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**JAMES 4:8** 







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## How Do Things Glow in the Double

- Things glow in the dark because of a phenomenon called luminescence, where a material absorbs energy and then releases it as light.
- Our Goal as Believers is to be a Light in the Darkness by absorbing energy from the Presence of God to go out in to the world uplifting the hung down and winning the souls of the lost in this season!





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## Questions for Better Understanding

- Is this my most toxic season of the year when it comes to relationships?
- Do I spend time reflecting on God's Goodness and Mercy?
- How Can I be sure that God is enough for me in this season of temptation?
- How Can I build a healthy relationship with God to supplement my physical temptations in this season?
- Can I stay discipline enough through this season to possibly never have to experience it again?
- Do I truly know what Getting closer to God means



Cuffing season is a phenomenon that entails partnering up with (or "handcuffing" yourself to) a special someone for the colder months.



This time period can stretch from November to Valentine's Day-even from late October to spring's arrival in March.



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#### Drafting

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#### Cuffing Plateau



January - February

With the holidays over, the reality of winter sets in. Couples are still going strong, but the excitement of cuffing season starts to fade a little.

#### The Break-Up



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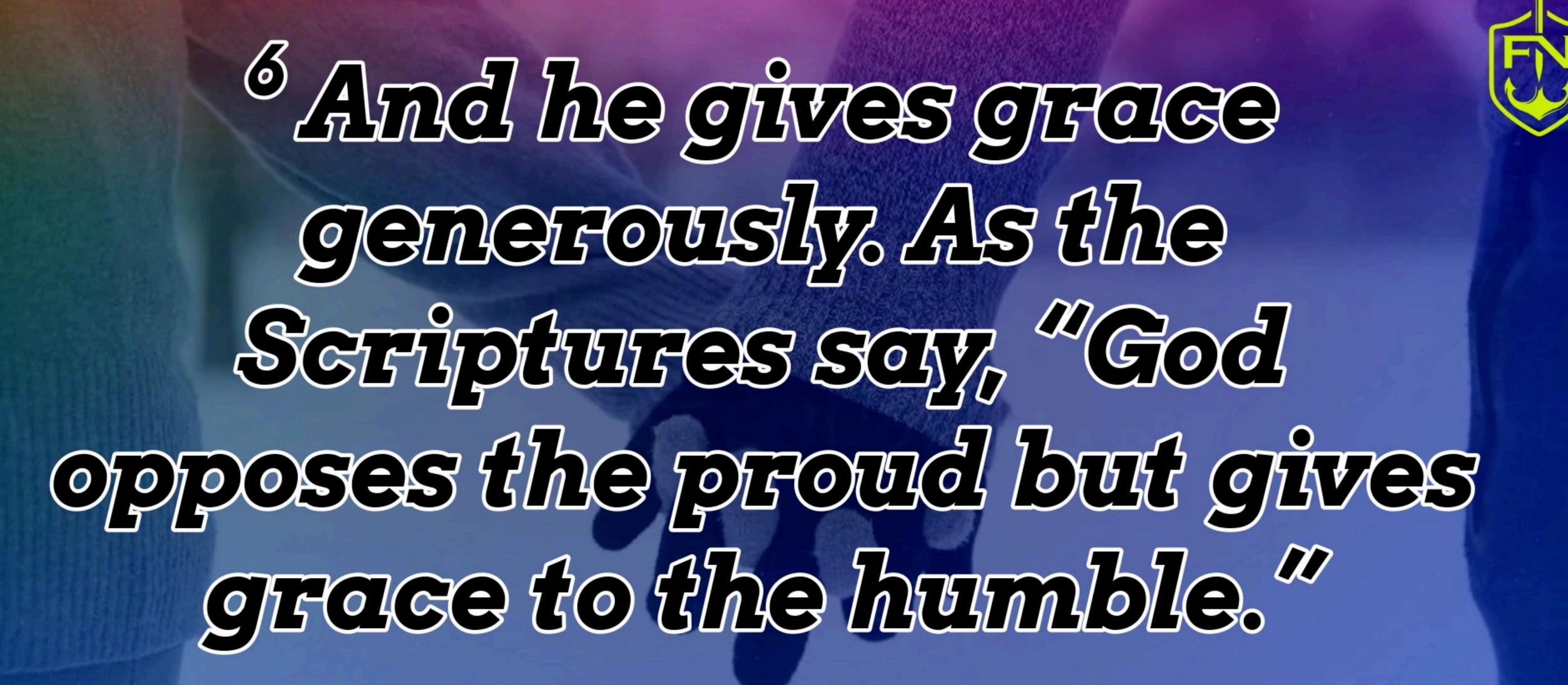
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## <sup>7</sup>So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

