

Sanctuary Messages Series
Lesson 21: Day of Atonement
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What are the two key services that were connected to the earthly sanctuary service?

- 1) Daily Service (Holy place)
- 2) Yearly Service (Most Holy Place)

Daily Service –

- a. Daily sacrifices in the courtyard symbolically transferring sin from sinner to innocent animal. (representing the sacrifice of Jesus who did no sin and forgiveness of sins)
- b. The sin symbolically transferred to the Holy Place (record of all confessed sins)

What are some examples of how the sins were symbolically transferred to the Holy Place in the daily services?

Sin of the Congregation (Sin Offering)

Leviticus 4:13-18

13 And if the whole congregation of Israel sin through ignorance, and the thing be hid from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done *somewhat against* any of the commandments of the LORD *concerning things* which should not be done, and are guilty;

14 When the sin, which they have sinned against it, is known, then the congregation shall offer a young bullock for the sin, and bring him before the tabernacle of the congregation.

15 And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock before the LORD: and the bullock shall be killed before the LORD.

16 And the priest that is anointed shall bring of the bullock's blood to the tabernacle of the congregation:

17 And the priest shall dip his finger *in some of the blood*, and sprinkle *it seven times before the LORD, even before the vail.*

18 And he shall put *some of the blood* upon the horns of the altar which *is before the LORD*, that *is in the tabernacle of the congregation*, and shall pour out all the blood at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which *is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.*

Sin of Individuals (Sin Offering)

Sin Symbolical transferred by eating in the holy place

Leviticus 6:25-26

25 Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, saying, This *is* the law of the sin offering: In the place where the burnt offering is killed shall the sin offering be killed before the LORD: it *is* most holy.

26 The priest that offereth it for sin shall eat it: in the holy place shall it be eaten, in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation.

Daily sins were symbolically transferred to the Holy Place. The Holy Place was a record room of all confessed sins. All the sins that were transferred made the Holy Place dirty with sins. They marred the Holy Place and it needed to be cleansed.

Yearly Service –

Once a year the Holy Place was symbolically cleansed from all recorded sins of those who had total victory over their confessed sins.

This yearly service was known as the Day of Atonement.

Day of Atonement (Hebrew) = Yom Kippur

The Day of Atonement was also known as the Day of Judgment because recorded sins were judged and investigated.

The Day of Atonement in the earthly sanctuary illustrates how Jesus blots out sin and how He will cleanse and totally get rid of sin forever for His people.

What is Jesus' promise for those who sincerely ask for forgiveness of sin and turn from sin?

1 John 1:9

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

When was the Day of Atonement in the earthly sanctuary?

Leviticus 23:26-32

26 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

27 Also on the tenth *day* of this seventh month *there shall be* a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

28 And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it *is* a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.

29 For whatsoever soul *it be* that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off

from among his people.

30 And whatsoever soul *it be* that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people.

31 Ye shall do no manner of work: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

32 It *shall be* unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth *day* of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.

Summary: Day of Atonement

- 10th day of the seventh month of Tishri, (September / October) – Remember Tishri was the first month of the Hebrew year until God instituted Passover in the month of Nisan/Abib and made Abib/Nisan the first month of the year. (Exodus 12:2,13:4)
- Ceremonial sabbath
- Day of affliction, reflection & humility
- Day of investigative judgment

Atonement (Hebrew) = kâphar [kaw-far']

A primitive root; **to cover** (specifically with bitumen); figuratively to *expiate* or *condone*, to *placate* or **cancel**: - appease, make (an) atonement, **cleanse**, disannul, forgive, be merciful, pacify, pardon, to pitch, **purge (away)**, put off, **(make) reconcile (-liation)**. - Strong's Hebrew Dictionary.

How were the sins cleansed from the Holy Place on the Day of Atonement in the earthly sanctuary?

Leviticus 16:1-34

1 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.

3 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.

5 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.

7 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. (give an example)

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 vail:

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.

15 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.

20 And when he hath made an end of reconciling the holy *place*, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat:

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:

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.

23 And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall put off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into the holy *place*, and shall leave them there:

24 And he shall wash his flesh with water in the holy *place*, and put on his garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt offering, and the burnt offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself, and for the people.

25 And the fat of the sin offering shall he burn upon the altar.

26 And he that let go the goat for the scapegoat shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward come into the camp.

27 And the bullock *for* the sin offering, and the goat *for* the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy *place*, shall *one* carry forth without the camp; and they shall burn in the fire their skins, and their flesh, and their dung.

28 And he that burneth them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp.

29 And *this* shall be a statute for ever unto you: *that* in the seventh month, on the tenth *day* of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, *whether it be* one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you:

30 For on that day shall *the priest* make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, *that* ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.

31 It *shall be* a sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls, by a statute for ever.

32 And the priest, whom he shall anoint, and whom he shall consecrate to minister in the priest's office in his father's stead, shall make the atonement, and shall put on the linen clothes, *even* the holy garments:

33 And he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar, and he shall make an atonement for the priests, and for all the people of the congregation.

34 And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.

The High Priest was the only one who was able to go into the Most Holy place once per year on the Day of Atonement.

When was the beginning of the cleansing of the Holy Place in the sanctuary in Heaven in which Jesus went from the Holy to the Most Holy Place?

Daniel 8:14

14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

To be continued... The Investigative Judgment