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THE GREAT CONTROVERSY, PT. 24: IN THE HOLY OF HOLIES
JOHNNIE MOORE URGES MEETING WITH POPE TO HEAL WOUND QUICKLY. TRUMP
THREATENS N.KOREA WITH FIRE, FURY, POWER & ROBERT JEFFRESS' USE OF
ROMANS 13 SIGNALS DEATH PENALTY FOR COMMANDMENT-KEEPERS.
FABIAN SOCIETY A WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING

- **1a.** What is the title of chapter 24 of *The Great Controversy*?
- **1b.** The term in the Holy of Holies is found in the Bible. See Hebrews 9:1-3; Exodus 26:33,34.
- 2. What was the key that unlocked the mystery of the disappointment of 1844? Revelation 10:8-11; Revelation 11:1

The subject of the sanctuary was the key which unlocked the mystery of the disappointment of 1844. It opened to view a complete system of truth, connected and harmonious, showing that God's hand had directed the great advent movement and revealing present duty as it brought to light the position and work of His people. As the disciples of Jesus after the terrible night of their anguish and disappointment were "glad when they saw the Lord," so did those now rejoice who had looked in faith for His second coming. They had expected Him to appear in glory to give reward to His servants. As their hopes were disappointed, they had lost sight of Jesus, and with Mary at the sepulcher they cried: "They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him." Now in the holy of holies they again beheld Him, their compassionate High Priest, soon to appear as their king and deliverer. Light from the sanctuary illumined the past, the present, and the future. They knew that God had led them by His unerring providence. Though, like the first disciples, they themselves had failed to understand the message which they bore, yet it had been in every respect correct. In proclaiming it they had fulfilled the purpose of God, and their labor had not been in vain in the Lord. Begotten "again unto a lively hope," they rejoiced "with joy unspeakable and full of glory." {GC 423.1}

- 3. Note: Likewise, it was the subject of the sanctuary that unlocked the mystery of the disappointment that the disciples experienced when they saw Jesus crucified on the cross, even though they had expected Him to be crowned king. See Luke 24:19-27,44-46; Acts 2:31-34; Romans 8:34.
- **4.** Note: The following points, which were extracted from this chapter of *The Great Controversy*, show the scriptures that the faithful Adventists studied shortly after the disappointment on October 22, 1844 that revealed to them where Jesus was and what His work was. **5.** To what event do the following scriptures point? Daniel 8:14 and Revelation 14:7

Both the prophecy of Daniel 8:14, "Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed," and the first angel's message, "Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come," pointed to Christ's ministration in the most holy place, to the investigative judgment, and not to the coming of Christ for the redemption of His people and the destruction of the wicked. The mistake had not been in the reckoning of the prophetic periods, but in the event to take place at the end of the 2300 days. Through this error the believers had suffered disappointment, yet all that was foretold by the prophecy, and all that they had any Scripture warrant to expect, had been accomplished. At the very time when they were lamenting the failure of their hopes, the event had taken place which was foretold by the message, and which must be fulfilled before the Lord could appear to give reward to His servants. {GC 424.1}

- **6.** Note: The "cleansing of the sanctuary" occurred on the Day of Atonement; see Leviticus 16:15-22. On that Day of Atonement, an investigative and executive judgment took place; see Leviticus 23:27-29.
- 7. What coming of Jesus, who is the Son of Man, was foretold in Daniel 7:9,10,13-14
- **8.** Note: The coming of Jesus to begin the work of judgment takes place before His kingdom is given unto Him, and before He returns for the saints. See Daniel 7:22,26,27 and Daniel 2:44,45; Revelation 20:4.
- **9.** Note: Malachi 3:1-5 lay out the investigative judgment, the cleansing of the sanctuary and the cleansing of the people, the execution of judgment upon the unrepentant and the second coming of Jesus. Contemplate upon the following. Malachi 3:1-3 point to the investigative judgment and cleansing of God's people. Malachi 3:4 shows the final condition of God's people after the investigative judgment is over.

