

Holiness Revealed

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Our sin is much worse than we think.

The LORD spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they drew near before the LORD and died... Leviticus 16:1

- **How good is *good enough*?**

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

God's grace is much greater than we think.

And he shall take from the congregation of the people of Israel two male goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering. Leviticus 16:5

- **Justification:** The first goat was offered as a sacrifice for our sin, showing that our sin is paid for.
- **Cleansing:** The second goat was sent into the wilderness to show us the result of the atonement.

Jesus is our High Priest who solves our problem of sin.

How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! Hebrews 9:14

- **Leviticus was not written to tell us all we need to do but to reveal all God would do for us.**

We receive God's grace by faith.

This is to be a lasting ordinance for you: On the tenth day of the seventh month you must deny yourselves and not do any work—whether native-born or a foreigner residing among you—³⁰because on this day atonement will be made for you, to cleanse you. Then, before the LORD, you will be clean from all your sins. Leviticus 16:29-30

Our response to this great sacrifice.

Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:15-16

Let's Connect

- What's the biggest mess you've made?

Let's Talk About It

God created us to be like Him and reflect His love and goodness to the world. But our sin affected our ability to relate to a holy God and live the life He created us to live. Leviticus reveals to us that our sin is much deeper than we imagine. But this book also shows us that God's grace is much greater than we think. Through the life, death, blood, and resurrection of Christ, God provided a way for us to be forgiven and cleansed from sins. We receive this gift by faith and respond to His grace every day by living lives that glorify and honor Him.

Exodus 12:13; Leviticus 10:1-2; Romans 3:23; Leviticus 16:1-5, 10, 20-22, 29-30; Hebrews 9:11-14; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 13:15-16

- Which part of the message impacted or challenged you?
- Read Leviticus 16:1-5, 10, 20-22, 29-30. List as many details about the *Day of Atonement* ritual as you can find. Which element is most surprising to you? Why?
- Why were there two goat sacrifices? What did they represent, and why is understanding *both* essential to our spiritual foundation?
- Read Romans 3:23 and Hebrews 9:11-4. If someone were to ask you, "Why can't God just overlook sin," what would you say? Why is Jesus the perfect sacrifice and the perfect High Priest?
- Read Hebrews 13:15-16. What does it look like to live your life in response to the Gospel of what God did on the day He took away your sins? How does understanding this change the way you live?

Take a Step

- What step can you take this week to live your life in a greater way as a response to the Gospel? What do you need to start doing? What might you need to stop doing? What priorities need to change?

Here's My Prayer

God, You are holy because You alone are the one and only unique author, creator, and sustainer of all life. I praise You for justifying and cleansing me of my sins through the death of Your son, Jesus. Thank You for granting me access by faith to come to You at all times. Empower me by Your Holy Spirit to live a life that honors the sacrifice You made for me – a life of worship, gratitude, and generosity. In Jesus' name, amen.