

The Day of Atonement

Proclamation Life Groups; Leviticus 16:1-34; Week of Sunday, October 7, 2018; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme: How can sinful people live in the presence of a holy God? Jesus came to make atonement for our sin; for Christ suffered once for sin, the righteous for the unrighteous that He might bring us to God. Because of His substitutionary atonement, we are reconciled to God for all eternity.

I. Overview of the Day of Atonement – Read Leviticus 16:1-34

- A. Why do you think v.1 starts with an allusion back to Nadab and Abihu in Leviticus 10:1-2?
- B. The word “atonement” occurs 16 times in Leviticus 16. What does it mean?
- C. What is the order of events on the Day of Atonement? What is the significance of this order?
- D. What was accomplished as a result of the Day of Atonement (Leviticus 16:29-30, 34)?

II. The High Priest on the Day of Atonement

- A. What do you notice about the way that Aaron is dressed? What stands out to you?
- B. What is the purpose of the cloud of incense before the Lord?
- C. What details show the high priest as a mediator? How is the frequency helpful for the people?

III. The Sacrifice and the Scapegoat on the Day of Atonement

- A. For whom does Aaron make atonement and what is used to make that atonement (Lev. 17:11)?
- B. Is this sacrifice sufficient to make atonement for the sins of the people? How do we know?
- C. How does the scapegoat serve as a picture of substitution?
- D. Where was the scapegoat sent? What necessarily happened to it and how is that helpful?

IV. New Testament Explanation and Personal Application

- A. What N.T. passages cause you to think of Jesus as a humble high priest mediator as well as the substitutionary sacrifice for sin (Hebrews is helpful – 2:17-18; 9:6-7, 11-14, 23-28; 10:11-14)?
- B. What N.T. passages cause you to think of Jesus as our once for all scapegoat?
- C. How do the deaths of Aaron’s sons and the details in Lev. 16 cause you to think about God?
- D. How does the clear picture of Christ and His role as the high priest mediator, the sin offering sacrifice, and the substitutionary scapegoat cause you to glory in God’s offer of salvation?