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Ecome close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you Sinners, purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. Tames 4:6-10 MIL

<sup>9</sup> Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be soffow and deep grief. Let there be sadmess instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joya

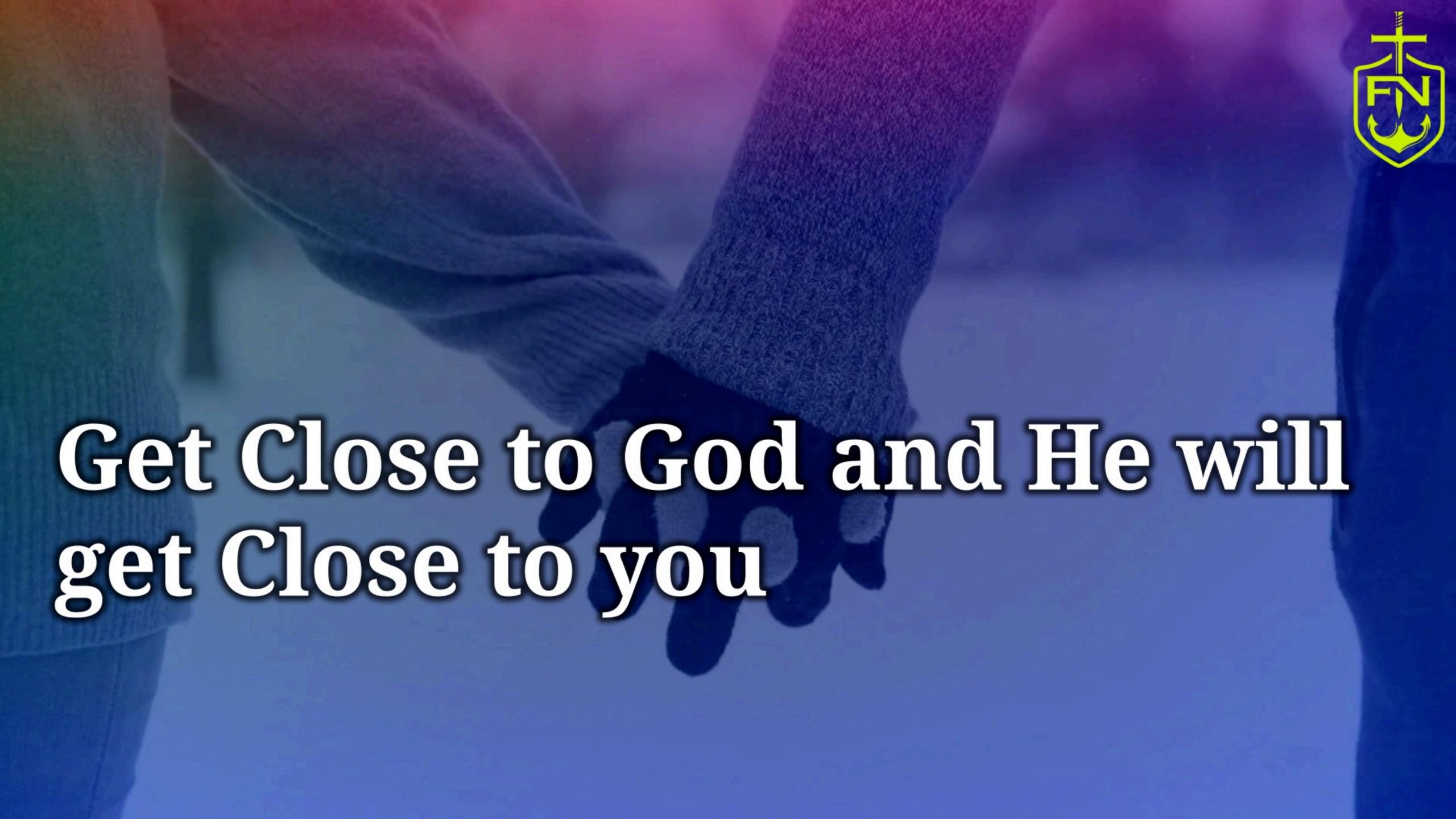
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Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.

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Now is the time to get closer to God than you ever have been before. It is through intimacy and time spent with God that you will gain the strength you need to overcome the Power of the enemy that tricks you into your yearly cycle around this time.



The world tells you that you need a "Boo" when you really need the Presence of God to comfort you through a season like this.



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Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

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Humility is the foundation/Heart Posture you need to gain the ability to PRAY Humility is the requirement for Relationship Relationship is the requirement for Intimacy

## Pastor G's Goal for this Season



To expose you to the unconditional Love that everyone needs to not only survive, but to Thrive in this season! In the darkest time of the year, can you rely on God and be discipled into mature Followers of Jesus Christ through some of the most trying and tempting times of the year!



