



Lesson 40

Lesson 40: The Day of Atonement Fulfilled

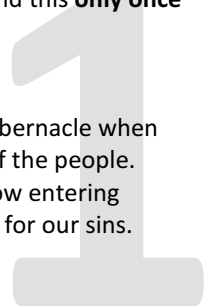
Scripture: Hebrews 9:6-14

These Things (Hebrews 9:6)

- “these things were **prepared . . .**” for the *services of God*.
 - These things were prepared NOT for SHOW but for SERVICE.
 - **NOTE:** For any service to be acceptable to God it must be in **STRICT ACCORD** with the pattern God has given us in His Word.
 - Read 1 Chronicles 15:12-13
 - Everything was prepared **before** the service was performed.
 - **GOD does not accept human tradition.** (Matthew 15:9)
- “the priests **always** or **continuously** went into the first part . . .”
 - “**PRIESTS**” – members of Aaron’s family would continually go into the Holy Place.
 - **Daily:** dressing the lamps and filling them with oil; burning incense on the golden altar. These were done during the morning and evening sacrifices.
 - **Weekly:** changing the shewbread on the table of shewbread. This was done every Sabbath in the morning.

BUT Into the Second Place (Hebrews 9:7)

- This speaks of the actions of the High Priest on the Day of Atonement.
- **ONLY** the High Priest could enter the Holy of Holies and this **only once** a year.
- The High Priest could only enter **with BLOOD**.
- The High Priest worked unattended and unassisted.
 - (Leviticus 16:17) No man was allowed to enter tabernacle when the High Priest made atonement for the sins of the people.
 - The High Priest entered **once a year** to foreshadow entering Heaven **once for all** in His work of propitiation for our sins. (Hebrews 9:12)



- The High Priest made atonement for the “errors of the people” or “sins of ignorance” (Leviticus 4:2; 5:15; Numbers 15:22-29).
 - These sins are in contrast to **deliberate** or **presumptuous** sins (Numbers 15:30-31) for which there was **no** provision!!
 - One might ask, “What about David’s sin of adultery and murder?”
 - Psalm 51:16 tells us that David understood that **no sacrifice** would be sufficient for his sins. Through faith he availed himself to the **mercy** of God. (Psalm 51:1-3, 17)

No Entrance to the Holy of Holies (Hebrews 9:8-10)

- The PEOPLE were BARRED from the PRESENCE of God while THIS tabernacle stood.
- (v. 8) The way into “the Holiest of All” (Heaven itself - the presence of God) was not revealed as long as the earthly tabernacle remained.
 - ▶ The only “WAY” was through Christ and His sacrifice. (John 14:6; Hebrews 6:19-20; 11:6)
- (v. 9) “It was **symbolic** . . .” παραβολή parabolē {par-ab-ol-ay'}
 - This same word is translated “type” in Romans 5:14; “examples” in 1 Corinthians 10:6 and “parable” in Matthew 13:3, 10, etc.
 - It is used here for one thing representing another.
 - It was **GOD’S DESIGN** to “conceal” (Proverbs 25:2) His great truths in the Tabernacle. **BUT** faith opens both OLD and NEW Testament eyes – see Psalm 119:18 and 1 John 2:8.
- (v. 9) The tabernacle with its offerings **could** not make the person **perfect**.
 - These offerings could not JUSTIFY.
 - These offerings could not CLEANSE the soul of sin.
 - These offerings could not bring PEACE (of mind or conscience).
- (v. 10) “until the time of **reformation**” - διορθωσις diorthosis {dee-or'-tho-sis} “restoring what is out of line” - all things set right in Christ.
 - ★ Again, the earthly tabernacle with its priesthood and its divine services was to be only temporary.

A Closer Look at the Shadow - the Day of Atonement

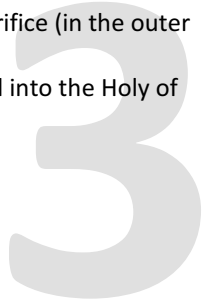
(Leviticus 16)

→ The “Day” (יִוֵּם)

