

The Ministry of Suffering – Part A
Our 7 ½ Year Testimony
Knowing God in the Sanctuary

Whitmore SDA Church
August 6 & 14
Sabbath Service

OUTLINE

- I. Opening Remarks on This 4-Part Mini-Series on the Sanctuary
 - a) Introduction
 - b) Read GC 488.2

Have Prayer

- II. Our Journey of Grief – The Ministry of Suffering

Our Testimony

- a) The Morning of Dec 19 –what happened -Give a little background on Brianna
Focus on these >> -Just joined CMM 6 wks before
- b) The Call No Parent Should Ever Receive -Manuel’s blessing (wk of)
-no text to mom, but a call from SW at Enloe
- c) The Cruel reality –Grief’s Stranglehold
 - i) Friday night –Brianna’s cat and dog
--I am the Resurrection & the Life
 - ii) Sun night –Kimberley’s testimony
 - iii) Mon night –Grant’s visit

Our Website and Foundation

To Be Continued

The Ministry of Suffering – Part B
Seven Steps to Maturity
IN HIS PRESENCE
Knowing God in the Sanctuary

Read 1st part of Sanctuary
Stmt (5T 575)
(Out of Carol's Notebook)

- I. From the Beginning of the Controversy
- Christ offered to become Man's Substitute
(Rev 13:8) & Surety

- a) Suffering Sin caused our Creator Stmt
(Ed 263.1)

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left throne of His Father.

"Few give thought to the suffering that sin has caused our Creator. All heaven suffered in Christ's agony; but that suffering did not begin or end with His manifestation in humanity. The cross is a revelation to our dull senses of the pain that, from its very inception, sin has brought to the heart of God.

- b) Because since the Foundation of the world He hath chosen us in Him (Christ). -Ephesians 1:4

-When we depart from the right, when we fail to reach His ideal in Christ—**He feels that grief.**

-God's purpose for the church to become a holy temple unto the Lord. {Eph 2:19-22}

- c) Focus on the Sanctuary (Chart)

- i) born in the courtyard of the earth
ii) baptized at Jordan (begins His public ministry)
iii) offered His life at Calvary (end of His ministry)

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II. Seven Steps to Maturity

We enter the Sanctuary relationship daily by allowing Him (God) to awaken us in the morning responding to His timing for your **worship**.

STEP 1 - **PRAISE**

- Begin **Worship** with **Praise** to God (Psalm 100:4)
-Sing some hymns or scripture songs
-Read praise passages in Scripture and SOP and meditate on Him and His glory.

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Tabernacle

STEP 2 - ALTAR OF SACRIFICE

Come to the Foot of the Cross

[Claim the Atoning Benefits of Death of Jesus]

Atoning Benefits
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This is necessary in order to embrace His Resurrected Life!

Jesus said Himself (Luke 9:23) that we must take up His cross and follow Him.

[Do the First 3]

Atoning Benefits
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-Agape Love – John 3:16/Rom 5:8

-Justification – Rom 3:24/ 5:9

-Reconciliation – Rom 5:10/2 Cor 5:19

STEP 3 - LAVER

Select passages like Titus 3:5; Eph 5:25; Heb 10:19-22 to wash the mind with the Word of God (its precepts) as we meditate upon and even pray it back to the Lord.

Make reference to the purpose of the Lavar historically
-the priest would wash before taking the blood into H.P.
and upon exiting they were to wash and after each sacrifice.

The water in the Lavar symbolizes the grace of God;
the furniture itself represents the law of God.

End of Part B

The Ministry of Suffering – Part C
Steps Four to Six
IN HIS PRESENCE
Knowing God in the Sanctuary
Sabbath Afternoon

STEP 4 - 7 BRANCH LAMPSTAND

- Mention about entering the **holy place**, focusing on the source of light.
- Refer to the construction and purpose of the furniture
- What the water and altar represent

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{Explain the relationship among the wicks/oil/flame}

Click to the next

Lastly read from Carol's *In His Presence* p.9, under the Lampstand

- Go over some texts—Gifts and the 7 Spirits
- And a SOP stmt or two.

STEP 5 - TABLE OF SHEWBREAD

Mainly go off of Carols' Syllabus (Pg. 11)

- What it represents, read opening paragraph.
- Then read M.L. Andreasen statement

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Reference some of those verses and share that this is where our spiritual life really grows, for you're eating the word and living by it.

Also read a few of the Spirit of Prophecy statements

STEP 6 - ALTAR OF INCENSE

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Here is where we commune with God, coming boldly to the throne of grace. Share on a natural level why this furniture was so important.

Natural level >>
Spiritual appl >>

{**Priest place blood on horns of altar and sprinkle it on the vail (Lev 4:6,17).
Intercessory prayer for others, not just ourselves.**}

Reference some of the passages in Scripture and SOP -(Carol's Syllabus)