When this work [the intercession of Christ] shall have been accomplished, the followers of Christ will be ready for His appearing. "Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years." Malachi 3:4. Then the church which our Lord at His coming is to receive to Himself will be a "glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing." Ephesians 5:27. Then she will look "forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners." Song of Solomon 6:10. {GC 425.2}

10. Malachi 3:5 shows the final reward for the unrepentant.

Besides the coming of the Lord to His temple, Malachi also foretells His second advent, His coming for the execution of the judgment, in these words: "And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not Me, saith the Lord of hosts." Malachi 3:5. Jude refers to the same scene when he says, "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds." Jude 14, 15. This coming, and the coming of the Lord to His temple, are distinct and separate events. {GC 425.3}

11. Consider the following statement.

The coming of Christ as our high priest to the most holy place, for the cleansing of the sanctuary, brought to view in Daniel 8:14; the coming of the Son of man to the Ancient of Days, as presented in Daniel 7:13; and the coming of the Lord to His temple, foretold by Malachi, are descriptions of the same event; and this is also represented by the coming of the bridegroom to the marriage, described by Christ in the parable of the ten virgins, of Matthew 25. {GC 426.1}

- **12.** Note: Let us focus on the parable of the ten virgins of Matthew 25. This parable also shows that there must be an investigative judgment before the marriage and the second coming of Jesus.
- **13.** Read Matthew 25:1-13 and notice two events. Firstly, the coming of the Bridegroom and the five wise virgins meeting Him. Secondly, the marriage takes place.
- **14.** What is Jesus married to or must receive before He returns for His saints, according to Revelation 21:2,9,10
- **15.** Once Jesus receives the kingdom, what will He do next? John 14:1-3
- 16. During what event did Jesus, the bridegroom, go in before His Father, to receive His kingdom? Daniel 7:9,10,13,14___
- **17.** Note: Therefore, Matthew 25:1-13 show us that the investigative judgment takes place before Jesus receives His kingdom and returns for His faithful people.
- 18. What is meant by the phrase that "they that were ready went in with Him to the marriage: and the door was shut." See Matthew 25:10

The proclamation, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh," in the summer of 1844, led thousands to expect the immediate advent of the Lord. At the appointed time the Bridegroom came, not to the earth, as the people expected, but to the Ancient of Days in heaven, to the marriage, the reception of His kingdom. "They that were ready went in with Him to the marriage: and the door was shut." They were not to be present in person at the marriage; for it takes place in heaven, while they are upon the earth. The followers of Christ are to "wait for their Lord, when He will return from the wedding." Luke 12:36. But they are to understand His work, and to follow Him by faith as He goes in before God. It is in this sense that they are said to go in to the marriage. {GC 427.1}

19. Which of the ten virgins when into the marriage with the Bridegroom? Matthew 25:7-10

In the parable it was those that had oil in their vessels with their lamps that went in to the marriage. Those who, with a knowledge of the truth from the Scriptures, had also the Spirit and grace of God, and who, in the night of their bitter trial, had patiently waited, searching the Bible for clearer light--these saw the truth concerning the sanctuary in heaven and the Saviour's change in ministration, and by faith they followed Him in His work in the sanctuary above. And all who through the testimony of the Scriptures accept the same truths, following Christ by faith as He enters in before God to perform the last work of mediation, and at its close to receive His kingdom--all these are represented as going in to the marriage. {GC 427.2}

- **20.** Note: The event that signals that Jesus is about execute judgment upon the unrepentant is the mark of the beast crisis. See Revelation 14:9,10 and Revelation 15:1. This means that as we see the mark of the beast crisis nearing, the investigative judgment is about to close.
- 21. Trump's evangelical advisers want a meeting with Pope Francis over controversial article <a href="https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/acts-of-faith/wp/2017/08/07/trumps-evangelical-advisers-want-a-meeting-with-pope-francis-over-controversial-article/?utm_term=.35ac8a233f8e
- 22. Trump's evangelical advisers request papal meeting....President Donald Trump's evangelical Christian advisers are requesting a meeting with Pope Francis after a Vatican-approved magazine published a piece condemning the way some American evangelicals and Roman Catholics mix religion and politics. That request came in an Aug. 3 letter to the pontiff from Johnnie Moore, an evangelical author, activist and public relations consultant. Moore asked Francis for a meeting of Catholic and evangelical leaders and quickly. "It's in this moment of ongoing persecution, political division and global conflict that we have also witnessed efforts to divide Catholics and Evangelicals," Moore wrote. I'm sure we will find once again that we agree far more than we disagree, and we can work together with diligence on those areas of agreement." Moore said he reached out to the pope because of his reputation as a "bridge builder" and assumes Francis would be willing to build bridges to those who disagree with the piece published in La Civiltà Cattolica in July. https://www.ncronline.org/news/politics/trumps-evangelical-advisers-request-papal-meeting-after-critique-francis-friends
- 23. The wide diversity of belief in the Protestant churches is regarded by many as decisive proof that no effort to secure a forced uniformity can ever be made. But there has been for years, in churches of the Protestant faith, a strong and growing sentiment in favor of a union based upon common points of doctrine. To secure such a union, the discussion of subjects upon which all were not agreed--however important they might be from a Bible standpoint--must necessarily be waived. {GC 444.2}
- 24. <u>The Protestants of the United States will be foremost</u> in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience. {GC 588.1}

