

## Sermon #38 — *Discovering Christ in Leviticus*

Title:        **THE DAY OF ATONEMENT**

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Introduction:

(Leviticus 16:17) “And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy *place*, until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel.”

**PROPOSITION** The most important and most instructive of all the typical ceremonies of the Old Testament was **THE DAY OF ATONEMENT**. — The Day of Atonement pictured, foreshadowed, and typified the sin-atonement work of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our great high Priest, our substitutionary sacrifice for sin, our scapegoat, our altar, and our mercy-seat, through whom alone sinners have access to and find acceptance with the holy Lord God.

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**MERCY AND TRUTH**

In order for the holy Lord God to deal with sinful men and women in mercy, grace, and peace, without compromising his character and violating his justice, there had to be a Day of Atonement. A holy, just, and true God could never allow fallen, sinful man to live before him, unless a suitable atonement is made for man's sin. Justice must be vindicated. Sin must be punished. Else God and man can never come together in peace. Therefore, God ordained that a Day of Atonement be observed in Israel once a year, as a picture and pledge of the great Day of Atonement to be accomplished at Calvary by the slaying of the Lamb of God for the redemption of God's elect.

**SIX STATEMENTS**

The Lord God gave Moses meticulous, detailed instructions about how the Day of Atonement was to be observed in this 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of Leviticus.

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1. **The Day of Atonement was ordained and initiated by God** himself. — This was no human invention (Job 33:24; Leviticus 23:27-28; 25:9).

(Job 33:24) “Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom.”

(Leviticus 23:27-28) “Also on the tenth *day* of this seventh month *there shall be* a Day of Atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD. **(28)** And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it *is* a Day of Atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.”

(Leviticus 25:9) “Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth *day* of the seventh month, in the Day of Atonement shall

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ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.”

2. **The Day of Atonement was set for a specific time each year** (v. 29) — *“The seventh month, on the tenth day of the month.”* God’s great Day of Atonement was set, fixed, appointed, and determined by God himself. — *“Mine hour.”* — *“When the fulness of time was come.”* — *“Father, the hour is come.”* — Nothing was left to chance!
3. **There was only one Day of Atonement each year.** — Christ was to make only one offering for sin. — *“Now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself — Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many”* (Hebrews 9:26, 28).
4. **The sacrifices offered on the Day of Atonement were only typical.** They could never put away sin (Hebrews 10:1-4).

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(Hebrews 10:1-4) “For the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. <sup>(2)</sup> For then would they not have ceased to be offered? Because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. <sup>(3)</sup> But in those *sacrifices there is* a remembrance again *made* of sins every year. <sup>(4)</sup> For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.” (Hebrews 10:1-4)

5. **All these typical, ceremonial sacrifices were fulfilled by Christ and have ceased because Christ fulfilled them** (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 — “*No more offering for sin.*”)

(Hebrews 10:11-14) “Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. <sup>(10)</sup> By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the

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body of Jesus Christ once *for all*. (11) And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: (12) But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God; (13) From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. (14) For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.” (Hebrews 10:9-14)

“Now where remission of these *is, there is* no more offering for sin.” (Hebrews 10:18)

6. All that was done on the Day of Atonement was done for a specific, chosen people and resulted in God’s blessing upon those people (Leviticus 16:17, 24, 30).

**Divisions:** As we take a brief survey at this chapter and try to picture the events of this, the greatest of all days on the Jewish calendar during the Old Testament

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era, I want to draw your attention to five specific things about that great day.

1. The High Priest
2. The Slain Victim
3. The Lost Scapegoat
4. The People's Response
5. The Act of Faith.

### **THE HIGH PRIEST**

1<sup>st</sup> — The atonement was made by a specifically appointed man, Aaron, the great high priest of Israel — **The Great High Priest** (V. 3).

(Leviticus 16:3) “Thus shall Aaron come into the holy *place*: with a young bullock for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering.”

**Israel's great high priest was a divinely chosen man. And the Lord Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest, is a divinely chosen man, the God-man** (Psalm 89:19; Isaiah 42:1-4).

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(Psalms 89:19) “Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon *one that is mighty*; I have exalted *one* chosen out of the people.”

(Isaiah 42:1-4) “Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, *in whom* my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. <sup>(2)</sup> *He* shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. <sup>(3)</sup> A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. <sup>(4)</sup> *He* shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.”

