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***411: Week 7- Atonement**

We've used the understanding of what is happening thus far in the story as like Light and Shadow. The things that are happening in the Old Testament are a bit dark and gray, but they are pointing us to the LIGHT of the New Testament.

An assortment of miscellaneous objects that NOW, in the midst of a Memorial Service, carry much more meaning than they had just days before.

In a similar way, that's what we're called on to do today, share in a Memorial Service. When Jesus brought his disciples together at the Passover, they sat around a table, and Jesus picked up two very common items that were staples on every table in every house in Jerusalem: bread and wine.

Communion is a Call to Remember: It's tragic when a believer loses the wonder of what it means to be redeemed. It is even more horrific when a believer forgets the Redeemer!

The culmination of the lessons we have been working through the last few weeks find their place at what we mentioned last week as the Day of Atonement. Today the word is ATONEMENT.

I. Moses to the Rescue

The word was first used when Moses came back down off the mountain, and it would be anything of a guarantee!

"Whoever is for the Lord, come to me." And all the Levites rallied to him. The next day Moses said to the people, "You have committed a great sin. But now I will go up to the Lord; perhaps I can make ATONEMENT for your sin."

Atonement means: what it takes to put something that is wrong, RIGHT.

A. Being SORRY won't do it. It's not enough.

The damage must be repaired. The Atonement was the price that had to be paid to put what was wrong right, and restore the relationship.

Question: What does it take to bring You and God together and make you AT ONE?

Here's a lot of people's attempt to answer it:

1. Depending on Yourself can't do it
2. Your WORKS won't get it done

II. The Perfect Sacrifice

After the Tabernacle was completed, Moses instructed Aaron to go into the Most Holy Place and offer the sacrifice on behalf of the people.

Our SACRIFICE is a Repentant Heart!

It was our sin that nailed Jesus to the cross. He was an innocent victim. He did not deserve that death, we do. But he took our place. And so that we will never forget, we gathered at the table today, to remember his sacrifice on our account.