- Evangelical Advisor to Trump Calls for Solidarity with the Vatican... Political tensions have maligned relationships between the evangelical and Catholic communities. Now evangelical leaders are pushing for unity with the Vatican... Together, Catholics, Orthodox, Protestant, and evangelical Christians throughout the entire world have shared as you've said 'an ecumenism of blood.'" In efforts to mend the wounds of the evangelical-Catholic relationship, Moore has requested a meeting with the pope in which he hopes to include other religious leaders with global influence..." I'm sure we will find once again that we agree far more than we disagree, and we can work together with diligence on those areas of agreement," he added. "Evangelicals and Catholics have worked hand in hand on religious liberty, on the right of life, on countless other issues. We're friends in this country... I'm not willing to give up on the relationship." "We can't let division at this point in consequential history keep us from working together on areas of mutual concern... When evangelicals and Catholics work together, great things happen," he said. https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/us/2017/august/evangelical-advisor-to-trump-calls-for-solidarity-with-the-vatican
- **26.** Trump warns North Korea will be "met with fire and fury"..."North Korea best not make any more threats to the United States," warned Mr. Trump from his golf club in Bedminster. "They will be met with fire and fury like the world has never seen," he told reporters. "He has been very threatening -- beyond a normal statement," Mr. Trump said of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un. "As I said, they will be met with fire, fury and frankly power the likes of which this world has never seen before." http://www.cbsnews.com/news/trump-warns-north-korea-will-be-met-with-fire-and-fury/
- 27. <u>Satan delights in war,</u> for it excites the worst passions of the soul and then sweeps into eternity its victims steeped in vice and blood. It is his object to incite the nations to war against one another, for he can thus divert the minds of the people from the work of preparation to stand in the day of God. {GC 589.1}
- **Trump: 'Fire and fury' warning to North Korea 'wasn't tough enough'**...President Donald Trump suggested his warning to North Korea that it would be "met with fire and fury" if it continued making threats against the U.S. "wasn't tough enough" Thursday, cautioning the nation to "get their act together" in regard to its nuclear ambitions... "Things will happen to them that they never thought possible," said Trump. http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/trump-fire-fury-warning-north-korea-wasnt-tough/story?id=49140874
- 29. 'God has given Trump authority to take out Kim Jong Un,' evangelical adviser says ... "When it comes to how we should deal with evil doers, the Bible, in the book of Romans, is very clear: God has endowed rulers full power to use whatever means necessary including war to stop evil," Jeffress said. "In the case of North Korea, God has given Trump authority to take out Kim Jong Un." Jeffress said in a phone interview that he was prompted to make the statement after Trump said that if North Korea's threats to the United States continue, Pyongyang will be "met with fire and fury like the world has never seen." The biblical passage Romans 13 gives the government authority to deal with evildoers, Jeffress said. "That gives the government the authority to do whatever, whether it's assassination, capital punishment or evil punishment to quell the actions of evildoers like Kim Jong Un," he said. http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/%E2%80%98god-has-given-trump-authority-to-take-out-kim-jong-un%E2%80%99-evangelical-adviser-says/ar-AApK3gN?li=BBmkt5R&ocid=spartanntp
- **30.** Note: Read Romans 13:1,2,9.
- 31. Those who honor the Bible Sabbath will be denounced as enemies of law and order, as breaking down the moral restraints of society, causing anarchy and corruption, and calling down the judgments of God upon the earth. Their conscientious scruples will be pronounced obstinacy, stubbornness, and contempt of authority. They will be accused of disaffection toward the government. Ministers who deny the obligation of the divine law will present from the pulpit the duty of yielding obedience to the civil authorities as ordained of God. In legislative halls and courts of justice, commandment keepers will be misrepresented and condemned. A false coloring will be given to their words; the worst construction will be put upon their motives. {GC 592.1}
- 32. Read Matthew 22:1-14 and discover that this parable also reveals that the work of investigative judgment precedes the marriage.

