

John 17

Christ's Ascension & Ministry

John 17 - Represents Jesus's ministry on Earth and Heaven

7ABC 478 This prayer [John 17] is a lesson regarding the intercession that the Saviour would carry on within the veil, when His great sacrifice in behalf of men, the offering of Himself, should have been completed. Our Mediator gave His disciples this illustration of His ministration in the heavenly sanctuary in behalf of all who will come to Him in meekness and humility, emptied of all selfishness, and believing in His power to save.

John 17:1 -- Ascension: Jesus is given His glory back

John 17:1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee.

John 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

[Christ's] ...ascension to heaven was made with great honor. ...He returned to His own dominion, amid joyful demonstrations. "...thousands of angels." ...escorted Him who was the resurrection and the life... before the heavenly universe He was enthroned, a gracious High Priest and mighty Redeemer... ST Jan. 4, 1899

...the Father declares, "Let all the angels of God worship Him." The heavenly host prostrate themselves before Him... Glory encircles the King of heaven... No words can describe the scene... as the Son of God was publicly reinstated... LHU 102

John 17:22 -- Pentecost

John 17:1-2 ...Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

John 17:22 The glory which thou gavest me, **I have given them**; that they may be one, even as we are one.

Jesus asks the Father for the Holy Spirit

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;

Jesus Gives the Holy Spirit -- Pentecost

Acts 2:32 This Jesus hath God raised up... 2:33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

All Power that is given to Christ (as a human) is given to man

The Father gave all honor to the Son, seating Him at His right hand, ...and crowning Him with glory and honor. And all the favors He has shown to His Son in His acceptance of the great atonement are shown to His people. ST 8-16-1899

Christ is to live in His human agents... Jesus is seeking to impress upon them the thought that in giving His Holy Spirit He is giving to them the glory which the Father has given Him... ST 10-3-92

John 17: 11, 12 -- Jesus is with the Father in heaven

John 17:11-12 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name

Heb 1:3 ...when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Rev 3:21 ...I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne

John 17:9 -- Jesus's ministry of Intercession

John 17:9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

Jesus is praying / interceding for His people.

John 17:17-23 -- Jesus's Ministry of Sanctification

John 17:17-21 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us...

John 17:22-23 ...that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one...

CCh 51 Jesus sits as a refiner and purifier of His people; and when His image is perfectly reflected in them, they are perfect and holy, and prepared for translation.

Phase 1 and Phase 2

[Christ] ...fulfilled one phase of His priesthood by dying on the cross for the fallen race. He is now fulfilling another phase by pleading before the Father the case of the repenting, believing sinner... 7ABC 482

After they had received the baptism of the Spirit... the disciples searched the prophecies that testified of Christ, ...and learned of Him who had ascended to heaven to complete the work He had begun on earth. DA 507



Phase two: In Heaven, Christ completes His work

Phase one: On Earth, Christ begins His work

Phase 1 - Life and Death on Earth

[Christ] ...fulfilled one phase of His priesthood by dying on the cross for the fallen race. 7ABC 482

Phase 2 - Christ intercedes to give us the Holy Spirit

Christ said, "I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you."... This is a wonderful announcement. Christ longed to be in a position where He could accomplish the most important work... ST 12-1-1898

The intercession of Christ in man's behalf in the sanctuary above is as essential to the plan of salvation as was His death upon the cross. By His death He began that work which ...He ascended to complete in heaven.... Jesus has opened the way to the Father's throne, and through His mediation the sincere desire of all who come to Him in faith may be presented before God. FLB 203

The Cross is of no avail without the Regenerating Spirit

The Spirit was to be given as a regenerating agent, and without this the sacrifice of Christ would have been of no avail. DA 671

It is the Spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world's Redeemer. DA 671

Of what avail would it have been to us that the only begotten Son of God had humbled Himself, endured the temptations of the wily foe, and wrestled with him during His entire life on earth, and died the Just for the unjust, that humanity might not perish, if the Spirit had not been given as a constant, working, regenerating agent to make effectual in our cases what had been wrought out by the world's Redeemer? 2MR 15

Christ ...is the one who gives the Holy Spirit; and by the office work of the Holy Spirit, the atonement made on Calvary is brought in contact with the soul of man to transform his character, and change his nature... YI, July 5, 1894

Jesus died to make a "Way" for the Holy Spirit to come

The world's Redeemer was crucified in order that a way might be made for the salvation of man through the operation of the Spirit of God... YI 6-15-93

Christ] ...died on the cross as a sacrifice for the world, and through this sacrifice comes the greatest blessing that God could bestow--the gift of the Holy Spirit. 2MR 13

John 14:6 (Jesus says) I am the way...

