



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Approaching a holy God part 3

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The day of Atonement - lasting ordinance!

“This is to be a lasting ordinance for you: Atonement is to be made once a year for all the sins of the Israelites.” And it was done, as the Lord commanded Moses. Leviticus 16:34

1. Approaching a holy God is serious business.

- The problem of approaching a holy God. Vs 1-2
- Instructions for drawing near to God. Vs 3-14.
A sacred tunic and a bath.
The Two Goats
That he would not die

2. God deals with the penalty & consequence of sin.

- Making atonement for sin. Lev 16:15-22
- A goat sacrificed & set free. Lev 16: 20-22
- A lasting ordinance. Lev 16:29...34.

Discussion starters: Have you ever met and talked with a celebrity or someone of real social significance? How did you feel and what did you say?

Examining the texts.

1. Read Leviticus 16:1-2. How do these two verses set the stage for the rest of the chapter? What would be the “cause of death,” if Aaron failed to heed the warnings and provisions of this passage?
2. Read Leviticus 16:3-14. What instructions is Aaron given here as he enters into the holy of holies?
3. Read Leviticus 16:15-22. What was the role of the two goats in this important ceremony?
4. Read Leviticus 16:29....34. Why do you think this “Day of Atonement,” was to be of lasting significance in the annual calendar of Judaism? Why was it important that the practice-the day be repeated?

A. Meditation & application

5. Imagine you are a participant in the day of atonement ceremony as the high priest (Aaron). What would you feel, see- describe the impact it would have on you mentally and emotionally?
6. Is confession a regular part of your life and your churches life? Should it be? What benefits might times of confession have in your life and in the life of a church community?
7. What attribute/s of God does Leviticus 16 make you ponder?

Dear heavenly Father- You are holy and glorious, and we are not. We thank you for your gracious provision of Jesus as our sacrifice and our scapegoat. In Jesus Name Amen.