
 DN-16a – Supplemental Material

THE “DAILY” AND “THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST”

General Objectives: To establish the concept that the “Daily” of Daniel 8-12 cannot refer to the ministry of Christ.

Specific Objectives:

1. To define “the ministry of Christ”
 - a. The “wider ministry of Christ”
 - b. The mediatorial ministry of Christ
2. To link the mediatorial ministry of Christ with sacrificial atonement
3. To recognize the objection to sacrificial ministry as linked with the “Daily”
4. To recognize the problems encountered when the ministry of Christ is linked to the “Daily” of Daniel.

Position No. 1. Christ has a “Wider Ministry” which is NOT “taken away” at close of probation.

Christ’s mediatorial role is to be considered as including a “wider ministry” –as defined by EG White and referenced by the Word of God as follows.

So in the heavenly courts, in His ministry for all created beings: through the beloved Son, the Father’s life flows out to all; through the Son it returns, in praise and joyous service, a tide of love, to the great Source of all. And thus through Christ the circuit of beneficence is complete, representing the character of the great Giver, the law of life. -DA 21

Christ’s “wider ministry” for all created beings is everlasting. All of Christ’s roles and offices to man are mediatorial in nature. This “wider ministry” is described in Scripture as follows: Creator & Sustainer (CoL. 1:16,17); Lifegiver (John 5:21-26, 11:25); The Word (John 1:1-4); Covenant-Maker (Gen. 3:15); Communicator (John 14:15, 16:26); Son of God (Heb 1); Son of man (Matt.1); Servant-Minister (Phil. 2:5-8) and Sacrificial Lamb (Rev.1 & 5)

THEREFORE: The “wider ministry” of Christ will not cease at the close of probation. This “wider ministry” of Christ, as defined above, is not the “Daily” of the book of Daniel which will be “taken away” at the close of probation.

Position No. 2. Christ has the role of ministry as MEDIATOR—HIGH PRIEST which He now fills in the Most Holy Place, during the Antitypical Day of Atonement. At the Close of Probation, certain functions of Christ as MEDIATOR—HIGH PRIEST will cease.

The following quotations reveal a change to take place in these roles when Christ leaves the Most Holy Place and completes the work of the Investigative Judgment.

Isaiah 59:16 – And He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no **INTERCESSOR**.

GC 614 – 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**.

EW 71 – 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 in the time of trouble.

EW 281--...now there was **NO ATONING BLOOD** to cleanse the guilty, no compassionate Saviour to plead for them.

The above statements reveal that the specific roles of Christ will bring a change—“no Intercessor”, “without an Intercessor”, “without a High Priest”. Does this mean that Christ is no longer a Mediator? No, but that His work of mediating His blood in behalf of sinners is done. Everyone has made a decision and there is no reason to keep the Sanctuary in Heaven open.

Position No. 3. The role of Intercessor-Mediator and High Priest is validated only by the Atoning Blood Sacrifice.

The book of Hebrews defines the validity of the role of Christ as our High Priest and Mediator, only as specifically based upon His atoning blood sacrifice:

...that He might be a merciful and faithful HIGH PRIEST in things to God, **to make atonement for the sins of the people.** – Heb 2:17

For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. - Heb 5:1

“A **MINISTER** of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle... For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and **SACRIFICES wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat to offer.** – Heb. 8:2,3*

...into the second [Most Holy place] went the high priest alone once every year, **NOT WITHOUT BLOOD....** – Heb. 9:11,12

How much more shall the blood of Christ who through the eternal Spirit OFFERED HIMSELF without spot to God... And for this cause He is the **MEDIATOR** of the new testament. –Heb 9:14,15

The ministry of Christ as High Priest, Intercessor and Mediator in the antitypical “Day of Atonement”—“Cleansing of the Sanctuary” is connected inseparably with His blood sacrifice on Calvary. During the entire Investigative Judgment, Christ’s ministry as Mediator is that of making an application of His atoning blood offered on Calvary. At the close of probation there will no longer be “atoning blood” applied. (See EW 281, 282)

Position No. 4. The ministry of Christ as High Priest-Mediator is validated by His atoning blood SACRIFICE. The Lord, through His prophet, declares that the word [concept] of “sacrifice” may not be linked to the “Daily” which is “taken away” of Daniel.

The word “sacrifice” in the passage [Daniel 8:12] is italicized meaning it was added by the translators, but it does not belong with the text, as the messenger of the Lord confirmed in EW 75. “The Lord gave the correct view of it to those who gave the judgment hour cry. When union existed before 1844, nearly all were united on the correct view of the “daily”, but in the confusion since, 1844, other views have been embraced, and darkness and confusion have followed.

The “daily” of Daniel which is “taken away” has nothing to do with: 1) The wider ministry of Christ 2) The specific Mediatorial ministry of Christ, 1844 onward 3) The Investigative Judgment—Day of Atonement 4) The Close of Probation.

* Note: The Daniel 8:14 2300 day-year prophecy marks the beginning of the “cleansing of the sanctuary.” This “cleansing” is accomplished by an application of Christ’s Calvary “atoning blood” sacrifice. This blood sacrifice enables Christ to make atonement for sin in a legal procedure which, name by name, gathers each individual into His kingdom. This second phase of atonement is called the antitypical “Day of Atonement.” Atonement is performed only by spilling or application of blood sacrifice. Christ’s ministry in application of the atoning blood sacrifice will cease at the close of probation.