John 10:9 (Jesus says) I am the door...

Jesus died so we could be cleansed by the Spirit

Jesus gave Himself up to die upon the cross in order that He might cleanse and keep us from all sin and pollution by the influence of the Holy Spirit. AH 117

The religion of Christ means much more than the forgiveness of sin. It means taking away our sins, and filling the vacuum with the Holy Spirit. COL 419

Eph 5:25 Christ ...loved the church, and gave himself for it; 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

God... gave His Son to die for them, that they might be sanctified... AA 559

Jesus gave Himself up to die upon the cross in order that He might cleanse and keep us from all sin and pollution by the influence of the Holy Spirit. 21MR 216

God's Greatest Gift

The Holy Spirit was the highest of all gifts that He (Christ) could solicit from His Father... LHU 191

How abundant is the gift to our world of the Holy Spirit! It is beyond the power of language to express... 2MR 15

The Holy Spirit... is the greatest of all gifts.... The Creator Himself can give us nothing greater, nothing better. MB 132

The Holy Spirit was sent as the most priceless treasure man could receive. ML 36

Through the Spirit All needs are supplied

Christ... instructed His disciples regarding a most essential and complete gift... AA 47

They were to pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit, which would supply every need of the soul... 12MR 335

To this gift nothing could be added. By it all needs are supplied... YRP 284

This promised blessing, claimed by faith, brings all other blessings in its train. DA 672

With the reception of this gift, all other gifts would be ours... ML 57

It is through the Holy Spirit that every good work is accomplished... CC 365

He (God) has made provision that ...every want supplied through the Holy Spirit. 12MR 55

Father's Eternal Purpose – Is for Jesus to die and make a way for the work of the Spirit

The Father has given His Son for us that through the Son the Holy Spirit might come to us... ST 10-3-92

According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ... That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith... that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Ephesians 3:11-19

Sanctify His People

Our sanctification is God's object in all His dealing with us. He has chosen us from eternity, that we may be holy. OFC 285

Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word... Eph. 5:26-27

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and ...be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. 1 Thess. 5:23-24

I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. Ex. 31:13

This is the will of God, even your sanctification. 1 Thess. 4:3

The Scriptures teach us to seek for the sanctification to God of body, soul, and spirit.... And while we cannot claim perfection of the flesh, we may have Christian perfection of the soul... GCB 4-23-1901

The Object of the Plan of Salvation -- Bring man back to Perfection

The true object of education is to restore the image of God in the soul. In the beginning, God created man in his own likeness.... But the fall and its effects have ...marred and well-nigh obliterated the image of God in man. It was to restore this that the plan of salvation was devised... To bring him back to the perfection in which he was first created, is the great object of life,--the object that underlies every other. CE 63

Satan fell.... Adam and Eve fell. And now the ...whole scheme of redemption has been put in operation to restore the moral image of God in man. 1888 1428

Bring man back to the way Adam was Created

Christ became a man ...that he might restore to man the original mind, the image of God, which he lost in Eden... ST, October 14, 1897

...the life of Jesus was one of laborious, self-denying effort to bring man back to his first estate... 5T 421

...through the imparted life of Christ, man has been given opportunity ...to stand in his original position before God, a partaker of the divine nature. ST 06-17-97

Bring man back to Perfection

To restore in man the image of his Maker, to bring him back to the perfection in which he was created, ...this was to be the work of redemption. This is the object of education, the great object of life. Ed 15

Everyone who by faith obeys God's commandments will reach the condition of sinlessness in which Adam lived before his transgression. HP 146

This probationary life is given to bring man back to this perfection which is to be the character of all who shall be saved. TDG 90

John 17: 24

Jesus's Goal: Prepare a people -- to dwell with Him in heaven

John 17:24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

Sin cannot dwell in God's Presence

2T 307 None but the pure and lowly can dwell in His presence.

