

Sanctuary

purpose: To show that the sanctuary message tells the wonderful story of Redemption. It reveals God's great plan to separate sinners from sin.

Isaiah 59:2

- Emphasis: The problem is that our sin has separated us from God.
- **Transition:** How has this separation been illustrated to us in the Bible?

Genesis 3:7-10

- What happens when sin comes into a life?
- Why did they go hiding? Guilt, shame, fear for 1st time ever.
- Is it possible to hide from God? Sin is illogical. Sin makes you stupid.
Illustration: Boy caught sneaking a cookie.
 - Right then he wants to be as far away from Mom as possible.
 - He loved his mom, but guilt, shame etc. made him want to be separated even from the object of his love.
- *The essence of sin is a desire for independence.*
- **Transition:** How does God feel about this situation?

Hebrews 1:9

- God hates sin, not sinners.
- That which God hates the most is inside that which God loves the most. That which God loves the most is in love with that which God hates the most.
- **Transition:** How does God separate the object of greatest love from the object of greatest hatred? Requires a most delicate surgery, seen in the sanctuary.

Exodus 25:8,22

- What is the purpose of the sanctuary? That God may dwell among His people.
- What was the sanctuary? A place where the people of God would meet. Describe the layout and the furniture, focusing on the ark of the covenant.
- **Transition:** What was so special about the ark?

Deuteronomy 10:4,5

- This is where the 10 commandments were kept.
- It represented the covenant between God and His people.
- **Transition:** What happened in the sacrificial system in the sanctuary?

Leviticus 1:1-5

- Israelites would bring an offering of an animal *without blemish*.
- Sinner would place hand on the animal, confess sin, and then kill the innocent animal. The priest sprinkled the blood on the altar and in the sanctuary.
- Animals' blood = atonement. Made it possible for the sinner to be right with God.
Transition: What was God trying to communicate through the blood?

Leviticus 17:11; Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:22

- Blood was necessary because it represents life.
- Blood is the only currency that can pay for sin.
- **Transition:** Why did the priest sprinkle the blood behind the veil?

1 John 3:4

- The law defines what sin is. The law, inside the ark, reveals what sin is.
- Why did the priest come to sprinkle blood before the law?
 - He was symbolically paying the debt for sin.
 - We owe the law because of sin. Blood is the only currency for payment.

Hebrews 10:1-4, 10

- Blood of bulls and goats wasn't enough- it was a *shadow* of something to come.
- **Transition:** Of what was it a shadow? What was the better thing to come?

John 1:29

- Jesus was the Lamb of God. He came to take away the sins of the world.
- **Transition:** What type of blood does the Lamb have?

1 Peter 1:19

- The precious blood (life) of Jesus was without blemish and without spot.
- Jesus qualifies as the only substitute for the sins of man!
- After His death, the "shadow of things to come" was no longer needed.

2 Corinthians 5:19,21

- At Calvary, Christ removes the separation.
- Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves.
- **Transition:** What does Jesus' death so long ago have to do with me today?

Hebrews 6:6

- Every fresh sin crucifies Jesus afresh, putting Him to open shame again.
- There was a new lamb for every sin. But there is only one Jesus. Every time we sin against God, we draw fresh blood. *Sin literally brings pain to God.*

appeal: Some people say, Jesus died long ago, what does that have to do with me? But, we've seen that the effect sin had on Him then is the same it has on Him today. Is it our actual act of sin what hurts Jesus? No, it's the fact that sin separates us from Him! Our desire for independence is what brings pain to Him. The sanctuary message is a message for today. He pleads with us through His word to put an end to His pain. The message of the sanctuary is surrender to His gentle hands as He separates the object of his hatred from the object of His amazing love.

Study Helps

Jesus- the emphasis of the sanctuary.

The Brazen Altar of Burnt Offerings

Exodus 27:1-8; 38:1-7

*John 1:29; Ephesians 5:2; Hebrews 10:10

The Laver

Exodus 30:18-21; 38:8

*1 Corinthians 6:11; Titus 3:5

The Golden Candlestick (Menorah)

Exodus 25:31-39; 37:17-24 (Ephesians 2:10)

*John 8:12; Revelation 1:12; Matthew 5:14

The Table of Showbread

Exodus 25:23-30; 37:10-16

*John 6:35; Matthew 4:4

The Golden Altar of Incense

Exodus 30:1-8

*Revelation 8:3-5; John 16:23

The Ark of the Covenant

Leviticus 16:15

*John 15:10

Jesus in the OT

- Exodus 3:14- God appears to Moses as the "I AM" (code lingo for God).
 - John 8:58- Jesus said "Before Abraham was, I AM".
- Numbers 21:4-6
 - 1 Corinthians 10:8,9
- Exodus 17:6
 - 1 Corinthians 10:4

3 Steps in Redemption

1. Justification- saved from the penalty of sin (courtyard)
 - 2. Sanctification- saved from the power of sin (holy place)
 - 3. Glorification- saved from the presence of sin (most holy place)