# The power of the Holy Ghost is the only thing that can you keep you from falling!



But you, my dear friends, must remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ predicted.

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They told you that in the last times there would be scoffers whose purpose in life is to satisfy their ungodly desires.

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These people are the ones who are creating divisions among you. They follow their natural instincts because they do not have God's Spirit in them.

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But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit,

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and avait the merey of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life. In this way, you will keep yourselves safe in God's love.

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# <sup>22</sup> And you must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering.

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Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment. Show mercy to still others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives.

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Wow all gloty to God, who is able to keep you from falling avay and will being you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault.

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25 All glory to him who alone is God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord. All glory, majesty, power, and authority are his before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time! Amen.

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### In order to Develop a Heart Posture of Praise, we Must learn the power of "REFLECTION"

#### The Day of Atonement- Yom Kippur



The Day of Atonement, or Yom Kippur (Leviticus 23:27-28), was the most sacred day in ancient Israel—a day set apart once a year for the forgiveness of sins. On this day, the high priest entered the Most Holy Place to offer sacrifices for himself and all the people. It was a serious and holy time that showed sin could only be forgiven God's way.



The high priest first washed and dressed in special garments, offered a bull for his own sins, and then brought two goats before the Lord:



- One goat was sacrificed, and its blood was sprinkled on the Ark to represent forgiveness.
- The other, called the scapegoat, symbolically carried the people's sins into the wilderness, showing that their guilt was removed.

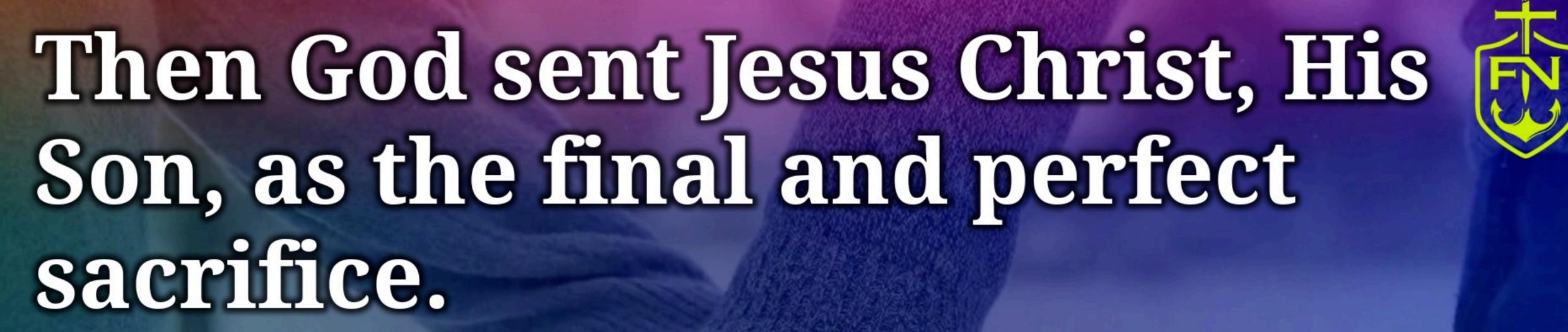




# Def of Atonement - "making things right with God."

When we sin, it separates us from God — like a wall or a broken relationship. Sin creates distance between us and Him because God is holy and perfect. But God didn't want to stay separated from us. So, He made a way to repair that relationship.

In the Old Testament, people offered Animal Sacrifices—the blood of those sacrifices symbolized payment for their sins. But that was only temporary. It had to be done over and over again.



When Jesus died on the cross, He took the punishment that we deserved.

His blood didn't just <u>Cover</u> sin — it Removed it completely.

So now, when we accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, we are at one with God again — that's what Atonement really means:

> At-One-Ment — being made one with God through Jesus.



Sin separates us.
Sacrifice restores us.
Jesus reconnects us forever

Because of atonement, we can have Forgiveness, Peace & Eternal Life with God.

## The Day of Atonement- pt. 200

Jesus ended the need for yearly cleansing rituals when He offered Himself as the perfect "once for all" sacrifice (Hebrews 7:27). The blood of animals could only cover sin temporarily, but Christ's sacrifice was enough for all who believe. When He said, "It is finished" (John 19:30) and sat at God's right hand, no further sacrifice was needed (Hebrews 10:1-12).



### The two goats on the Day of Atonement symbolized what Christ accomplished:

- one represented appeasing God's wrath,
- and the other represented the removal of sin.

Through His death, Jesus both satisfied God's justice and took away our sins forever (Romans 5:9; Psalm 103:12; Hebrews 8:12).





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