



LEVITICUS

Sermon Points & Notes

Week 5 - 11.5.23 | Tyler Wilson

Title: Day of Atonement

Scripture: Leviticus 16-17

Main Point:

Through the once and for all atonement of Jesus, God has opened the way for us into His presence forever.

On the Levitical System:

"As a sinful people in a world of death, we are tempted to become acclimated to sin and death. The Levitical system was designed to press against this worldly acclimation, against the felt sense that sin and death are normal. It was designed instead to acclimate Israel to life and holiness, to the presence of the living and holy God." - Joe Rigney

The Presence of God - Leviticus 16:1-2

Making Atonement

- **Step 1** (16:11-14) - Aaron sacrifices the bull as a sin offering for himself and enters through the curtain into the holy of holies to sprinkle cleansing blood for himself
- **Step 2** (16:7-10, 15-16) - Aaron sacrifices goat #1 as a sin offering for the people & does same with blood in holy of holies for people.
- **Step 3** (16:7-10, 20-22) - Aaron transfers sin onto goat #2 (scapegoat) and sends it away into the wilderness

Leviticus 16:21:

And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all their sins. And he shall put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is in readiness.

- **#1 - Iniquities** (AVON) - to be bent / crooked / not straight = Crooked, broken, distorted actions and choices.
- **#2 - Transgressions** (PESHA) - to violate / break away / rebel = ways people violate trust of others, breaking relationship
- **#3 - Sin** (KHATA) - to miss the mark / fall short = selfish failures to love God and others with the honor they deserve

Exodus 34:6-7

Leviticus 16:21-22

Psalms 103:12

The 2 goats combined form a powerful picture of atonement's expiation & propitiation.

Sin has been both forgiven AND forgotten.

Leviticus 16:29

Leviticus 16:30-34

Leviticus 17:5

Leviticus 17:7

Privatized, on the side worship eventually morphs into false worship.

Leviticus 17:10-14

Why the need for the Day of Atonement? Were the regular sacrifices not enough?

"The people's sin has been a growing mountain of defilement piling up throughout the year - It won't just disappear... it must be dealt with. It must be cleansed. The offenses to God don't just go away, they must be taken away." - Derek Tidball

Hebrews 9:7; 11-14

#1 - Jesus bore our AVON (iniquities)

- **Isaiah 53:5-6:**

*“But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our **iniquities**; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the **iniquity** of us all.”*

#2 - Jesus suffered for our PESHA (transgressions)

- **Isaiah 53:5:**

*“But he was pierced for our **transgressions**; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.”*

- **Isaiah 53:8:**

*“By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the **transgression** of my people?”*

- **Isaiah 53:12:**

*“Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the **transgressors**; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the **transgressors**.”*

#3 - Jesus took on our KHATA (sin)

- **Isaiah 53:12:**

*“Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the **sin** of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.”*

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Are you worshiping on your own - disconnected from God's Word and uncommitted to God's church in a do-it-yourself spirituality?
2. Where have you allowed yourself to be desensitized to death and the sanctity of life?
3. Is there any sin you're failing to confess?
4. Is there any sin you're failing to believe is truly forgiven?
5. Are you drawing near - relishing the presence of God?

Hebrews 10:19-22

Hebrews 4:16-18

In Christ we can approach God freely!