

Leviticus 16
The Beauty & Joy of God's Way: A Place & A Priest
June 23, 2013
Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction

A. Children's Sermon: Jesus is...

John 14:1-7

¹ "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are *many rooms*. If it were not so, would I have told you that *I go to prepare a place for you*? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵ **Thomas** said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

1. A Place
2. A Priest
3. A Sacrifice

B. The Day of Atonement Today's Questions:

1. How did God provide a place to meet His people?
2. What "way" did God provide for Aaron to approach Him?
3. What is God trying to teach us?

II. A Place: The Tabernacle

- A. Heaven Came Down! (e.g. Ex. 24:18; 25:40)
- B. Nadab and Abihu

Leviticus 16:1-2

¹ The Lord spoke to Moses *after the death of the two sons of Aaron*, when they drew near before the Lord

and died, ² and the Lord said to Moses, “Tell Aaron your brother ***not to come at any time*** into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat that is on the ark, so that he may not die. **For I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat.**

C. The Day of *Atonement* is How God Makes a “Way” for His Holy Presence to Live among Sinful Israel!

Leviticus 16:15–16

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. (Cf. vs. 18-19)

III. A Priest: The “Way” Provided for Aaron

A. A Sin Offering and Burnt Offering (Bull & Ram)

Leviticus 16:3

³ But ***in this way*** Aaron shall come into the Holy Place: **with a bull** from the herd for a ***sin offering*** and **a ram** for a ***burnt offering***. (Cf. Lev. 16:6)

B. Linen Garments

Leviticus 16:4

⁴ He shall put on the holy **linen coat** and shall have the **linen undergarment** on his body, and he shall tie the **linen sash** around his waist, and wear ***the linen turban***; these are the **holy garments**. He shall ***bathe his body in water*** and then **put them on**.

C. Incense (Revelation 8:3–5)

Romans 8:26–27

²⁶ Likewise **the Spirit helps us** in our weakness. For *we do not know what to pray for as we ought*, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints *according to the will of God*.

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Leviticus 16:11–13

¹² And [Aaron] 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 veil¹³ 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*.

D. The Priest Brings the Blood for Atonement

Leviticus 16:32–33

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*.

IV. Jesus is...

A. The Place We Meet with God (John 14:6)

Mark 1:40–41

⁴⁰ And **a leper** came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, “*If you will, you can make me clean.*”⁴¹ Moved with pity, **he stretched out his hand and touched him** and said to him, “*I will; be clean.*”

B. The Priest...

1. At the **appointed time**
2. Set aside his **glorious cloths**

3. Who **clothed** himself in **humble purity**
(Servant without Spot)
4. Who **entered heaven** for us with **his own blood!**
5. Who is **praying** for us!

Romans 8:32–39

³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him **graciously give us all things?** ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? **Christ Jesus** is *the one who died*—more than that, *who was raised*—who is *at the right hand of God*, who indeed **is interceding for us.** ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

³⁶ As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are **more than conquerors** through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from **the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Key Idea

Jesus is the “way” back to the one true God but it took much more work to secure our eternal home than we realize.

Jesus became the place we could safely meet with God, the High Priest that could go before us making it safe for us to follow and (as will consider further next week) He is our perfect sacrifice that fully satisfies the debt we owe God.