

“Our LORD & the Day of Atonement”

Leviticus ch.16-17

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VIDEO: *“Jesus: Not Dead!”*

INTRO: principle.... seeing something but needing someone to explain what you just saw so that you can “really see what you just saw...”

BIG IDEA: God’s truth, love, mercy, grace & purpose are ALL explained & exemplified in His divine-design of a sacrificial atonement system... a system whose greatest O.T. expression **was** the Day of Atonement... & **IS** the N.T.’s gospel (a.k.a. Great Friday & Resurrection Sunday).

PREVIEW:

- A day of *CLARIFICATION*
- A day of *CONTEMPLATION*
- A day of *CELEBRATION*

CONTEXT: Easter Sunday’s about an *ETERNAL* story...

- **Q:** Why are we here... & how do you know?
- **A:** Our LORD... His love... & Leviticus: BE Holy!

T/S: Let me ask you a personal, experiential question:

Have you ever **KNOWN** that you’ve seen something... only to realize that you don’t **REALLY** know what you saw?

- Like me at Montreal's Museum of Fine Arts...
 - I need an artistic interpreter...
- Like Griffin & Monet in Paris @ Picasso's place...



- My Barcelona "gore, ear, tail" bullfight...

T/S: Leviticus 16-17 could feel like that to some...

I. CLARIFICATION

- **Engaging Scripture... Leviticus: "BE Holy!"**
 - Leviticus' chiasmic-arch & powerful parallels
 - Lasting love vs. list of laws...
 - God speaks & His people listen & obey...
 - Jesus said: *"If you love Me, you will obey..."*
 - Discipling includes *"teaching them to obey"*
 - God says: "Obey or else!"
 - Love listens, love learns & love loves back! JDP

TEXT: **Leviticus 16: The Day of Atonement**

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22 As the goat goes into the wilderness, it will carry all the people's sins upon itself into a desolate land. - NLT

30For on this day shall atonement be made for you to cleanse you. You shall be clean before the LORD from all your sins. 31It is a Sabbath of solemn rest to you, and you shall afflict yourselves (fast); it is a statute forever. 32And the priest who is anointed and consecrated as priest in his father's place shall make atonement, wearing the holy linen garments. 33He shall make atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make atonement for the tent of meeting and for the altar, and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly. 34And this shall be a statute forever for you, that atonement may

be made for the people of Israel once in the year because of all their sins.” And Aaron did as the LORD commanded Moses.

Chapter 17:

1And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2“Speak to Aaron and his sons and to all the people of Israel and say to them, This is the thing that the LORD has commanded...

7So they shall no more sacrifice their sacrifices to goat demons, after whom they whore. This shall be a statute forever for them throughout their generations.

11For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.... 14For the life of every creature is its blood: its blood is its life.

VIDEO: “Sacrifice & Atonement”

We need to SEE the sacrificial-Atonement system as the LORD’s priceless GIFT that paved the way for personal redemption & restoration... Hence, holiness is NOT a single do/don’t, in or out, rule keeping issue. No. Holiness is more in line with the old 3-legged stool illustration.... Think about it... Holiness engages, explains & exemplifies; first, the content of biblical truth; second, the culture of biblical love; and third, the combat of biblical, spiritual warfare. - JDP

God’s sacrificial love set His people FREE... to BE! - JDP

II. CONTEMPLATION

- A. **Who?**
- B. **How?**
- C. **Why?**

WHO?

-Where do TWO people (YOU & Jesus) “fit” into what we’ve just shared & clarified?

It’s eternally essential that you embrace BOTH!



How?

- Sacrificial Atonement...
- The Gospel of Jesus Christ...
- The promise, power, & purpose of the Spirit

VIDEO: *“MacArthur & the Spirit”*

Why?

- The Glory of God
- Love of the Lord
- The Saving of Saints (holy ones)

T/S: When you combine the glorification of God, the love of our Lord, and His saving of His saints... there’s no better recipe for celebration anywhere in creation!

III. CELEBRATION

A. Old & New...

- a. BOTH are celebrations of restorations!
- b. “Good for a year” - with daily maintenance
- c. Blessed for eternity, even w/ daily struggles

B. Mission & Ministry

- a. Matthew 28:18-20
- b. Acts 1:8
- c. John 20:21

“Every saved person this side of heaven owes the gospel to every lost person this side of hell.”

– **David Platt, Radical**

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be My witnesses. . . locally, regionally, & globally." - Acts 1:8



C. Invitation & Inspiration

"God's design for taking the gospel to the world is a slow, intentional, simple process that involves every one of his people sacrificing every facet of their lives to multiply the life of Christ in others." — David Platt, Radical

- a. Brenda
- b. Tara
- c. Daphne (Uganda)
- d. **25 new seminary students in India**

D. Macro & Micro

- a. This is the world's giant fork in the road...
- b. The Gospel divides crowds, unifies Church
- c. Everyone has to decide... world or worship?

*** In or Out Illustration ***

- A. You in the world
- B. You in sin
- C. Sin in you...

(Something has to change... but HOW?)

