

**THE WORK OF THE MOST HOLY PLACE:
THE REMOVAL OF THE
CHARACTER OF SATAN**

"When we lay hold of Christ by faith, our work has just begun [Court and Holy Place]."
Our High Calling, 121 (Emphasis supplied).

"The blood of Christ [Court and Holy Place], while it was to release the repentant sinner from the condemnation of the law, was not to cancel the sin; it would stand on record in the sanctuary until the final atonement [Most Holy Place]; so in the type the blood of the sin offering removed the sin from the penitent, but it rested in the sanctuary until the Day of Atonement."

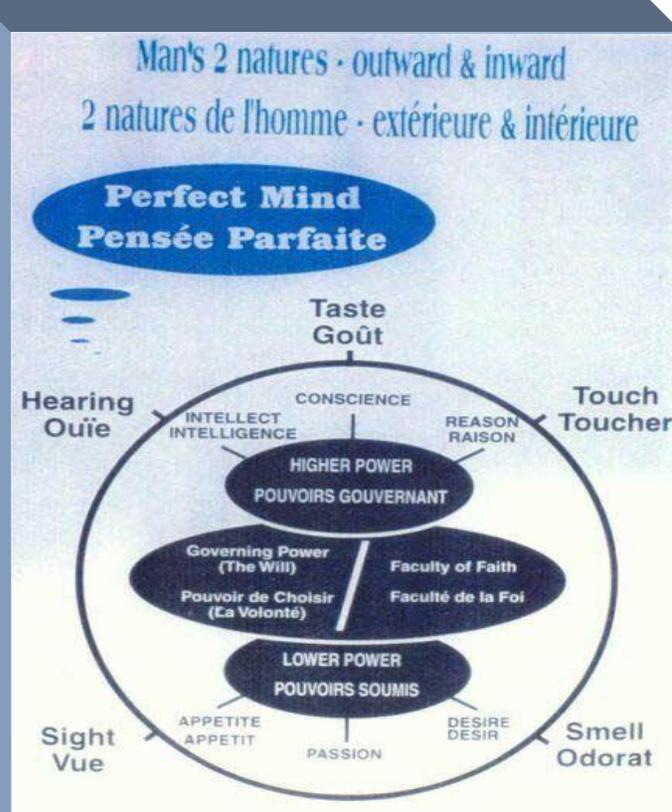
Patriarchs and Prophets, 357 (Emphasis supplied).

Record of sin Synonyms:

Experience in sin; Filthy garment; Sinful nature; Corrupt channel; Knowledge of evil; Character of Satan; Blots; Scars; Stains; Bent to evil; Force unaided; Desire to sin; Love for evil; Evil propensities; Perverted by sin; Depraved.

"The mass of people think that if a person is prepared to die, he is prepared for the coming of the Lord [Court and Holy Place]. But they do not consider the difference between dying and standing alive to meet the Lord at His appearing. It is one thing to die in the Lord, to yield our spirits to Him while He is pleading for us before the Father's throne, and quite a different thing to stand in the time of trouble after Jesus has ceased to plead in man's behalf, after His priesthood is closed, and He is preparing to come to redeem His own, and take vengeance of His foes. They who realize these things will bless heaven that means [Most Holy Place Work: Removal of the character of Satan] have been devised in the mercy of God for the perfection of the saints." Life Sketches of James and Ellen White, 431 (Emphasis supplied).

"Where once was written only the character of God, the knowledge of good, was now written also the character of Satan, the knowledge of evil."
Education, 26



Man was Created Perfect

The experience of the 144000 will parallel the experience of our Savior in His humanity:

1. Both have the fallen nature of sinful humanity (Lower Power).
2. Both have no stains or scars of sin upon the soul (Higher Power).
3. Both stand before God without a mediator.
4. Both have received the Spirit without measure.
5. Both have perfection of the soul without perfection of the flesh.
6. Both have demonstrated that fallen humanity can keep the law of God perfectly through the power of the Holy Spirit (Early and Latter Rain).

"Let us strive with all the power that God has given us to be among the hundred and forty-four thousand and let us do all that we can to help others to gain heaven. We are to have an intense interest in Christ Jesus; for he is our Saviour. He came to this world to be tempted in all points as we are, to prove to the universe that in this world of sin human beings can live lives that God will approve."
Review & Herald, March 9, 1905

Man is Born Imperfect

"Satan was exulting that he had succeeded in debasing the image of God in humanity. Then Jesus came to restore in man the image of his Maker. None but Christ can fashion anew the character that has been ruined by sin. He came to expel the demons that had controlled the will. He came to lift us up from the dust, to reshape the marred character after the pattern of His divine character, and to make it beautiful with His own glory." Desire of Ages, 37



"Man's mind was created with a lower and a higher center, functionally interrelated. The lower center near the base of the skull, the cerebellum area, was to be the seat of passion, appetite and desire and was closely related to the glandular functions of the body.

The higher center of the forebrain was identified with the more sensitive mental activities such as reason, conscience and intellect. It is where the moral and spiritual qualities of the character are believed to originate. The higher center of the mind was not only the control center for man's entire being, but it was also to serve as the center through which God communicated with man. This was accomplished through the 24 brain nerves: "The brain nerves that connect with the whole system are the only medium through which heaven communicates with man and affects the inmost life." Education, 209

Heaven's communication with man took place through the higher centers of the mind and activated the will. The will then, transmitted the heavenly messages through the nerve channels to all parts of man's being and brought the physical organs and passions into harmony with God's will and to all the faculties.

