

Leviticus 16
The Beauty & Joy of the Gospel: A Sacrifice
June 30, 2013
Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction

A. Children's Sermon

1. Three Sacrifices (2 Goats & Ram)
2. Two responses (Trust & Trade)

B. The Day of Atonement: Today's Questions:

1. What "way" did God provide for Israel to approach Him?
2. What better "way" has God provided for us to approach?
3. What is a proper response to God's great provision?

C. Review

1. A Place (Tabernacle)
2. A Priest (Aaron)

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, and the High Priest that went to heaven before us making it safe for us to follow.

This week we will consider how Jesus is our perfect sacrifice that fully satisfies the debt we owe God.

II. What a Savior!

Hebrews 10:5-7

⁵ ...when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.' "

A. Making Satisfaction for Our Sin

1. The Tabernacle is a Picture of Heaven
(Exodus 25:40; Hebrews 8:5)
2. God Requires Satisfaction for His Tent

Leviticus 16:15-19

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.* ... [Tent & Altar] ¹⁹ And he shall sprinkle some of the **blood** on it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it and consecrate it *from the uncleannesses of the people of Israel.*

3. Jesus is the True Tabernacle

John 1:14

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and *dwelt* among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

4. Jesus is the True High Priest

Hebrews 9:23–24

²³ Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For *Christ has entered*, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but *into heaven itself*, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ...

B. Removal of Our Sin

1. The Goat of Removal “Scapegoat”
(Leviticus 16:20–22)
2. Jesus is our scapegoat!

Isaiah 53:6

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and *the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

Psalm 103:10–12

¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹² *as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

C. Jesus Satisfies God with His Obedience (Lev. 16:23-25; Change clothes? Burnt Offering)

Hebrews 10:3–7

...in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. ⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “*Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’*”

III. Our Response to His Great Salvation

A. No Work (We are Dependent)

Leviticus 16:29–31 (HCSB)

²⁹ “This is to be a permanent statute for you: In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month you are to practice self-denial and do no work, ...

³⁰ *Atonement will be made for you* on this day to cleanse you, and you will be clean from all your sins before the Lord. ³¹ It is a Sabbath of complete rest for you, and you must practice self-denial...

B. "Afflict"/"Practice Self-Denial" – Fast...

"The Aramaic Targum says that at this time the people abstained from food, drink, bathing, rubbing, sandals, conjugal activity, and all other work (see Acts 27:9). The instruction thus called for personal reflection, repentance, fasting, and prayer; to do this they denied themselves the luxuries and pleasures of life."¹

Isaiah 58:3, 5ff.

³ 'Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, *in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers.* ...

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord? ...

Key Idea

Jesus is the "way" to God:

Jesus is the place we can safely meet with God, He is the High Priest that went before us to make it safe for us to follow and He is our perfect sacrifice that fully satisfies the debt we owe God. (Which is vast!)

Let us rest in His provision and give our lives away for His glory!

¹ **Ross, A. P.** (2002). *Holiness to the Lord: A Guide to the Exposition of the Book of Leviticus* (322). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic.