

Week of October 29, 2023

Leviticus 16

The Lord spoke to Moses after the death of two of Aaron's sons when they approached the presence of the Lord and died. 2 The Lord said to Moses, "Tell your brother Aaron that he may not come whenever he wants into the holy place behind the curtain in front of the mercy seat on the ark or else he will die, because I appear in the cloud above the mercy seat.

3 "Aaron is to enter the most holy place in this way: with a young bull for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering. 4 He is to wear a holy linen tunic, and linen undergarments are to be on his body. He is to tie a linen sash around him and wrap his head with a linen turban. These are holy garments; he must bathe his body with water before he wears them. 5 He is to take from the Israelite community two male goats for a sin offering and one ram for a burnt offering.

6 "Aaron will present the bull for his sin offering and make atonement for himself and his household.

7 Next he will take the two goats and place them before the Lord at the entrance to the tent of meeting.

8 After Aaron casts lots for the two goats, one lot for the Lord and the other for an uninhabitable place,

9 he is to present the goat chosen by lot for the Lord and sacrifice it as a sin offering. 10 But the goat chosen by lot for an uninhabitable place is to be presented alive before the Lord to make atonement with it by sending it into the wilderness for an uninhabitable place.

Questions:

- How does the notion of a humble representative resonate with your spiritual journey?
- Reflect on the idea of satisfying just concerns about sin and divine reconciliation.
- How can we align the concept of cleansing sin's pollution with redemption and spiritual purity?
- What role does the redemptive power of Jesus play in your understanding of salvation and forgiveness?
- How can these timeless concepts be applied in everyday life for personal growth and renewal on your faith journey?