

The Works of Atonement

Before the “Passing of the Time”

“Also the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the Day of Atonement. It shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to the LORD.

“And you shall do no work on that same day, for it is the Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before the LORD your God.”

—Leviticus 23:27, 28

But after 1844...

“There is no intimation of a space of time between the end of the [2300] days and the cleansing of the sanctuary. Whatever it may be, the work of cleansing it immediately follows the end of the days.”

—James White, *Review and Herald*, January 1851

The Logic was Simple

“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.”

—Revelation 22:12

Filling in the Picture

- Third Angel's Message
- Loud Cry
- Latter Rain
- Close of Probation
- Time of Jacob's Trouble
- Second Coming
- Millennium
- Resurrection and Destruction of the the Wicked
- Re-Creation of the Earth

But What About... “Atonement”

□ At-one-ment

So, What About... “At-one-ment”

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!”
—Deuteronomy 6:4

“Jesus answered him, ‘The first of all the commandments is: “Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” This is the first commandment.’”

—Mark 12:29, 30

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“I and My Father are one.”

—John 10:30

“Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. “Jesus answered them, ‘Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?’ The Jews answered Him, saying, ‘For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a man, make Yourself God.’ Jesus answered them,... ‘If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me.’”

—John 10:31–37

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“The works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.”

—John 5:36

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“Jesus answered them... ‘I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father.’

“They answered and said to Him, ‘Abraham is our father.’ Jesus said to them, ‘If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham.’”

—John 8:38, 39

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“Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

—John 14:10, 11

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“...the priest shall make atonement....”

Leviticus 4:20, 26, 31, 35

Leviticus 5:6, 10, 13, 16, 18

Leviticus 6:7

Leviticus 12:8

Leviticus 14:18, 20, 31

Leviticus 15:15, 30

Leviticus 16:30

Leviticus 19:22

Numbers 15:25, 28

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“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.”

—John 14:12

What Kind of “Works”?

“And John, calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to Jesus, saying, ‘Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?’

“When the men had come to Him, they said, ‘John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?”’

“And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight.

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“Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.’”

—Luke 7:19–23

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“The evidence of [Christ’s] divinity was seen in its adaptation to the needs of suffering humanity. His glory was shown in His condescension to our low estate....

“The principle of the Baptist’s own life of self-abnegation was the principle of the Messiah’s kingdom.”

—*Desire of Ages*, 217

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“All those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff.”

—Luke 4:28, 29

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—Isaiah 58:12–14

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—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, 265

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“And they shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations.”

—Isaiah 61:4

“Those from among you shall build the old waste places; You shall raise up the foundations of many generations; And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.”

—Isaiah 58:12

A Required Work

“I cannot too strongly urge all our church members, all who are true missionaries, all who believe the third angel’s message, all who turn away their feet from the Sabbath, to consider the message of the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. The work of beneficence enjoined in this chapter is the work that God requires His people to do at this time. It is a work of His own appointment.”

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“We are not left in doubt as to where the message applies, and the time of its marked fulfillment, for we read: ‘They that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in.’ God’s memorial, the seventh-day Sabbath, the sign of His work in creating the world, has been displaced by the man of sin. God’s people have a special work to do in repairing the breach that has been made in His law; and the nearer we approach the end, the more urgent this work becomes.

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“All who love God will show that they bear His sign by keeping His commandments. They are the restorers of paths to dwell in. The Lord says: ‘If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight... then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth.’

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“Thus genuine medical missionary work is bound up inseparably with the keeping of God’s commandments, of which the Sabbath is especially mentioned, since it is the great memorial of God’s creative work. Its observance is bound up with the work of restoring the moral image of God in man. This is the ministry which God’s people are to carry forward at this time. This ministry, rightly performed, will bring rich blessings to the church.”

—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, 265, 266

A United Work

“The fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah contains present truth for the people of God. Here we see how medical missionary work and the gospel ministry are to be bound together as the message is given to the world. Upon those who keep the Sabbath of the Lord is laid the responsibility of doing a work of mercy and benevolence. Medical missionary work is to be bound up with the message, and sealed with the seal of God.”

—*Evangelism*, 516, 517

A Benevolent Work

“I have been instructed to refer our people to the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. Read this chapter carefully and understand the kind of ministry that will bring life into the churches. The work of the gospel is to be carried by means of our liberality as well as by our labors. When you meet suffering souls who need help, give it them. When you find those who are hungry, feed them. In doing this you will be working in lines of Christ’s ministry. The Master’s holy work was a benevolent work. Let our people everywhere be encouraged to have a part in it.”

—*Medical Ministry*, 263

A Compassionate Work

“[Isaiah 58] is the work God requires His people to do.... With the work of advocating the commandments of God and repairing the breach that has been made in the law of God, we are to mingle compassion for suffering humanity. We are to show supreme love to God; we are to exalt His memorial, which has been trodden down by unholy feet; and with this we are to manifest mercy, benevolence, and the tenderest pity for the fallen race. ‘Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.’ As a people we must take hold of this work. Love revealed for suffering humanity gives significance and power to the truth.”

—*Welfare Ministry*, 32

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—Manuscript Releases, vol. 5, 33

Christ's Manner of Work

“Let the instruction given in the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah be studied.... Wonderful would be the results if ministers and church members would be converted, and adopt Christ's manner of witnessing to the power of the Lord.

—*Paulson Collection, 297*

A Successful Work

“Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me.’”

—*Ministry of Healing*, 143