- יוֹם הַכִּפּוּרִים - Yom Kippur



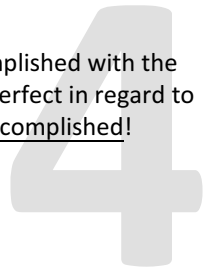
- “Kippur” - “to cover over, pacify, propitiate, atone for sin, cleanse, put off, reconcile, forgive, appease, pardon, cancel.
- “Kippur” - only used in the PLURAL.
- God’s Calendar: *after* the Feast of Trumpets
 - after* the regathering of the saints into the clouds
 - after* the regathering of the Jews into Israel
- Most solemn day on the Jewish calendar.
- Prophetic fulfillment: Zechariah 12-14
- A day when the High Priest worked *alone* in the tabernacle. (Leviticus 16:17)
- **The Key** (Leviticus 16:30)
 - The **work**: “make an atonement”
 - The **worker**: “the high priest”
 - The **time**: “on *that* day”
 - The **purpose**: “to cleanse you from *all* your sins before the LORD.”
- **A Day - Once EVERY Year** (Leviticus 16:29, 34)
 - Once every year the high priest would make atonement for his people.
 - Seventh month, tenth day.
 - ★ MEDITATE: Today there is no temple. There is no place for a Jew to get atonement for his/her sins.
- **A Day of Humiliation** (Leviticus 16:4)
 - Setting aside the garments of glory and beauty. (Exodus 28:2, 40)
 - White linen garments.
- **A Day of Bloody Sacrifice** (Leviticus 16:5-11)
 - First, for himself - for he was *only* a shadow!
 - A bull - see Leviticus 4:3-14; 9:2 - for his own sins.
 - Two goats chosen by lots (Proverbs 16:33)
 - ① One for the LORD - a sin offering.
 - ② One for the *scapegoat*: ‘azazel’ = » goat + to go away « (John 1:29)
- **A Day of Intercession/Prayer** (Leviticus 16:12-13)
 - The High Priest took coals from the altar of sacrifice (in the outer court) and put them into a censer.
 - An he poured incense on the coals as h entered into the Holy of Holies. (Hebrews 9:3-4)
 - See Psalm 141:2
 - Exodus 30:34-38



- **A Day of Imputation** (Leviticus 16:21, 22)
 - The goat, the ***innocent substitute***, received ***all*** of God's people's sins (unintentional/ignorant - Numbers 15:22-31; Leviticus 5:14-19)!
 - The goat became a *curse* for God's people.
 - The goat *took their sins away* into the wilderness. (v. 22; Mark 15:34; 1 Peter 2:24; Psalm 103:12)
- **A Day of Nearness with God** (Leviticus 16:12-15)
 - A day that the veil was *opened*. (Leviticus 16:16:11-12)
 - The High Priest could only enter with *blood*. (Hebrew 9:7)
- **A Day of Real Affliction** (Leviticus 16:29; 23:29)
 - Sin is no minor thing. (*though the world and church make it so*)
 - Atonement is no trivial thing.
 - Acceptance: Luke 18:10-14; Acts 2:37-38
- **A Day of Forgiveness** (Leviticus 16:30)
 - A day when *every* (except for intentional sins) sin was atoned for!
 - Unintentional sin - Numbers 15:22-29
 - Intentional sin - Numbers 15:30-31
- **A Day of Rest** (Leviticus 16:29; 23:29)
 - On *this day* **only** the high priest did the work. (Leviticus 16:17)
 - "Salvation is of the LORD (and only the LORD)." Jonah 2:9
- **A Day of Victory** (Leviticus 16:30-34)
 - After his work was done, he laid aside the garments he was wearing and put on *his* garments of *glory and beauty*!
- **A Day of Shadows** (Zechariah 12-14)
 - Grace, forgiveness, mourning. (Zechariah 12:10-11)
 - Cleansing (by the LORD). (Zechariah 13:1-4)
 - The day of His return in His garments of *glory and beauty*. (Zech. 14:3-9)
- **A Day of GRACE**
 - The High Priest did all the WORK.
 - The people WATCHED. The people did NOTHING!
 - When the High Priest finished his work, the people REJOICED!

BUT Christ Came as High Priest (Hebrews 9:11-12)

- The word "but" contrasts what **could not** be accomplished with the High Priest in the "old" tabernacle ("make him perfect in regard to conscience") and what **Christ, our High Priest accomplished!**
- "Christ" is God's anointed One.



- Christ came as **PROPHET** (Deuteronomy 18:15, 18) and as **KING** (Matthew 2:2) but here the Holy Spirit is emphasizing Christ's **PRIESTLY** reason for coming.
- "A priest is one who officiates in the name of others, who approaches God in order to make atonement for them by sacrifice. The design of his ministry is to render the OBJECT of their worship propitious, to avert His wrath from men, to procure their restoration to His favour."
- A priest was to mediate PEACE between the people and the offended Creator.
- A priest was used to RECONCILE people to their God. (See 2 Cor 5:18-20)
- "the greater and more perfect tabernacle" is the humanity of Christ in which dwelt the "fulness of God." (Colossians 2:9; John 1:14)
- 'without hands' – by God Himself who has no hands. (See also Daniel 2:45)
- Christ entered HEAVEN ("the Most Holy Place") **ONCE FOR ALL** (this is one word in the Greek [ἐφάπαξ ephapax {ef-ap'-ax}] and is an **ADVERB of TIME**).
- **QUESTION:** When did Christ entered Heaven with His blood? –
ANSWER: After Christ declared, "***It is Finished***" (PERFECT TENSE - something done in the past never to be repeated) –
 - ① Typically, the high priest entered into the Holy of holies immediately after the death of the goat on the Day of Atonement. (Christ's resurrection is the antitype of Aaron coming out of the Holy of Holies – a signal that God had accepted the high priest's sacrifice.
 - ② When Aaron entered into the Holy of holies atonement was not yet completed. Propitiation was accomplished when the blood was applied to the Mercy Seat. If Christ entered Heaven only at His ascension then God's approval would not come until 40 days later.
 - ③ When Aaron was inside the Holy of holies the people outside were in fear wondering if their high priest appeased God. The disciples were in fear before the Resurrection of the Christ and not after.
 - ④ God's rending of the veil at the moment of Christ's death was symbolic that propitiation had been accomplished!
 - ⑤ When Christ appeared to the disciples after His death He declared, "Peace be unto you." – if He had not yet presented His blood there could be no PEACE.