 In the parable of Matthew 22 the same figure of the marriage is introduced, and the investigative judgment is clearly represented as taking place before the marriage. Previous to the wedding the king comes in to see the guests, to see if all are attired in the wedding garment, the spotless robe of character washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb. Matthew 22:11; Revelation 7:14. He who is found wanting is cast out, but all who upon examination are seen to have the wedding garment on are accepted of God and accounted worthy of a share in His kingdom and a seat upon His throne. This work of examination of character, of determining who are prepared for the kingdom of God, is that of the investigative judgment, the closing of work in the sanctuary above. {GC 428.1}

33. What is the wedding garment that we must be found wearing? Revelation 19:7-9

When we submit ourselves to Christ, the heart is united with His heart, the will is merged in His will, the mind becomes one with His mind, the thoughts are brought into captivity to Him; we live His life. This is what it means to be clothed with the

garment of His righteousness. Then as the Lord looks upon us He sees, not the fig-leaf garment, not the nakedness and deformity of sin, but His own robe of righteousness, which is perfect obedience to the law of Jehovah. {COL 311.4}

In the service of the earthly sanctuary, which, as we have seen, is a figure of the service in the heavenly, when the high priest on the Day of Atonement entered the most holy place, the ministration in the first apartment ceased. God commanded: "There shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy place, until he comes out." Leviticus 16:17. So when Christ entered the holy of holies to perform the closing work of the atonement, He ceased His ministration in the first apartment. But when the ministration in the first apartment ended, the ministration in the second apartment began. When in the typical service the high priest left the holy on the Day of Atonement, he went in before God to present the blood of the sin offering in behalf of all Israel who truly repented of their sins. So Christ had only completed one part of His work as our intercessor, to enter upon another portion of the work, and He still pleaded His blood before the Father in behalf of sinners. {GC 428.3}

35a. How does Revelation 3:7,8 relate to the ministry of the high priest in the holy place and the most holy place of the sanctuary?

But clearer light came with the investigation of the sanctuary question. They now saw that they were correct in believing that the end of the 2300 days in 1844 marked an important crisis. But while it was true that that door of hope and mercy by which men had for eighteen hundred years found access to God, was closed, another door was opened, and forgiveness of sins was offered to men through the intercession of Christ in the most holy. One part of His ministration had closed, only to give place to another. There was still an "open door" to the heavenly sanctuary, where Christ was ministering in the sinner's behalf. {GC 429.2}

35b. I saw how this grace could be obtained. Go to your closet, and there alone plead with God: "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Be in earnest, be sincere. Fervent prayer availeth much. Jacob-like, wrestle in prayer. Agonize. Jesus in the garden sweat great drops of blood; you must make an effort. Do not leave your closet until you feel strong in God; then watch, and just as long as you watch and pray you can keep these evil besetments under, and the grace of God can and will appear in you. {MYP 131.3}

36a. Before the door of salvation closes	where is Jesus knocking? What should be our respon	se? Revelation 3:20,21

- **36b.** The true Witness has given us the assurance that He has set before us an open door, which no man can shut. Those who are seeking to be faithful to God may be denied many of the privileges of the world; their way may be hedged up and their work hindered by the enemies of truth; but there is no power that can close the door of communication between God and their souls. The Christian himself may close this door by indulgence in sin, or by rejection of heaven's light. He may turn away his ears from hearing the message of truth, and in this way sever the connection between God and his soul. . . . Neither man nor Satan can close the door which Christ has opened for us (RH March 26, 1889). {7BC 961.1}
- **36c.** When the tempter presses his suggestions upon their mind, they may, if they cherish a "Thus saith the Lord," be drawn into the secret pavilion of the Most High. His promises will be their safeguard. Amid all the confusion and rush of business, they will find a quiet resting place. Take God with you in every place. The door is open for every son and daughter of God. The Lord is not far from the soul who seeks Him. The reason why so many are left to themselves in places of temptation is because they do not set the Lord ever before them. It is in the places where God is least thought of that you need to carry the lamp of life. If God be left out of sight, if our faith and our communion with God are broken, the soul is in positive danger. Integrity will not be maintained. {TDG 232.4}

	37. Meditate upon the following and write	own your thoughts.	
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When Jesus at His ascension entered by His own blood into the heavenly sanctuary to shed upon His disciples the blessings of His mediation, the Jews were left in total darkness to continue their useless sacrifices and offerings. The ministration of types and shadows had ceased. That door by which men had formerly found access to God was no longer open. The Jews had refused to seek Him in the only way whereby He could then be found, through the ministration in the sanctuary in heaven. Therefore they found no communion with God. To them the door was shut. They had no knowledge of Christ as the true sacrifice and the only mediator before God; hence they could not receive the benefits of His mediation. The condition of the unbelieving Jews illustrates the condition of the careless and unbelieving among professed Christians, who are willingly ignorant of the work of our merciful High Priest.

[GC 430.2]

38. Meditate upon the following and write down your thoughts.	
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Another class firmly held that the Lord had led them in their past experience; and as they waited and watched and prayed to know the will of God they saw that their great High Priest had entered upon another work of ministration, and, following Him by faith, they were led to see also the closing work of the church. They had a clearer understanding of the first and second angels' messages, and were prepared to receive and give to the world the solemn warning of the third angel of Revelation 14. {GC 431.3}