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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FOR I WILL APPEAR IN THE CLOUD UPON THE MERCY SEAT

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SCRIPTURE READING: LEVITICUS 16:1-15

Leviticus 16:1-2, *And the LORD spake unto Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered before the LORD, and died; 2, And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the vail before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark; that he die not: **for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat.***

1. BACKGROUND

Refer to the Evening message October 6, 2019

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. As we deal with Leviticus chapter 16, we find that it offers some very important information. It enlightens us with some detail with respect to the activities of the high priest as he accomplished the work of God in the Holy of Holies.
- b. It speaks of the offering of the priest and in great detail of how God dealt with sin.
- c. The redemptive work of Christ is no shallow project. **Colossians 2:16-17**, *Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: 17: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.*
- d. A shadow is nothing more than a vivid picture of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This book gives us some tremendous pictures of Him. We are going to specifically deal with the Day of Atonement.
- e. By studying the Day of Atonement, we can clearly see how God dealt with sin in the Old Testament.
- f. As we deal with this particular subject of how God deals with sin, it will come clearly into focus that one can never lose their salvation.
- g. Also, we will find in chapter 16 that because of their transgressions and all of their sin, verse 22 says **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.*
- h. **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: God alone makes the atonement for the soul.

- i. There are some restrictions that grew out of rebellion. There was the rebellion of two of Aaron's sons that was gross disobedience from Nadab and Abihu that protruded into the Holy of holies and God's judgment fell upon them and they were killed.
- j. It is very interesting that the Day of Atonement was observed on the seventh month on the tenth day of the month. We have studied the number seven in some detail as we covered the Book of Revelation; we found out that seven represents completion.
- k. We also find that the seventh day God talks about denotes rest and cessation from work. Surely, we must understand in **Hebrews 4:10**, *For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.*
- l. If you recall the Bible indicated that God rested on the seventh day. **Genesis 2:2**, And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.
- m. The number ten is also predominant in Scripture. I believe that the number ten expresses God's complete will and the ways of God; as an example, the Ten Commandments and the tithe is a tenth as expressed in **Isaiah 6:13**, *But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.*
- n. The word for "atonement" is "to cover." We will look at the Great Day of Atonement and how God took care of business for them. We are going to pull out several nuggets and find out that the high priest entered not only one time into the Holy of holies, but twice.
- o. This makes **Hebrews 10:12**, clearer, *But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;*
- p. **Acts 17:30**, *And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: **Romans 3:24-25**, *Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: **25**: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; **Hebrews 9:15**, *And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. **Hebrews 9:8-9**, *The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: **9**: Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;****
- q. The Day of Atonement naturally points to the Lord Jesus Christ. His redemptive work will be seen clearly and vividly taught nowhere else in Scripture in such detail. It reveals that Christ our Great High Priest working on behalf of sinners in the Holy of holies.
- r. As we look in the Old Testament, we will see that God covered the sins of mankind through the blood of bulls and goats. The sin could not be removed until Christ actually went to the cross and died for the sin of mankind. **John 1:29**, The next day

John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

- s. We can see very clearly that the Lord Jesus Christ no longer covers sin, but He actually takes it away. Our salvation will be complete when Jesus Christ comes the second time and redeems the body. We must keep in mind that the first redemption is for the soul. Once the soul is redeemed it is secure and cannot sin. **1 John 3:9**, *Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.*
- t. Having looked at that, let's get into the meat of the message and see what we can glean from God's Word.

3. FIVE POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

a. For I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat.

1. **Leviticus 16:1-2**, *And the LORD spake unto Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered before the LORD, and died; 2: And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the vail before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark; that he die not: **for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat.***
2. God gives instructions about the Day of Atonement. The instructions are very clear and vivid.
3. They came after the sudden death of Aaron's two sons who intruded into the holy place.
4. The utter Holiness of God cannot touch the sinfulness of man.
5. This is the reason why there is a mediator between God and man. **1 Timothy 2:5**, *For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;*
6. There is a great gulf fixed between God and man, there is also a great gulf fixed between Heaven and Hell. (We have studied this extensively when we discussed the lower parts of the earth.)
7. We come to the Lord Jesus Christ by a new and living way. **Hebrews 10:20**, *By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;*
8. The Lord Jesus Christ bridged the gap for us and with boldness we can enter the Holy of holies by the blood of Christ. **Hebrews 4:16**, *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*
9. Before Christ shed His blood there were restrictions. The high priest could only go in once a year. He entered twice, once for his own sins and then the second time for the sins of the people.
10. **Hebrews 10:19-22**, *Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20: By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; 21: And having an high priest over the house of God; 22: 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.*
11. Water baptism does not save us, but God, however, did give a ritual for the

high priest. **Ephesians 2:18**, *For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.*

12. Though the invitation is to "come," come to God by a new and living way; we have boldness to enter in.
13. The sons of Aaron were not able to do that because they had not met the requirement.
14. Now, after Jesus Christ has publicly offered Himself, gone to the cross, shed His blood for our sins, bodily resurrected we can come to Him at any time at any moment.

b. These are holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water.