**On the Day of Atonement, the high priest was robed in garments of humility** (v. 4).

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(Leviticus 16:4) “He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these *are* holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and *so* put them on.”

On this great day Aaron laid aside his gorgeous, glorious garments and put on the garments of humility. — No Bells and Pomegranates! So, too, our Great High Priest, the Son of God was clothed with humility when he came to make atonement for sin as our dear Savior (John 1:14; 2 Corinthians 8:9; Philippians 2:5-11).

(2 Corinthians 8:9) “For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.”

(Philippians 2:5-11) “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: <sup>(6)</sup> Who, being in

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the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: <sup>(7)</sup> But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: <sup>(8)</sup> And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. <sup>(9)</sup> Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: <sup>(10)</sup> That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; <sup>(11)</sup> And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

**Israel’s great high priest was a ceremonially holy man** (vv. 3, 4, 6, 11, 12).

(Leviticus 16:3-4) “Thus shall Aaron come into the holy *place*: with a young bullock for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering. <sup>(4)</sup> *He* shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have

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the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these *are* holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and *so* put them on.”

(Leviticus 16:6) “And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin offering, which *is* for himself, and make an atonement for himself, and for his house.”

(Leviticus 16:11-12) “And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin offering, which *is* for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin offering which *is* for himself: *(12)* And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring *it* within the veil.”

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Though Aaron was a sinner like us, he had to be a ceremonially holy man to act as God's high priest, picturing the Lord Jesus Christ. **In order to approach God as the high priest of his people, Aaron had to have in type, and Christ had to have in reality, these four things...**

1. **PERSONAL CLEANNESS** — Aaron bathed his flesh in water. Christ had no sin and did no sin. He was holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners. — *“In him was no sin!”* — He *“did no sin!”* — He *“knew no sin!”*
2. **HOLY GARMENTS** — Aaron's garments on the Day of Atonement were linen garments, garments woven by the hands of a man. They portrayed Christ's righteous obedience to God as our Representative (John 17:4).
3. **DIVINE APPROVAL** — The incense smoke pictures Christ as a sweet-smelling savor to God — Meritorious! — This incense also portrays

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Christ's intercession for us (Romans 8:34).<sup>1</sup> We are accepted because of God's approval of our Substitute and we are one with him!

4. **BLOOD ATONEMENT** — Aaron could not come into the holy of holies without blood. — Christ could not obtain eternal redemption for us without his own blood (Hebrews 9:12). — “*Without shedding of blood is no remission*” (Hebrews 9:22).

**In all his work on the day of atonement Aaron acted alone** (v. 17).

(Leviticus 16:17) “And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy *place*, until he come out, and have made an atonement for

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<sup>1</sup> (Romans 8:34) “Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.”

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himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel.”

No one else was present. No one was allowed into the holy of holies but Aaron. Aaron was alone with God to make atonement for the people. **The whole nation was entrusted to one representative man. The whole nation rested upon the shoulders of one man. If that man succeeds, the nation shall live. If he fails, the nation must die! — So it was with our all-glorious Christ** (Psalm 69:20; Isaiah 64:3-5).

(Psalms 69:20) “Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked *for some* to take pity, but *there was* none; and for comforters, but I found none.”

(Isaiah 63:3-5) “I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people *there was* none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all

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my raiment. <sup>(4)</sup> For the day of vengeance *is* in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come. <sup>(5)</sup> And I looked, and *there was* none to help; and I wondered that *there was* none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me.”

In all things, Aaron, the high priest, typified our great, sin-atonement High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **THE SLAIN GOAT**

2<sup>nd</sup> — Next, let's read verses 5, 7-10. We will consider the meaning of the scapegoat in a few minutes. Right now I want you to get a picture of **THE GOAT THAT WAS SLAIN** as a victim for a sin-offering to God. — This goat represents the Lord Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God. Christ is both our High Priest and our Sacrificial Lamb, the victim, not of man's will, but of God's justice!

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(Leviticus 16:5) “And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering.”

(Leviticus 16:7-10) “And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>(8)</sup> And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat. <sup>(9)</sup> And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD’S lot fell, and offer him *for* a sin offering. <sup>(10)</sup> But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, *and* to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness.”

