

The Day of Atonement From Jerusalem and the Cost of Forgiveness

Core Message: Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, reveals that reconciliation with God requires atonement for sin. Throughout Scripture, the blood of sacrificial animals pointed forward to Yeshua, whose blood was shed as the final and complete sacrifice for humanity. Jesus willingly took our sin upon Himself, satisfying God's requirement for justice and making forgiveness possible. Those who trust in Yeshua can receive His forgiveness and live free from condemnation and accusation. Because His sacrifice was once for all, believers can have assurance that their sins are forgiven and that they have been reconciled to God.

Main Bible Verses (NASB):

- **Core Memory Verse: (Exodus 12:13)** “The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.”
 - **(Leviticus 17:11)** “For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.”
 - **(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!’ So, 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 9:12)** “And 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.”
 - **(2 Corinthians 5:21)** “He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”
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Key Points (Fill-in-the-Blank):

Reflection Questions:

1. How does understanding the role of blood in Passover and Yom Kippur deepen your understanding of what Yeshua accomplished on the cross?

2. Rabbi Schneider teaches that God's forgiveness is rooted in the fact that His requirement for justice against sin has been satisfied. How does this truth affect the way you view God's forgiveness?

3. Are there sins from your past for which you still struggle with condemnation or accusation, even though you have trusted in Yeshua's sacrifice? How can the truth of His completed atonement change the way you respond to those accusations?

4. What would it look like for you to personally “apply” the truth of Yeshua's blood to your life by trusting more fully in His forgiveness and receiving the Father's love?

Application Challenge of the Week:

Each day this week, read one of the Scriptures listed in these notes and spend a few minutes thanking Yeshua for shedding His blood for you. Then declare aloud: **“Because of Yeshua, my sins are forgiven.”** When condemnation or accusation arises, intentionally return to this truth. (Or come up with your own as the Lord leads):

Prayer Prompts:

- Thank Yeshua for willingly becoming your sacrifice and shedding His blood for your forgiveness.
- Ask God to help you fully receive His forgiveness and freedom from condemnation.
- Pray for a deeper revelation of the Father's love and the completeness of Yeshua's atonement.

“The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord cause His face to shine on you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His face to you, and give you peace.” Numbers 6:22-27
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