

The Heart of Leviticus

Leviticus 16:29-34

The Habits of the Priest (v1-10)

Three General Observations about the Priest

1. He was only allowed to go to the Holy of Holies once a year.
2. He wore a different robe than we wore during his daily priestly routine
3. He needed also needed atonement for himself before approaching the presence of God

Two-Fold Purpose of the High Priest

1. Act on behalf of God to the people
2. Act on behalf of the people to God

The Heart of the Process (v11-28)

3 Important Rites

- A. Purification offerings (v11-19)
- B. The scapegoat (v 20-22)
- C. Burnt offerings (v23-24)

Simple Four-fold Understanding of the Gospel

1. God loves you.
2. God cares about you.
3. God wants to be with you.
4. That's why Jesus **came**.

The Humility of the People (v29-34)

2 Observations

1. The blessing of atonement wasn't just for the Jews, it was for anyone among them.
2. A proper response to God's atonement is repentance which brings the blessings of atonement into our lives.

Takeaways

1. *Through the death of Jesus, sin wasn't just cleansed from us. It was sent away.*
2. *Through atonement, God is our God and we are His people.*
3. *In the Old Testament, we see that sins contaminates anything it touches. In the New Testament, we see a reversal...Jesus cleanses sin.*
4. *Atonement was not just for the Jews, it was for the foreigners showing that God's grace wasn't just for a select few.*
5. *A proper response to God's atonement is repentance.*