6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

Note: Here the Bible informs us that the prince of darkness would attempt to work against the heavenly Sanctuary. Since the devil is unable to destroy the heavenly Sanctuary he has turned his efforts to destroying its message from the conscious minds of God's people. He accomplished this through that religious power that rose up during the dark ages which the Bible calls antichrist. Through this power the devil worked to disconnect Gods people from their daily experience with Jesus in the heavenly sanctuary by setting up his own sanctuary here on earth complete with priests, High priest, and atonement.

17. When Christians allow Jesus to finish this work in them what will be the result?

Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Note: Here we find that the devils victory will be short lived. A day is coming when God's children will reconnect with their heavenly High Priest and accompany their profession with a living experience that will be carried to the whole world with power and great glory and "then the end will come."

18. In this struggle who is more powerful the devil or Jesus?

John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

1 John 4:4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

19. Therefore, how confident can I be that Jesus will be successful in my life?

Philippians 1:6 For of this I am confident, that He who has begun a good work within you will go on to perfect it in preparation for the day of Jesus Christ. (Weymouth's New Testament)

Note: Jesus is ready to fulfill all of these glorious promises in your life. Are you ready to believe Him and are you willing to let Him?