

# Better Covenant Better Promises A Higher Priest

## Day of Atonement

### Leviticus 16

Leviticus 23:26-32

Hebrews 9:11-28; Romans 11:25-36



## Pressing Forward into 2023

### Sounding the Trumpet (Isaiah 58:1)

- A **BIBLICAL** view of sin.
- **SIN IS LAWLESSNESS.** (1 John 3:4)
  - Sin is ignoring the commands of God.
  - Sin is ignoring the imperative verbs in God's Word.
  - Sin is being ignorant of the God's commands and demands. (Lev 5:17)
    - ★ One learns what sin is by being a student/disciple of God's Word.
    - To be ignorant of God's Word is to be ignorant of sin.
  - Those who practice lawlessness will not be allowed into the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 7:21-23)
  - Disciples will fully submit themselves to the Law of God. (Rom 10:9-10)
- **SIN IS . . . Rebellion** (Jeremiah 28:16; 29:32; Psalm 95:8); **Despising God** (2 Samuel 12:9-10; Numbers 15:31); **Great Wickedness against God** (Genesis 39:9) **ALL sin is sin against God** (Psalm 51:4).

## Eternal Purpose of God

### God's Feasts

#### Fall Feasts - After the Harvest

- Matthew 9:37-38; 13:30; Luke 10:2; John 4:35
- **WARNING:** Jeremiah 8:20; Luke 21:24; Matthew 13:24-30

#### The Shadow: Day of Atonement

- First, this was **ONLY** for God's chosen people - Israel. There was no atonement for other nations! **MEDITATE!**
- This was the **MOST SOLEMN** day on **GOD's** calendar.
- A day of **NO WORK** **except** the High Priest.
- A day of laying aside majestic garments.

- A day of serving God's chosen people.
- A day of cleansing from sins.
- A day to afflict one's soul - a serious day.
- A day of laying on of hands.
- Sin offerings bull, two goats.
- A day of lots of blood (Hebrews 9:22)
- A day of ONLY a covering - NOT A BLOTTING OUT!!!
- A day of victory - the High Priest comes out of the Holy of Holies alive!
- A day of only a shadow. A shadow that had nopower! (Hebrews 10:4)

## What Happened on the Day of Atonement

- Only the high priest.
- Laid aside His majestic garments - took upon himself to be a servant.
- A bull offering **for himself** and his family
- ONE OFFERING **for the people**:
  - One goat (for the LORD) killed to satisfy God's justice
  - One goat (scapegoat) to fulfill His promise to His people. (Jer 31:34)
- Into the Holy of Holies with blood.
- Coming out of the Holy of Holies ALIVE.
- Great rejoicing!

## The Fulfillment of the Day of Atonement

- Immediate - Christ on the Cross
- Future - the restoration of the nation of Israel (Zech 12-14; Rom 11:25-36)

## The Substance: Jesus Christ (Colossians 2:16-17)

- Christ- Our GREAT High Priest. (Hebrews 2:17; 3:1; **4:14-15**; 7:26 . . .)
- Christ - Laying aside His majestic robe and coming as a bond servant to serve His people (John 13:4; Philippians 2:5-8)
- Christ - came to do the work (will) of God (John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38-40; 9:4; 17:4; 19:30)
- Christ - worked ALONE (Zechariah 13:7; **Matthew 26:56**; Mark 14:27, 50; John 16:32)
- Christ - entered into the MOST HOLY place into the presence of God.
- Christ - no offering was necessary for Himself. (1 John 3:5; Hebrews 7:26)
- Christ - the Priest, the Offering (John 1:36), the Offerer (John 10:18)
- Christ - the innocent substitute for His people (John 1:36; Isa 53:7-10)
- Christ - God laying our sins upon Christ (Isaiah 53:6)
- Christ - accepting the sins of His people - the Surety (Heb 7:22; Psalm 69:8)
- Christ - TWO GOATS: the sin offering and the scapegoat!
- Christ - His precious blood to obtain ETERNAL REDEMPTION for His people  
Meditate on Luke 24:25-27, 44-46; Hebrews 9:12.