VIDEO: *GLOVE Illustration*

*** *Now picture the parable of the hidden treasure!*

- D. God gospels you! Draws you out of sin unto Him!
- E. Spirit IN you.
- F. You “sealed” IN Christ
- G. You and Christ IN God the Father

- Colossians 1:27... Christ IN us...
- Ephesians 1... He is a deposit IN you...
- “...sealed with the Spirit IN you...”
- 2 Cor. 5:17... WE are in Christ... new creation!
- Colossians 3... WE are hidden WITH Christ... IN God (the Father)

CLOSE:

Let's Pray!

VIDEO: *“Sweet Jesus”*

1. CLARIFICATION:

a. SAY What? (Fundamentals, Faith, & Forever)

i. Fundamentals

1. God's Word

1 Thessalonians 2:13: For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

2. God's Will

Hebrews 1:1-3. & Leviticus... "God spoke"

3. God's Way(s)

2 Timothy 3:16-17: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17**so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

ii. Faith

1. Hebrews 11:6: And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

2. Romans 10:17: So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ. – NASB
3. Ephesians 2:8-10: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9**not a result of works, so that no one may boast. **10**For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

iii. Forever

1. John 19:30: “...Jesus said, It is finished!”
2. Hebrews 9:27: And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,
3. John 5:29: Those who have done good will rise to experience eternal life, and those who have continued in evil will rise to experience judgment(/condemnation). -NLT & KJV

FOR What? (Glory of God; Advance the Gospel; Display of Grace)

a. Glory of God

- i. 1 Corinthians 10:31: So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
- ii. Colossians 3:17: Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.
- iii. John 15:8 "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

b. Advance of His Gospel/Good-News

- i. Matthew 28:18-20
- ii. Mark 16:15: And Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.
- iii. John 20:21: As the Father has sent Me, so now I send you.

c. Display of His Grace

- i. Grace is best displayed by Mercy. – JDP
- ii. BE-ing the loving fruit-&-proof of Acts 1:8!

2. FROM What? (Sin; Satan; Self)

2.

- Examples of the Israelites after Egypt...
- Examples of us after hearing & seeing the gospel

a. Sin

- i. Romans 3:23: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- ii. Romans 6:23: For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- iii. John 3:3... 16... 36
 - ~ 3:3 - Jesus replied, "I assure you: Unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." - HCSB
 - ~ 3:16 - "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.
 - ~ 3:36 - Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

b. Satan

- i. 1 Peter 5:8: Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. - NLT
- ii. 2 Corinthians 4:4: ...the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the

gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

- iii. Revelation 20:10: And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

c. Self

- i. John 8:44: "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.
- ii. 1 John 3:10: By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.
- iii. Romans 1:30: They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They invent new ways of sinning, and they disobey their parents. - NLT

3. CONTEMPLATION: SO What? (Here, Heaven, &/or Hell)

a. Here

- i. John 17:3: And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
- ii. John 10:10: The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
- iii. Colossians 1:27: For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.

b. Heaven

- i. Hebrews 1:1-3
- ii. John 14:3 (cf. v.6) "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.
- iii. Philippians 3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ

c. Hell

- i. Matthew 25:46: "And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

- ii. 2 Thessalonians 1:9: These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,
- iii. 2 Peter 2:4-10 **4**For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment... **9**...then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment. **10**This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the flesh and despise authority.

4. CELEBRATION: NOW What? (Ignore OR Ignite)

a. Ignore

- i. 1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man/person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.
- ii. John 3:19: And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

b. Ignite

- i. John 6:44: No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.
- ii. Ephesians 2:1-5: (***By Grace Through Faith...***) “...you were dead in your trespasses and sins 2in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—
- iii. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore

you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. [21](#)For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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[6](#)“Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering for himself and shall make atonement for himself and for his

house. **7** Then he shall take the two goats and set them before the LORD at the entrance of the tent of meeting. **8** And Aaron shall cast lots over the two goats, one lot for the LORD and the other lot for Azazel. **9** And Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot fell for the LORD and use it as a sin offering, **10** but the goat on which the lot fell for Azazel shall be presented alive before the LORD to make atonement over it, that it may be sent away into the wilderness to Azazel.

11 “Aaron shall present the bull as a sin offering for himself, and shall make atonement for himself and for his house. He shall kill the bull as a sin offering for himself. **12** And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from the altar before the LORD, and two handfuls of sweet incense beaten small, and he shall bring it inside the veil **13** and put the incense on the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is over the testimony, so that he does not die. **14** And he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the front of the mercy seat on the east side, and in front of the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.

15 “Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, sprinkling it over the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat. **16** Thus he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleannesses of the people of Israel and because of their transgressions, all their sins. And so he shall do for the tent of meeting, which dwells with them in the midst of their

uncleannesses. [17](#)No one may be in the tent of meeting from the time he enters to make atonement in the Holy Place until he comes out and has made atonement for himself and for his house and for all the assembly of Israel. [18](#)Then he shall go out to the altar that is before the LORD and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and some of the blood of the goat, and put it on the horns of the altar all around. [19](#)And he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it and consecrate it from the uncleannesses of the people of Israel.