**This sacrificial lamb was an innocent victim.** — No sinful man could ever make atonement for sin (Psalm 49:7).

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**The sacrifice was taken from among the people.** — Divine justice must be avenged upon and compensation must be made by man, for man sinned.

**And the Lord's sacrifice was chosen and ordained by God himself** (vv. 7-9 — Proverbs 16:33; Acts 2:23; 4:26-28; 13:29; 1 Peter 1:18-21).

(Leviticus 16:7-9) “And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>(8)</sup> And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat. <sup>(9)</sup> And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD'S lot fell, and offer him *for* a sin offering.”

(Proverbs 16:33) “The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof *is* of the LORD.”

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**So, too, our Lord Jesus Christ, God's own dear Son, was chosen and ordained of God to be his Sacrifice for us.**

(Acts 2:23) “Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:”

(Acts 4:26-28) “The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. <sup>(27)</sup> For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, <sup>(28)</sup> For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.”

(Acts 13:29) “And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took *him* down from the tree, and laid *him* in a sepulchre.”

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(1 Peter 1:18-21) “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; **(19)** But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: **(20)** Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, **(21)** Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.”

**The goat was slain by divine order as a sacrifice for sin** (v. 15; Zechariah 13:7).

(Leviticus 16:15) “Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that *is* for the people, and bring his blood within the veil, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat:”

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(Zechariah 13:7) “Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man *that is* my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.”

**Thus the Lord Jesus Christ our Substitute, the Lamb of God, was sacrificed for us...**

- A Sacrifice of Infinite Merit.
- A Sacrifice for a Particular People — “*The Israel of God.*”
- A Sacrifice that Actually made Atonement and Put Away Sin.

(Galatians 3:13-14) “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree: *(14)* That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”

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(Hebrews 10:11-14) “And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: **(12)** But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God; **(13)** From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. **(14)** For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.”

**Then the blood of this slain goat was sprinkled upon the mercy seat seven times** (vv. 14-15)

(Leviticus 16:14-15) “And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle *it* with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times. **(15)** Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that *is* for the people, and bring his blood within the veil, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock,

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and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat.”

- A Covering — To hide
- A Propitiation — To Cancel
- A Reconciliation — To Unite

Having died in our place, the Lord Jesus Christ entered immediately into heaven itself and offered to the holy Lord God the merits of his own precious blood, obtaining eternal redemption for us!

- His sacrifice was perfect and complete.
- His sacrifice was final and accepted.
- His sacrifice made a way of access for sinners to come to God. — And his sacrifice made certain that all for whom he died would come.

(Hebrews 9:12) “Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*. ”

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(Hebrews 10:19-22) “Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, <sup>(20)</sup> By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; <sup>(21)</sup> And *having* an high priest over the house of God; <sup>(22)</sup> Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.”

**Illustration:** *The Rent Veil* (Matthew 27:50-51).

(Matthew 27:50-51) “Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. <sup>(51)</sup> And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent.”

**The sacrifice of our dear Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, is a sacrifice is of infinite, perpetual merit and efficacy before God** (Romans 8:32-35; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; 1 John 2:1-2).

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(Romans 8:32-35) “He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? **(33)** Who shall lay anything to the charge of God’s elect? *It is* God that justifieth. **(34)** Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. **(35)** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?”  
(Romans 8:32-35)

(2 Corinthians 5:17-21) “Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. **(18)** And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; **(19)** To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto

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them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. <sup>(20)</sup> Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. <sup>(21)</sup> For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

(1 John 2:1-2) "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: <sup>(2)</sup> And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of the whole world.*" (1 John 2:1-2)

Both the high priest and the slain victim represent the Lord Jesus, who is both our Savior Priest and our Sacrifice, the Lamb of God sacrificed for us. Next, look at...

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3<sup>rd</sup> — **Now, let's look briefly at the lost scapegoat described in verses 20-22.**

(Leviticus 16:20-22) “And when he hath made an end of reconciling the holy *place*, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat: <sup>(21)</sup> And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send *him* away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness: <sup>(22)</sup> And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.”

**The scapegoat is a picture of the complete removal of our sins by Christ.** The first goat, the Lord's goat, the slain victim gave us a picture of the atonement. The second goat, the scapegoat, gives us a picture of

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the result of the atonement. — Look at these two great, instructive pictures.

1. **The Transfer and Imputation of Our Sins to Christ** (v. 21; Isaiah 53:4-10; 2 Corinthians 5:21).