Deut 4:24 For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.

Ps 68:2 As wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

Ps 145:20 The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

John 17:4 -- Christ finishes His Work of Sanctifying

John 17:4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word... Eph. 5:26-27

What happens after Jesus finishes his work in the Sanctuary?

...when our High Priest has finished His work in the sanctuary, He will stand up, put on the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues will be poured out. EW 36

I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus' work was done in the sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues. ...the time of Jacob's trouble. EW 36

Then I saw that ...Jesus had finished His work in the most holy place, laid off His priestly attire, and clothed Himself with the garments of vengeance. Then Jesus will step out from between the Father and man, and God will keep silence no longer, but pour out His wrath on those who have rejected His truth. EW 36

It was impossible for the plagues to be poured out while Jesus officiated in the sanctuary; but as His work there is finished, and His intercession closes, there is nothing to stay the wrath of God... EW 280

Then 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. SpM 2

John 17:10 -- Christ's last request Before He leaves

Christ give His Sanctified people to the Father

John 17:10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

As Christ was glorified on the day of Pentecost, so will He again be glorified in the closing work of the gospel, when He shall prepare a people to stand the final test in the closing conflict of the great controversy. CTr 365

Eph 5:25-27 ...Christ ...loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

He asks His Father "keep" them safe from "the evil" / Plagues & Time of Trouble

John 17:15 I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil.

John 17:11 Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

Jesus prays the Father to Preserve His People -- until He comes

1Thess 5:23 I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(SOP) Jesus leaves the Sanctuary

Jesus leaves most holy place

As Jesus moved out of the most holy place, ...and as He left, a cloud of darkness covered the inhabitants of the earth. There was then no mediator between guilty man and an offended God. EW 280

No mediator

As Jesus moved out of the most holy place ...a cloud of darkness covered the inhabitants of the earth. There was then no mediator between guilty man and an offended God. EW 280

When Jesus leaves the sanctuary, ...then there will be no priest in the sanctuary to offer their sacrifices, their confessions, and their prayers before the Father's throne. CET 105

Saints stand before a Holy God

The saints in that fearful time, after the close of Jesus' mediation, were living in the sight of a holy God, without an intercessor. 1SG 198-199

In that fearful time, after the close of Jesus' mediation, the saints were living in the sight of a holy God without an intercessor. EW 280

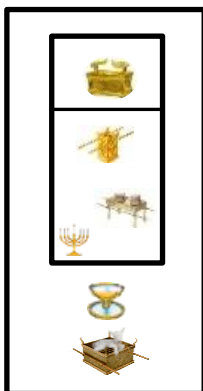
Jesus gets on the Great white Cloud / then the Plagues fall

Then I saw that Jesus' work in the sanctuary will soon be finished. And after His work there is finished, ...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. SpM 2

Then I was shown that the seven last plagues will be poured out, after Jesus leaves the Sanctuary. RH, November 1, 1850

John 17 -- in the Sanctuary

Ascension



3. Ministry of Christ's Intercession & Mediation

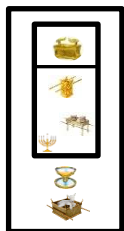
John 17:11-12 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father,

2. Ascension -- to heaven

John 17:1 Jesus ...lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee. 17:5 now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

1. Death of Christ -- in the outer court / Earth

Where is the Father in the Sanctuary?



← Most Holy Place

Lev 16:2 And the LORD said unto Moses, ...I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat.

Ps 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Where is the secret place in the Tabernacle?

The Ministry of Christ is to bring us into God's presence - where is that? MHP

Where is Christ in the Heavenly Sanctuary?



← Christ is Mediating between man and God – He is the Veil

The sin of Adam and Eve caused a fearful separation between God and man. And Christ steps in between fallen man and God... 2T 591

Heb 10:20 ...a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

Where is the church?



Father in Most Holy Place

Christ - the Veil

← Church

What happens when Christ finishes his work in the Sanctuary?