[20](#)“And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place and the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall present the live goat. [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. [22](#)The goat shall bear all their iniquities on itself to a remote area, and he shall let the goat go free in the wilderness.

[23](#)“Then Aaron shall come into the tent of meeting and shall take off the linen garments that he put on when he went into the Holy Place and shall leave them there. [24](#)And he shall bathe his body in water in a holy place and put on his garments and come out and offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people and make atonement for himself and for the people. [25](#)And the fat of the sin offering he shall burn on the altar. [26](#)And he who lets the goat go to Azazel shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water,

and afterward he may come into the camp. **27**And the bull for the sin offering and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the Holy Place, shall be carried outside the camp. Their skin and their flesh and their dung shall be burned up with fire. **28**And he who burns them shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and afterward he may come into the camp.

29“And it shall be a statute to you forever that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict yourselves and shall do no work, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you. **30****For on this day shall atonement be made for you to cleanse you. You shall be clean before the LORD from all your sins.** **31**It is a Sabbath of solemn rest to you, and you shall afflict yourselves; it is a statute forever. **32****And the priest who is anointed and consecrated as priest in his father’s place shall make atonement, wearing the holy linen garments.** **33****He shall make atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make atonement for the tent of meeting and for the altar, and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly.** **34****And this shall be a statute forever for you, that atonement may be made for the people of Israel once in the year because of all their sins.”** And Aaron did as the LORD commanded Moses.

Chapter 17: The Place of Sacrifice

1And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2“Speak to Aaron and his sons and to all the people of Israel and say to them, This is the thing that the LORD has commanded. 3If any one of the house of Israel kills an ox or a lamb or a goat in the camp, or kills it outside the camp, 4and does not bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting to offer it as a gift to the LORD in front of the tabernacle of the LORD, bloodguilt shall be imputed to that man. He has shed blood, and that man shall be cut off from among his people. 5This is to the end that the people of Israel may bring their sacrifices that they sacrifice in the open field, that they may bring them to the LORD, to the priest at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and sacrifice them as sacrifices of peace offerings to the LORD. 6And the priest shall throw the blood on the altar of the LORD at the entrance of the tent of meeting and burn the fat for a pleasing aroma to the LORD. 7So **they shall no more sacrifice their sacrifices to goat demons, after whom they whore. This shall be a statute forever for them throughout their generations.**

8“And you shall say to them, Any one of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among them, who offers a burnt offering or sacrifice 9and does not bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting to offer it to the LORD, that man shall be cut off from his people.

Laws Against Eating Blood

10“If any one of the house of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn among them eats any blood, I will set my face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from among his people. 11For the life of the flesh is in the****

blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life. 12Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, No person among you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger who sojourns among you eat blood.

13“Any one also of the people of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among them, who takes in hunting any beast or bird that may be eaten shall pour out its blood and cover it with earth. **14For the life of every creature is its blood: its blood is its life.** Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, You shall not eat the blood of any creature, for the life of every creature is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut off. 15And every person who eats what dies of itself or what is torn by beasts, whether he is a native or a sojourner, shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening; then he shall be clean. 16But if he does not wash them or bathe his flesh, he shall bear his iniquity.”

Hebrews 8: Jesus, High Priest of a Better Covenant

1Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, 2a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. 3For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. 4Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at

all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. **5**They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain." **6**But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. **7**For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.

8For he finds fault with them when he says:

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel

and with the house of Judah,

9not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt.

For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord.

10For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel

after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws into their minds,

and write them on their hearts,

and I will be their God,

and they shall be my people.

11And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,'

for they shall all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest.

12For I will be merciful toward their iniquities,
and I will remember their sins no more.”

13In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

Behold the Lamb of God...

- ~ See Old Cov. in Hebrews 9:23a & 9:24a
- ~ See New Cov in Heb. 9:23b & 9:24b
- ~ See Old Cov In Hebrews 9:25-26a
- ~ See New Cov In Hebrews 9:26b
- ~ See Old Cov In Hebrews 9:27
- ~ See New Cov In Hebrews 9:28
- ~ See Hebrews 10

Hebrews 9: The Earthly Holy Place

1Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness. **2**For a tent^a was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence.^b It is called the Holy Place. **3**Behind the second curtain was a second section^c called the Most Holy Place, **4**having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all

sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. **5**Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

6These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, **7**but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people.**8**By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing **9**(which is symbolic for the present age).^d According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper,**10**but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.

Redemption Through the Blood of Christ

11But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come,^e then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) **12**he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. **13**For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify^f for the purification of the flesh,**14**how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without

blemish to God, purify our^a conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

15Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.^b **16**For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. **17**For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. **18**Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. **19**For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, **20**saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.” **21**And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. **22**Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and **without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.**

23Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. **24**For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. **25**Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, **26**for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the

end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. [27](#)And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, [28](#)so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

See Hebrews 10:1-3;9b-10;12;14;

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{26-31}.... {32-36} ———> {37-39}