



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture: Leviticus 16

Title: The Day of Atonement

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Summary of Chapter: The whole chapter is about the High Priest who would enter into the Holy of Holies to make atonement for: the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, the altar of sacrifice, the priests, and for all the Israelites.

Key Verse(s) ESV

How does it speak to me?

³² And the priest who is anointed and consecrated as priest in his father's place shall make atonement, wearing the holy linen garments.

The High Priest is given the focus in this chapter because he represented the entire nation to ask for God's forgiveness so that the Israelites could start anew. It's a yearly reset that happened within Israel, starting with the High Priest, who needed to atone for his sin every year before entering into the Holy of Holies to perform the annual atonement rituals.

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.

As I examined this commandment set by God for Israel, I realized that this set of instructions for the Day of Atonement pointed to the need for the perfect High Priest, who would fulfill all the requirements for the Day of Atonement.

A High Priest who was without sin, and yet fully human so that he could represent God's people to make atonement for their sins.

This is fulfilled through our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest (*Heb. 9:11 – 14*).

Today, as believers of Christ, there is no need for an annual Day of Atonement to deal with the issue of defilement. We can approach our Lord Jesus Christ in faith, anytime, and anywhere to ask for the forgiveness of our sins.

Christ's sacrifice on the cross can cleanse you from all sins and wrongdoings.

But some of you may say, "Pastor, my wrongdoings are very serious, and I don't think God can forgive me because I cannot even forgive myself."

There is no sin or wrongdoing that is too great for Christ's blood to cleanse.

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult: Commit to memory 1 John 1:9 that if I confess my sin, God is faithful and just to forgive me of all my sins.

Youth: Write down the area that you have ask God for forgiveness on a paper, and tear it up thereafter to remind you that God remembers your wrongdoings no more.

Child: Draw a picture to show that you are forgiven by our Lord Jesus. Stick the picture on the wall in your room so that you will remember that Jesus had already forgiven your sins.

PRAYER

Praying Scripture: Lord Jesus, thank You for the finished work of the cross that has the power to deal with all of my past wrongdoings. Today, I ask for You as my High Priest, to cleanse me with Your blood that is shed for me on the cross. I receive Your forgiveness and release my past wrongdoings into Your hands. Thank You for forgiving me and giving me a brand-new reset in my life.

Thanksgiving Prayer: I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)

Intercessory Prayer: I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)

Salvation Prayer: I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.