1. **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. 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.*
2. This section teaches us a very valuable lesson. As a matter of fact, we find this is accomplished by the high priest alone.
3. He had no assistant in any way. It reminds me of the Lord Jesus Christ who purchased our salvation alone. **Ephesians 2:8**, *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*
4. **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.*
5. It was all the work of the high priest.
6. This is very important because it pictures our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
7. Christ was alone. God the Father loaded the sin of the whole world on Him alone. **Psalms 22:1**, *My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?*
8. God the Father was with Him. **John 16:32**, *Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.*
9. **2 Corinthians 5:19**, *To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.*
10. The preparation of the high priest and the garments he had to wear were special garments when he went into the holy place.
11. Notice he washes himself and puts on the garments. He only can do that; he must be adorned correctly.
12. God has a plan of salvation that we must follow. There is no way we can alter God's salvation plan. This is a beautiful foreshadowing of the Lord Jesus Christ - our High Priest.
13. **John 1:14**, *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace*

and truth. **John 1:18**, No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

14. Our Lord Jesus Christ did not lay aside His Deity; He laid His glory when He came down to earth and became man. **Philippians 2:5-8**, Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: **6:** Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: **7:** But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: **8:** And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

c. Aaron shall.... make an atonement for himself, and for his house.

1. **Leviticus 16:5-6**, 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. **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.
2. This gives us final preparation of the high priest. It was an all-important preparation.
3. Aaron offers for his own sin and for the sin of his family.
4. It might have included the entire tribe, but we do not know that.
5. On the day of atonement there are no counter parts. There is no picture in the preparation of offering for himself because there was no sin in the Lord Jesus Christ. **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.
6. You might think of a turtledove being brought for the cleansing; this however was not for the baby Jesus; it was for the cleansing of Mary His mother. **Luke 2:24**, And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.
7. It was to remind her she was a sinner.
8. Those of you who think Mary is deity, the Bible says she needed a Saviour. **Luke 1:46-48**, And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, **47**, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. **48**, For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

d. And he shall take the two goats.

1. **Leviticus 16:7-14**, And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. **8**, And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat. **9**, And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD'S lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering. **10**, 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. **11**, 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: **13**, And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not: **14**, 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.

2. The two goats constitute a single sin offering.
3. Each one of them is for a different aspect of the remission of sin.
4. Notice the first is offered for a sin offering and the other was to take the sins far away into the wilderness. That is called the scapegoat. This is a vivid picture of why the believer can never lose their salvation.
5. One lot would fall on the goat to be sent away, and one lot fell on the other to be offered.
6. Before any of this was done, Aaron must go into the Holy of holies with the blood of a bullock for himself and for his house.
7. So, you can clearly see the high priest enters twice. He goes in one day a year but two times in that one day.
8. When we look at the layout of the tabernacle, we see that the brazen altar was in the outer court. The bullock for the sin offering would be slain there. One the way into the Holy of holies he would pass by the laver and would cleanse by washing his hands and feet.
9. In the Holy place he was supposed to take the censor full of burning coals of fire from the altar of incense with his hand full of sweet incense.
10. He would place the incense upon the coals in the censor. As he passed the veil into the Holy of holies, the cloud of smoke would fill the Holy of holies. for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat.
11. The Ark and the Mercy Seat were in the Holy of holies.
12. He would have brought a basin with him containing the blood and sprinkle it before the Mercy Seat seven times.
13. The blood being sprinkled seven times indicates fullness and the term seven means completion.
14. It was an adequate atonement; just as Jesus was adequate in His death, burial and resurrection and ascension.
15. This is the reason why we cannot lose our salvation.
16. It was awesome that the priest, on this day could not deviate from God's procedure.
17. Christ was made sin for us. He is our High Priest; He entered into Heaven and offered His own blood for our sins.
18. That blood is now at the Throne of God the Father and He views you and me through the precious blood of Christ.
19. All of this is taught very clearly in the Book of Hebrews.
20. **Hebrews 4:16**, *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*
21. Christ our High Priest carried His own blood and the sweet incense of His own intercession into Heaven and is there today at the right hand of the Father.
22. Praise the Lord. What a mighty God we serve.

e. Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering.

1. **Leviticus 16:15-19**, *Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, 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: 16, And he shall make an atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness. 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. 18, And he shall go out unto the altar that is before the LORD, and make an atonement for it; and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about. 19, And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.*
2. This is a reflection that he not only goes in for the sin of himself and his family but also for the people.
3. This must be done because of their transgressions and uncleanness.
4. This same ritual is followed by the slaying of the goat as the slaying of the bullock for Aaron. He goes into the Holy of holies as before, but now the atonement covers the Holy place itself for the contamination of Israel.
5. The brazen altar itself must have the blood applied as he confesses the sin of Israel.
6. It is polluted because of the sin of the people.
7. This is a firm reminder of our Lord Jesus Christ and the importance of the fact of Him going to the cross.
8. Yes, it was Calvary. **Luke 23:33**, *And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.*
9. **1 Peter 1:18-19**, *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:*
10. We know that the blood of bulls and goats cannot take away sin. **Hebrews 10:4**, *For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. John 1:29*, *The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*
11. **Hebrews 9:23**, *It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.*
12. It was the Lord Jesus Christ that presented His literal blood at the Throne of God; the Holy of Holies.
13. We are reminded in Scripture that it was Christ's blood that redeemed us from

our sin. **Ephesians 1:7**, *In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*

14. There is no doubt in my mind that Jesus literally presented His own blood at the Throne of God and it is there as God the Father views us through His Son's blood.
15. Are your sins under the blood, my friend?

4. CONCLUSION

- a. Do you know the Saviour? If you do not know Him as personal Saviour, you need to come to Him for salvation.
- b. **Romans 3:23**, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
- c. **Romans 3:10**, *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*
- d. **Romans 10:9-10**, *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10, For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*
- e. Would you please stand?

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