

Intro: Audio File: GPS: Wrong Turn...1st safe opportunity, make a u turn...recalibrate new direction

That is essence of what Yom Kippur is all about. It is a reminder that they have taken a spiritual wrong turn, corporately as a nation, and individually, and they need to turn around and go in a new direction.

Leviticus 23:26-32 Page 88

Def: *The religious feasts of Israel were national religious holidays designed to remind the nation of Israel of God's goodness and provision for them, and give them an opportunity to celebrate his faithfulness both as a nation and individually.*

- Last Week: Tabernacles Provision
- This Week: Yom Kippur Atonement (covering of sin)

3 Biblical Truths You Need To Understand

Understand The OT Day Of Atonement

- **Def:** *The Day of Atonement served as a reminder that the daily, weekly, and monthly sacrifices made at the altar of burnt offering were not sufficient to atone for sin. On this one day of the year, atoning blood was brought into the Holy of Holies by the High Priest as the representative of the people. The High Priest made atonement for "all the iniquities of the children of Israel" and all their transgressions.*
- **4 Key Elements Included in the Scripture Lev 23**
 - ~Day of Sacred Assembly (National Worship Service)
 - ~Day to Deny/Humble Self before God (FASTING, CONFESSION, REPENTANCE)
 - Feast was actually next day when completed
 - ~Day to Present a very special offering (Lev 16)
 - ~Day Set Apart for God (No Work) Totally concentrated on seeking God
- **Key Principles to Keep in Mind Lev 16 pg 82**
 - ~Atonement = to cover over sin...not to cleanse!
 - ~National and Individual Sin was addressed
 - ~Highly Symbolic: Always pointed to the future...and the Cross!
 - ~Holiness of God and sinfulness of man was emphasized (Nadab and Abihu)
 - (Universality of Sin, Seriousness of Sin, Man's inability to deal with sin)
- **Key Components of the Day**
 - ~Washing of the High Priest (10X)
 - ~Offering of Incense
 - ~Offering of Sacrifices/Sprinkling of Blood
 - ~Sacrificial goat & Scapegoat
 - ~Happened only once a year, but was required every year
 - ~Took place in the Holy of Holies behind the curtain

Understand The NT Fulfillment of The Day of Atonement Heb 9-10

- OT Sacrifices gave external Physical cleansing that pointed toward Jesus vs 10
- Jesus gives Internal Spiritual cleansing that makes us spiritually clean before God vs 11-14
- Summary Jesus Sacrificial work is completely finished Ch 10:1-1-4; 11-14

Understand The Confidence That Is Ours Through Jesus! Heb 4:14-16

- Jesus as our High Priest Has made complete and final sacrifice on our behalf
- Jesus as our High Priest understands our struggle with sin
- Jesus as our High Priest invites us to approach God in our time of need with confidence
 - We do not have to wait for sacrifices...or for a special time of the year

So, what does all of that mean for us? How do we apply that in our life?

We have the freedom to approach God at ANY time to ask for our sin to be forgiven!

We don't have to ever be afraid that God will not forgive...

3 Things You Must Do To Make Atonement Effective In Your Life

A= Accept the Finished Work of Jesus on Our Behalf

Heb 10:12-14

Sat down: Finished

One sacrifice (himself)

Made perfect forever those who are being made holy

C= Confess Our Sin To Him

1John 1:9

If we confess our sin he is faithful and just to forgiveness us our sin and cleanse us!

T= Take Actions That Demonstrate Your Repentance Is Real

Acts 26:20 "I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds."

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These are incorporated BECAUSE WE ARE FORGIVEN..NOT IN ORDER TO BE FORGIVEN

~Appearance: Give up every appearance of evil 1Thess 5:22

~Build walls that protect you from sin Eph 4:27

~Completely Confess all sin Psm 139:24

~Defer to an accountability partner Eccl 4:12

~Offer no Excuses Psm 51

~Flee all temptation 2 Tim 2:22

~Go and make restitution where necessary Mt 5:24-24

Be very careful...Forgiveness is free...Don't be confused...All we have to do is Accept and Confess our sin
But...when it is real...More than just words...There is a change of direction\

CONCL:

Question: Have your Sin ever been dealt with?

Has there been that initial time of forgiveness in your life where your sin is paid for?

Has there been a time when you have come to Jesus and placed your faith and trust in him?

If not...Come today...Simply come and say Pastor...I believe Jesus died for me...

I want my sin..not covered up...but paid for completely!

Question: Is there an issue of sin that you need to confess this morning...Something you struggle with

Come and pray...There is a tremendous freedom

Nothing you can do..no work you can accomplish..no wall you can build...

Simply confessing and trusting in Jesus

Perhaps...You want to pray for someone Else!

Maybe...Like the High Priest when he went in...

You don't need to pray for yourself...Maybe God is calling you to intercede for someone else

(It was the ongoing prayers of a youth group that brought me to Jesus)