- Christ - the “Scapegoat” taking our sins away as far as the east is from the west. (Psalm 103:12)
- Christ - ONCE - not every year - not an atonement but a complete blotting away of all our sins forever. (Isaiah 43:25; Heb 7:12; 9:12, 26, 28; 10:10)
- Christ - FINISHED the work - “IT IS FINISHED” (John 19:30)
- Christ - He arose for our justification and is alive making intercession for us. (Romans 4:25; Hebrews 7:25; Romans 5:10-11 - “**much more**”)

## BETTER - BETTER - BETTER

- **Better Higher High Priest** (Hebrews 2:17; 3:1; 4:14-15; 5:5-10; 6:20; 7:25-26; 9:11, 25; 10:21)
  - A LIVING HIGH PRIEST that continually makes intercession for all whom He died! (Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:34)
- **Better Promises** (Hebrews 6:11-12; 11:13-16; 2 Peter 1:4)
  - “**exceedingly great and precious promises**” (2 Peter 1:3-4)
  - For those who are NOT lazy/sluggish/complacent. (Hebrews 6:11-12; 2 Peter 1:5-8; Zephaniah 1:12)
  - An **eternal** inheritance. (Hebrews 11:13-16; 1 Peter 1:4)
  - Secured by God Himself - “**kept by the power of God**” (1 Peter 1:5)
    - Kept from:
      - ① Dominion of sin. (Romans 6:14; Ezekiel 36:26-27)
      - ② Drawn out of the narrow way by the temptations of the world, Satan and our own lusts). (1 John 2:15-17; Titus 2:12)
      - ③ The deceptions of false teachers. (Psalm 23:2; 2 Peter 2:1-2)
      - ④ Being overcome by Satan. (1 Peter 5:8; 1 John 2:13; 4:4)
      - ⑤ From departing from God and making shipwreck of our faith. (2 Timothy 4:10; 1 Timothy 1:19; Jeremiah 2:12-13)
      - ⑥ From sinking into the lewdness of the world. (Jude 4)
- **Better Covenant** (Hebrews 7:22)
  - An **EVERLASTING COVENANT!** (Ezekiel 36:26-27; Jeremiah 32:40; Hebrews 13:20)
  - **ETERNAL REDEMPTION!** (Hebrews 9:22)
  - By ONE OFFERING, of HIS BODY, we have been sanctified **once for all!** (Hebrews 10:10; **10:14**)
- NOT AN ATONEMENT but a **COMPLETE BLOTTING OUT.** (Isaiah 43:25)

## Our Take Away - Our Doing

- We preach “repentance **and** remission” of sins. (Luke 24:47; 13:1-5; Acts 17:30-31)
- Afflicting ourselves - examination, confession, repentance, mortifying
  - **Exam** ourselves (2 Corinthians 13:5; 2 Peter 1:10)
  - **Confess** (1 John 1:6-10; Proverbs 28:13)

- **Repent** (Acts 17:30; Luke 13:1-5; Mark 1:14-15)
  - Sin is **LAWLESSNESS**. (1 John 3:4)
  - Repentance is turning back to the Law of God.
- **Mortify** Sin (Colossians 3:5; Romans 6:6; 8:13; Galatians 5:24)
- **Rejoice** in what Christ has done - back to eternal purpose.
  - Philippians 4:4; John 16:33; Romans 12:12
- **PRAY - PRAY - PRAY** to the Lord of the Harvest (Luke 10:2; Romans 12:12)
  - Pray for the lost
  - Pray for the missionaries
  - Pray for the nations
- **WORK - SOW (PLANT) - WATER - REAP** - (1 Cor 11:1; 3:6-8; 15:10, 58)

## There Is **NO OTHER** “Atonement” for Sins

- (1 Timothy 2:5-6) There is only **ONE MEDIATOR** between man and the One and Only God of the Universe.
- (Acts 4:12) There is **NO** salvation in any other person in all of history except the person Jesus Christ.
- (John 14:6) There is **NO OTHER WAY** to God EXCEPT through Jesus Christ. RELIGION is NOT THE WAY!
- (John 3:36) Eternal life is promised to all who believe (as defined by Scripture) and all unbelievers are already condemned and the WRATH of God (NOT THE LOVE of GOD) abides on them.
- (1 John 5:11-12) Eternal life is only for those who are IN CHRIST JESUS. (Romans 8:1)
- (Romans 2:6-11) Eternal life is promised only to those who are doing good by doing the will of God. (John 5:24-; 1 John 2:17)
- (Revelation 20:15) Anyone not found written in the Book of Life will be cast in the lake of fire. Is your name written in this Book?
- (Titus 2:11-14) We are saved by GRACE (Ephesians 2:8-9) and that GRACE teaches its recipients to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present age.