When Christ leaves the Sanctuary -- the Veil is gone

As Jesus moved out of the most holy place... There was then no mediator between guilty man and an offended God. EW 280

What does the Sanctuary look like after Jesus leaves?



God the Father

Church -- Standing in the direct presence of a Holy God

The saints in that fearful time, after the close of Jesus' mediation, were living in the sight of a holy God, without an intercessor. 1SG 198-199

**The Entire Ministry of Christ has been for this moment;
to prepare a people to live in God's presence during the Time of Trouble.**

Timeline -- Last day Events

Jesus leaves MHP -- Time of Trouble

Jesus finishes His work in the Sanctuary & Stands UP

Daniel 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time:

When Christ stands up, and leaves the most holy place, then the time of trouble commences, and the case of every soul is decided, and there will be no atoning blood to cleanse from sin and pollution. 1SP 123

Jesus goes to the door of the 1st apartment and put the sins on the Scape Goat

Then 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. SpM 2

Jesus puts on the Garments of Vengeance

...when our High Priest has finished His work in the sanctuary, **He will stand up**, put on the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues will be poured out. LS 117

Jesus leaves the Sanctuary / God's people are Sealed / Close of Probation

When Jesus leaves the sanctuary, then they who are holy and righteous will be holy and righteous still; for all their sins will then be blotted out, and they will be sealed with the seal of the living God. EW 48

Jesus leaves the Sanctuary / Righteous live in the sight of a Holy God / No Intercessor

When He leaves the sanctuary, darkness covers the inhabitants of the earth. In that fearful time the righteous must live in the sight of a holy God without an intercessor. GC 614

Jesus gets on the Great White Cloud / Plagues fall

And after His work there (sanctuary) is finished... 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. SpM 2

...I was shown that the seven last plagues will be poured out after Jesus leaves the sanctuary. EW 52

Then I saw that after Jesus leaves the sanctuary the plagues will be poured out. 12MR 248

It was impossible for the plagues to be poured out while Jesus officiated in the sanctuary; but as His work there is finished, and His intercession closes, there is nothing to stay the wrath of God, and it breaks with fury upon the shelterless head of the guilty sinner, who has slighted salvation and hated reproof. EW 280

Satan has entire control

When Christ shall cease His work as mediator in man's behalf, then this time of trouble will begin. Then the case of every soul will have been decided, and there will be no atoning blood to cleanse from sin.... Then the restraining Spirit of God is withdrawn from the earth. CC 68

...when He (Jesus) stepped out from between man and the Father, the restraint was removed and Satan had entire control of the finally impenitent. EW 280

Death decree

These plagues enraged the wicked against the righteous; they thought that we had brought the judgments of God upon them, and that if they could rid the earth of us, the plagues would then be stayed. A decree went forth to slay the saints... This was the time of Jacob's trouble. CET 100

I saw the leading men of the earth consulting together, and Satan and his angels busy around them. I saw a writing... giving orders that unless the saints should yield their peculiar faith, give up the Sabbath, and observe the first day of the week, the people were at liberty after a certain time to put them to death. EW 282-283

In the time of trouble we... were pursued by the wicked, who entered the houses of the saints with a sword. EW 34

As Jacob was threatened with death by his angry brother, so the people of God will be in peril from the wicked who are seeking to destroy them. CC 68

Saints flee to mountains

In the time of trouble we all fled from the cities and villages... EW 34

I saw the saints leaving the cities and villages, and associating together in companies, and living in the most solitary places. EW 282

Suffering

The people of God will not be free from suffering; but while persecuted and distressed, while they endure privation, and suffer for want of food, they will not be left to perish. GC88 629

Wrestling like Jacob

...to human sight it will appear that the people of God must soon seal their testimony with their blood, as did the martyrs before them. They themselves begin to fear that the Lord has

left them to fall by the hand of their enemies. It is a time of fearful agony. Day and night they cry unto God for deliverance. The wicked exult, and the jeering cry is heard. "Where now is your faith? Why does not God deliver you out of our hands if you are indeed his people?"... Like Jacob, all are wrestling with God. Their countenances express their internal struggle. Paleness sits upon every face. Yet they cease not their earnest intercession. GC88 630