- He obtained eternal redemption.
 - “To **redeem** someone was to deliver him from a state of bondage and that by the payment of an adequate ransom price.”
 - This price had to completely do away with all of our sins.
 - This price had to be accepted by the supreme Ruler and Judge.
 - This price had to SATISFY all requirements set down by the Law.
 - This price had to annul the power of Satan over us.
- Christ obtained an eternal redemption – in contrast to the Israelites’ deliverance from Egypt – they soon found themselves in bondage again to the Philistines, Midianites, Assyrians, Babylonians, Romans, etc.
- Christ’s work on the Cross **OBTAINED** eternal redemption for everyone He died for. **He did not make eternal redemption possible or available - BUT HE OBTAINED IT.**

An Even Closer Look at the Real Thing - Christ (Hebrews 9:11-12; Colossians 2:16-17)

- **JESUS CHRIST**, the Anointed One, came as our HIGH PRIEST. (Heb 9:11; 2:17; 3:1-2; 4:15; 5:5; 6:20; 7:26; 8:1) – Aaron and his sons were only SHADOWS – something MUCH LESS than the real thing! Christ is our GREAT High Priest.
- **JESUS CHRIST** laid aside His robes of majesty and made Himself of “no reputation”, came as a bondservant, and humbled Himself even unto death. (Philippians 2:6-8)
 - White linen garments. (Hebrew 7:26)
- **JESUS CHRIST** DID THE WORK OF OUR SALVATION ALONE! (Matthew 26:31, 56; John 16:32; Mark 14:27, 50; Zechariah 13:7)
- **JESUS CHRIST** entered into the Holy of HOLIES in heaven (Hebrews 9:11; Matt. 27:51; Hebrews 10:20)– the real thing – not the shadow. He entered into the very PRESENCE of God.
- **JESUS CHRIST**, our High Priest, entered into the Holy of Holies, with HIS OWN BLOOD – the blood of God (Acts 20:28); precious blood (1 Peter 1:19)
 - Our High Priest did not have to offer a sacrifice for Himself! (Hebrews 7:27)
- CONSIDER THIS CAREFULLY:
 - The price to redeem one person who had sinned one sin was the blood of God. The redemption of a soul is costly. (Psalm 49:8)

- NOTHING ELSE could pay THE PRICE. Christ paid the PRICE and bought (redeemed) His people. (1 Corinthians 6:20; Revelation 5:9)
- **Consider the VILENESS of SIN (your sin).**
- Christ came to give HIS LIFE for US! He has every right to say,
 - “He who loves his father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. . . . He who does not do what I say is not worthy of Me.” (Luke 14:26-27; Matthew 7:21; 10:37-38; John 10:27-29; Luke 6:46)
 - “Whosoever will not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.” (Luke 14:33)
- The LORD, **not us**, laid on Him **all** of our sins. (Isaiah 53:6) Christ became a CURSE for us. (Galatians 3:13)
- JESUS CHRIST was “the Lamb of God who **takes away** the sins of the world (not only Israel’s).” (John 1:29) JESUS CHRIST is the “goat of God” who takes away our sins as far as the **east** is from the **west!**” (Psalm 103:12) He is our SCAPEGOAT. (**Hebrews 9:12**)
 - ★ “from east to west” is an INFINITE distance. When one begins to walk westward he will never get someplace where is then walking eastward! When one begins to walk north he will come to a place where he will begin to walk southward!

How Much More (Hebrews 9:13-14)

- Christ OFFERED Himself!! (John 10:14-18)
- He was WITHOUT SPOT.
 - He FULFILLED the LAW in thought, word and deed.
 - He LOVED God with His whole heart, mind, and soul.
 - He LOVED His neighbor as Himself!
- ALL THIS FOR US!
- Because of what Christ did for us we are now **FREE to serve** God!
- We were saved to **serve!** (Matthew 6:24; 20:27-28; 25:21, 30; Luke 12:37; Luke 17:7-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:9; Hebrews 12:28; John 12:26) ☆ **Servants serve!**

