

The Fall Holy Days: The Day of Atonement



Scripture

- **Ezekiel 18:4**

Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine. The soul who sins will die.

- **Leviticus 1:1-4**

Then the Lord called to Moses and spoke to him from the tent of meeting, saying, “Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘When any man of you brings an offering to the Lord, you shall bring your offering of animals from the herd or the flock. ³If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall offer it, a male without defect; he shall offer it at the doorway of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before the Lord. ⁴He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, that it may be accepted for him to make atonement on his behalf.

- **Exodus 24:7-8**

Then he took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!” ⁸So Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

- **Hebrews 9:6-7, 11-12**

⁶Now when these things have been so prepared, the priests are continually entering the outer tabernacle performing the divine worship, ⁷but into the second, only the high priest enters once a year not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the sins of the people committed in ignorance.

¹¹But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; ¹²and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

Other Scriptures

- Leviticus 17:11
- Romans 6:23
- Exodus 12:1-13
- Exodus 25:9
- Hebrews 9:22
- 2 Cor. 5:21

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Main Points

- Yom Kippur – Hebrew for The Day of Atonement-Sundown Sept. 22-Sundown Sept. 23
- Considered to be the most sacred of all the Jewish holidays on God’s calendar.
- These holy days are shadows of Messiah Jesus.
- This day was the once-a-year offering of blood for the sins of the people of Israel accomplished in the Holy of Holies by the High Priest.
- Sin separates man from God and leads to death.
- Because of His love, God did not write off guilty mankind.
- Yom Kippur is the highlight of foreshadowing Jesus complete fulfillment.
- Substitutionary Sacrificial Atonement-the process whereby God accepts the sacrifice of an innocent one in place of the guilty.
- Old Testament Substitutionary Sacrificial Atonement
 - Animal slain and blood was shed.
 - God accepts blood sacrifice as atonement for man’s sins.
 - The sacrifices for sin in the Old Testament were a foreshadowing of Jesus.
 - Israel’s history with God always required and included a covering of blood for their protection from sin i.e. the Passover, then on to the giving of the Law at Mt. Sinai through the pattern of the tabernacle and temple. They looked forward to the complete fulfillment through Jesus’ perfect and complete blood sacrifice.
- New Testament Substitutionary Sacrificial Atonement
 - Jesus, the perfect sacrifice, dies and His blood is shed.
 - God accepts the innocent blood of Jesus for all past, present, and future sins of those who would receive Him.
- Jesus took our sin, died in our place, and gave us His righteousness.
- No matter what you’ve done you can be forgiven today.

Discussion Questions

1. Describe in your own words why Yom Kippur is the most sacred of all holidays on God’s calendar. Write a little about how it was celebrated originally and what it looked forward to in the New Testament.

2. Jesus the perfect Lamb of God fulfilled once and for all, the sacrificial offering that would forgive sin. How does this change the way we worship and approach God today? What freedoms do you have in Jesus that the Jews of old did not have? Take a moment to thank God today!