Trial of Faith

Soon I saw the saints suffering great mental anguish. They seemed to be surrounded by the wicked inhabitants of the earth. Every appearance was against them. Some began to fear that God had at last left them to perish by the hand of the wicked. EW 283

Such will be the experience of God's people in their final struggle with the powers of evil. God will test their faith, their perseverance, their confidence in His power to deliver them. Satan will endeavor to terrify them with the thought that their cases are hopeless; that their sins have been too great to receive pardon. They will have a deep sense of their shortcomings, and as they review their lives their hopes will sink. But remembering the greatness of God's mercy, and their own sincere repentance, they will plead His promises made through Christ to helpless, repenting sinners. Their faith will not fail because their prayers are not immediately answered. They will lay hold of the strength of God, as Jacob laid hold of the Angel, and the language of their souls will be, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." {CC 68.5}

Righteous Cry for Deliverance

A decree went forth to slay the saints, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance. This was the time of Jacob's trouble. Then all the saints cried out with anguish of spirit... CET 100

In the time of trouble we all fled from the cities and villages, but were pursued by the wicked, who entered the houses of the saints with a sword. They raised the sword to kill us, but it broke, and fell as powerless as a straw. Then we all cried day and night for deliverance... CET 95

Darkness thickened around them, yet they stood firm, approved of God, and trusting in Him. I saw them perplexed; next I heard them crying unto God earnestly. Day and night their cry ceased not: "Thy will, O God, be done! If it can glorify Thy name, make a way of escape for Thy people! Deliver us from the heathen around about us. They have appointed us unto death; but Thine arm can bring salvation."... All seemed to have a deep sense of their unworthiness, and manifested entire submission to the will of God; yet like Jacob, every one, without an exception, was earnestly pleading and wrestling for deliverance. CET 177

The righteous will not cease their earnest, agonizing cries for deliverance. 1SP 123

Why does Jesus leave the Sanctuary during the most Awful & evil period of man's history?

Who will Protect & Shelter God's people during the Time of Trouble?

God the Father is in the Sanctuary during the Time of Trouble



Father
Church

Ps 27:5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

Ps 20:1-2 The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee; Send thee help from the sanctuary,

Where are we hidden during the Time of Trouble?

Ps 31:20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence... thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion...

Ps 61:3-4 For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in thy tabernacle forever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings.

Ps 91:4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust:

Where are the wings in the Sanctuary?

God the Father is my Protector During the Time of Trouble

Ps 37:37 Mark the perfect [man], and behold the upright: for the end of [that] man [is] peace. 37:39 ...the salvation of the righteous [is] of the LORD: [he is] their strength in the time of trouble. 37:40 And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

Ps 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 91:2 I will say of the LORD, [He is] my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. 91:3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, [and] from the noisome pestilence. 91:4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth [shall be thy] shield and buckler. 91:5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; [nor] for the arrow [that] flieth by day; 91:6 [Nor] for the pestilence [that] walketh in darkness; [nor] for the destruction [that] wasteth at noonday. 91:7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; [but] it shall not come nigh thee. 91:8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. 91:9 Because thou hast made the LORD, [which is] my refuge, [even] the most High, thy habitation; 91:10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. 91:11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

The Father is who we pray to during the Time of Trouble

John 16:26 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: 16:27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

Only the Pure in heart can live in God's Presence

Ps 24:3-5 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Matt 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Men can not continue in sin and stand faultless before God; for God will not tolerate sin. ST 10-03-95

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. GC 425

This is what Jesus's ministry is preparing us for. To live in the presence of the Father

The Holy and Perfect are protected by the Father

I also saw that many do not realize what they must be in order to live in the sight of the Lord without a high priest in the sanctuary through the time of trouble. Those who receive the seal of the living God and are protected in the time of trouble must reflect the image of Jesus fully. Mar 242

Then the angel repeated these words, and said, "This is the time spoken of in Isaiah. He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor. He had no mediator between God and man, and these plagues could be withheld no longer, for Jesus had ceased to plead for Israel, and they were covered with the covering of the Almighty God, and then they could live in the sight of a holy God..." SpM 2

Midnight Deliverance

It was at midnight that God chose to deliver His people. As the wicked were mocking around them, suddenly the sun appeared, shining in his strength, and the moon stood still. EW 285

It is now, in the hour of utmost extremity, that the God of Israel will interpose for the deliverance of His chosen. Mar 278

Voice of the Father / 7th plague

Rev 16:17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

Who is in the Temple during the plagues?