God directed man in such way that the Holy Spirit's control of his being did not in any way detract from the freedom of his will. Man was created with a dependent nature and continual communication was essential to the integrated function of his being and the development of his character which was subject to infinite expansion. Although entirely free to choose whether or not he would continue to be a temple through which God could reveal Himself, when man chose to separate himself from God, he lost this freedom of self-direction."

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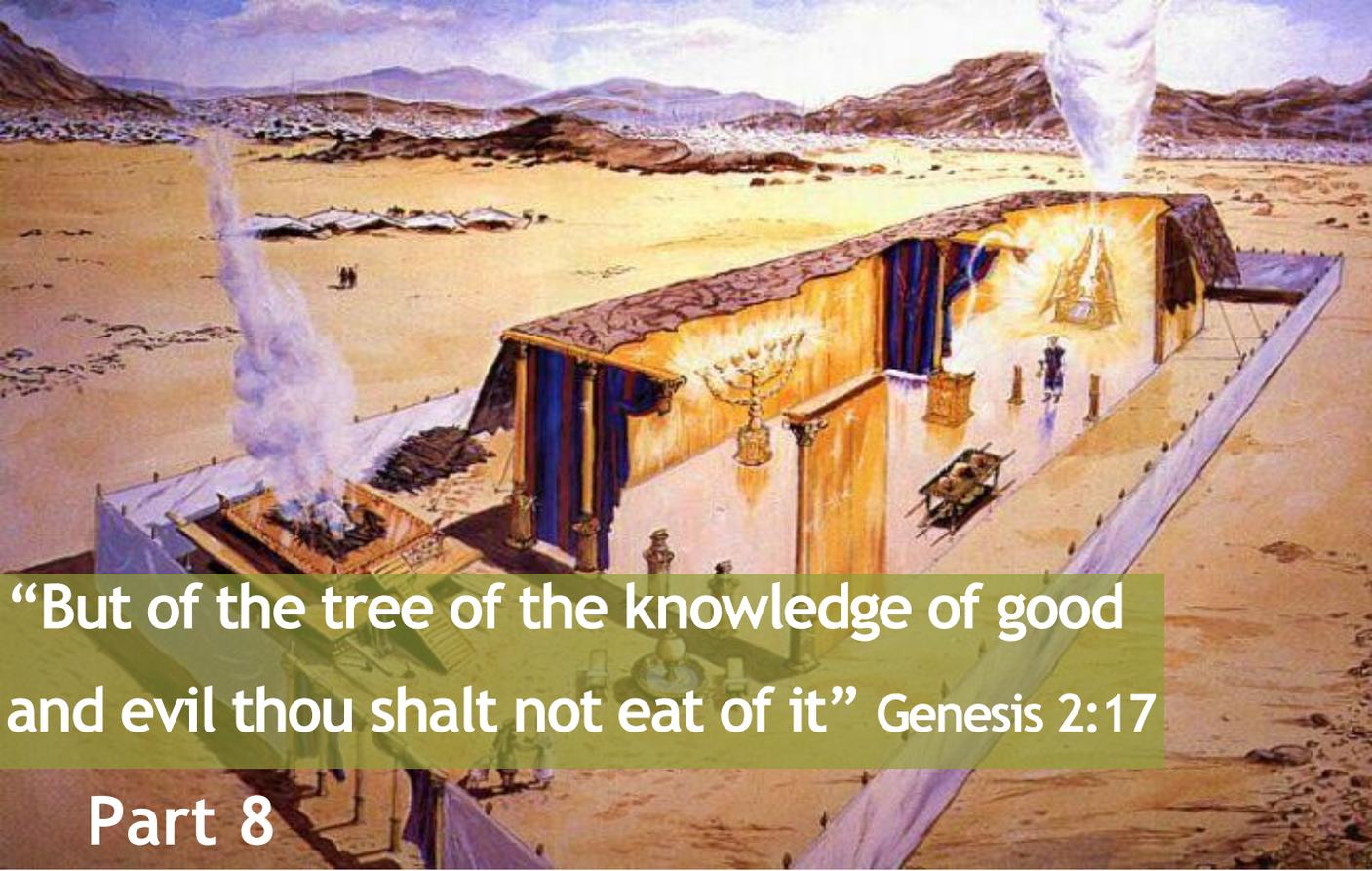
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“But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil thou shalt not eat of it” Genesis 2:17

Part 8

MAN'S MIND: DWELLING PLACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

"God designed that the temple at Jerusalem should be a continual witness to the high destiny open to every soul. But the Jews had not understood the significance of the building they regarded with so much pride. They did not yield themselves as holy temples for the Divine Spirit.

The courts of the temple at Jerusalem, filled with the tumult of unholy traffic, represented all too truly the temple of the heart, defiled by the presence of sensual passion and unholy thoughts. In cleansing the temple from the world's buyers and sellers, Jesus announced His mission to cleanse the heart from the defilement of sin,-- from the earthly desires, the selfish lusts, the evil habits, that corrupt the soul.

‘The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth?...and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver.’ Malachi 3:1-3.

From eternal ages it was God's purpose that every created being, from the bright and holy seraph to man, should be a temple for the indwelling of the Creator. Because of sin, humanity ceased to be a temple for God. Darkened and defiled by evil, the heart of man no longer revealed the glory of the Divine One. But by the incarnation of the Son of God, the purpose of Heaven is fulfilled. God dwells in humanity, and through saving grace the heart of man becomes again His temple." Desire of Ages, 161