(Leviticus 16:21) “And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send *him* away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness.”

(Isaiah 53:4-6) “Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. <sup>(5)</sup> But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. <sup>(6)</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we

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have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

(Isaiah 53:10) “Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.”

(2 Corinthians 5:21) “For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

2. **The Removal of Our Sins by Christ** (v. 22).

(Leviticus 16:22) “And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.”

- The guilt of sin is gone (Hebrews 10:14).
- The punishment of sin is gone (Romans 8:1).

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- The memory of sin (in so far as God’s holy law and justice is concerned) is gone (Jeremiah 50:20).
- Sin is gone (1 Peter 4:1-2; 1 John 3:5).

(Jeremiah 50:20) “In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and *there shall be none*; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.”

(Psalms 32:1-2) “Blessed *is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.* <sup>(2)</sup> Blessed *is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.*”

(Romans 4:8) “Blessed *is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.*”

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(Psalms 103:12) “As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.”

(Micah 7:18-20) “Who *is* a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger forever, because he delighteth *in* mercy. <sup>(19)</sup> *He* will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. <sup>(20)</sup> Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, *and* the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.”

(1 Peter 4:1-2) “Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; <sup>(2)</sup> That he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.”

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(1 John 3:5) “And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.”

I have to hurry and bring this message to its conclusion, so next take notice of...

### **THE PEOPLE’S RESPONSE.**

4<sup>th</sup> — At the close of the day, when the work of atonement was finished, Aaron took off his linen garments and put on his glorious, gorgeous garments again. Then, on the basis of atonement made, he lifted up his hands and blessed the people (Numbers 6:24-26).

(Numbers 6:24-27) “The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: <sup>(25)</sup> The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: <sup>(26)</sup> The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. <sup>(27)</sup> And they shall put my name

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upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.”

**When the people saw what God did for them, they had a threefold response.**

1. **They repented.** — “*Ye shall afflict your souls*” (v. 29).

- Psalm 51:1-5

2. **They rested.** — “*Ye shall do no work at all*” (v. 29).

**Illustration:** *The Sabbath* (Hebrews 4:9-10).

3. **They rejoiced** (Leviticus 25:9).

(Leviticus 25:9) “Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubilee to sound on the tenth *day* of the seventh month, in the Day of Atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.” — **Jubilee proclaims...**

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- Liberty!
- The Clearing of All Debt!
- Complete Restoration!

### **The Act of Faith**

5<sup>th</sup> — **Now, let us each perform the act of faith symbolized in verses 21 and 22.**

(Leviticus 16:21-22) “And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send *him* away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness: <sup>(22)</sup> And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.”  
(Leviticus 16:21-22)

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I call upon each of you to join me in the act of faith here symbolized on the Day of Atonement. — Lay your hands upon Christ the Scapegoat's head, confess your sins. — Now, watch them go away!

**Illustration:** *Charlotte Elliot — “Just As I Am”*

Charlotte Elliott (Brighton, England) was a bitter, unwed woman. Her health was completely broken at 30. And her disabilities had hardened her. Her parents were believers; but she was full of bitterness.

On one occasion the famous Swiss preacher and hymn writer, Cesar Malan, was a guest in her parents' home. As her father and Malan spoke to one another about the goodness, mercy, grace, and love of God in Christ, Charlotte erupted in a violent outburst, terribly embarrassing her family before their honored guest. — “If God loved me, he would not have treated me this way!” — Her parents just left the room in embarrassment. The preacher stayed behind.

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“Charlotte,” he said, “you are tired of yourself; and you are holding to your hate and anger because you have nothing else to hold to.” —— She replied, “What, then, is your cure?” —— He answered, “The very Christ you despise.” —— Charlotte softened a bit. “What shall I do?” she asked. —— “Come to Christ. Come to the Savior, with all your fear and shame and pride. Ask him to have mercy on you and give grace.” —— She replied, “Just come to Jesus Christ as I am?” —— “Yes,” he said.

Charlotte did just that. She came to Christ, just as she was. Fourteen years later, she wrote her spiritual biography in a one of the most well known hymns of the English language.

“Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not

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To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown  
Hath broken every barrier down;  
Now, to be Thine, yea Thine alone,

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O Lamb of God, I come, I come.”

Amen.