When the Father finishes His work -- He cries out and says "It is done"

Voice of God delivers the Everlasting Covenant

Dark, heavy clouds came up and clashed against each other. But there was one clear place of settled glory, whence came the voice of God like many waters, shaking the heavens and the earth. There was a mighty earthquake. EW 285

As God spoke the day and the hour of Jesus' coming and **delivered the everlasting covenant** to His people, He spoke one sentence, and then paused, while the words were rolling through the earth. EW 285

Glorified

The Israel of God stood with their eyes fixed upward, listening to the words as they came from the mouth of Jehovah and rolled through the earth like peals of loudest thunder. It was

awfully solemn. At the end of every sentence the saints shouted, "Glory! Hallelujah!" **Their countenances were lighted up with the glory of God**, and they shone with glory as did the face of Moses when he came down from Sinai. The wicked could not look upon them for the glory. And when the **never-ending blessing was pronounced** on those who had honored God in keeping His Sabbath holy, there was a mighty shout of **victory over the beast and over his image**. EW 285, 286

Special Resurrection -- Voice of God

The graves were opened, and those who had died in faith under the third angel's message, keeping the Sabbath, came forth from their dusty beds, **glorified**, to hear the covenant of peace that God was to make with those who had kept His law. EW 285

The Mission and Ministry of Christ's life is to prepare a people that can live in the Father's presence during the Time of Trouble.

Overcoming sin Is Essential before the Time of Trouble

Many do not realize what they must be in order to live in the sight of the Lord without a high priest in the sanctuary through the time of trouble. Those who receive the seal of the living God and are protected in the time of trouble must reflect the image of Jesus fully. Mar 254

...in order to live in the sight of the Lord without a high priest in the sanctuary through the time of trouble.... 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. Mar 254

The wonderful things to take place in our world--the greatest events of all ages--are incomprehensible to worldly minds... The powers of heaven shall be shaken.... **Man must be a partaker of the divine nature in order to stand in this evil time**, when the mysteries of satanic agencies are at work. **Only by the divine power united with the human can souls endure through these times of trial**. Says Christ, "Without me ye can do nothing." 1888 332

I saw that many were neglecting the preparation so needful and were looking to the time of "refreshing" and the "latter rain" to fit them to stand in the day of the Lord and to live in His sight. Oh, how many I saw in the time of trouble without a shelter! They had neglected the needful preparation; therefore they could not receive the refreshing that all must have to fit them to live in the sight of a holy God. Those who ...fail to purify their souls in obeying the whole truth, ...will come up to the time of the falling of the plagues, and then see that they needed to be hewed and squared for the building. But there will be ...no Mediator to plead their cause before the Father. Before this time the awfully solemn declaration has gone forth, "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." I saw that none could share the "refreshing" unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action. We should, therefore, be drawing nearer and nearer to the Lord and be earnestly seeking that preparation necessary to enable us to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord. Let all remember that God is holy and that none but holy beings can ever dwell in His presence. EW 71

Conclusion / Summary

1. Christ will purify and seal His people in righteousness before He leaves the Sanctuary
2. The Father will protect His holy people during the Time of Trouble
3. To be protected during the Time of Trouble – you have to be in the shelter of the Father
4. Only the pure and holy can live in the Father's presence
5. You have to Overcome sin before Jesus seals His people and leaves the Sanctuary
6. You have to Believe – Christ in you will finish the work to Cleanse you from sin

The Saviour overcame the wily foe, showing us how we may overcome. CTr 212

Christ has made it possible for every member of the human family to resist temptation. All who would live godly lives may overcome as Christ overcame. AG 111

God... will have a clean and holy church. LS80 316

Eph 5:25 ...Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.