

SPIRITUAL PURPOSES AND EFFECTS OF ATONEMENT

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Intro: There are “bridges” that can help us understand the progression from the “shadows” of the symbolic language of the OT to the “heavenly things” that show the meaning in the NT. The “bridge” we will consider today are the words “mercy seat.” We find this in Lev. 16:15 and in Heb. 9:5 (NKJV throughout). Sometimes translated “mercy seat” and sometimes “propitiation.”

I. Brief Definition: A covering. The lid of the Ark of the Covenant. Atoning sacrifice. Propitiation.

II. Seven purposes and/or effects significantly connected in Scripture with the Day of Atonement.

1. The love of the Father is demonstrated by the events pertaining to the Day of Atonement.

Key verses: 1 John 4:9-10; Rom. 5:8

2. The Father’s righteousness is revealed, opening up the possibility for our justification.

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Heb. 2:17, with Lev. 16:9, 15-16 This explains why Jesus “had to be made like His brethren.”

2 Cor. 5:21 “...He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us...”

Rom. 5:12, 15-19 “...through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men...”

3. The atoning sacrifice, through faith, cleanses us from all our sins.

Key verses: Lev. 16:15-16, 30 with Heb. 9:11-14 “...with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place... [to] purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.”

Eph. 1:7 “...redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins...”

Col. 1:21-22 “...to present you holy, and blameless, and irreproachable in His sight.”

4. When understood, the Day of Atonement has the effect of awakening us to repentance.

Key verses: Heb. 10:14-17, 22 (One offering/our sins no longer remembered/our hearts sprinkled...our bodies washed with pure water.)

Psa. 51:3-4 (acknowledge our sins) 2 Chron. 7:14 (If we humble ourselves, then He will hear.)

5. An ongoing effect—“We have such a High Priest” who is active in our daily lives.

Key verses: Heb. 4:14-16; Heb. 7:24-25; Heb. 9:24; 1 John 2:1-2 (our Advocate).

6. Both a purpose for and effect of Atonement: The banishment of the Devil.

Key verses: Lev. 16:7, 10, 20-22

John 16:8-11; Heb. 2:14-15; Rev. 20:1-3

7. There is yet one major purpose and effect of this Day of Atonement: It changed the way the Lord was to be worshipped.

Key verses: Lev. 16:27; Heb. 13:10-13 The altar from which we eat is not that which was through the service of the tabernacle, but we “...go forth to Him, outside the camp...”

Heb. 8:1-6 Now He serves as High Priest of the heavenly things, being Mediator of a better covenant, established on better promises.

Leviticus 16:

V. 10 **the scapegoat shall be presented alive ... let it go as the scapegoat into the wilderness.**

V. 15 Then he shall kill **the goat of the sin offering, which is for the people,** bring its blood inside the veil, ... and **sprinkle it on the mercy seat and before the mercy seat.**

V. 16 So **he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all their sins;** ...

V. 20-22 **And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place, ...he shall bring the live goat.** ...confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send *it* away into the wilderness...

V. 27 The bull *for* the sin offering and the goat *for* the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the Holy Place, shall be **carried outside the camp...**

Hebrews 2:14 ...as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that **through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil...**

Heb. 2:17 Therefore, in all things **He had to be made like His brethren,** that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things *pertaining* to God, **to make propitiation for the sins of the people.**

Heb. 4:14-16 Seeing then that **we have a great High Priest ...¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

Heb. 7:24-25 He...has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore **He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him...He always lives to make intercession for them.**

Heb. 9:1-5 even **the first covenant** had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. ²For a tabernacle was prepared: the first *part* ... which is called the sanctuary; ³and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, ⁴which had the ...ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, ...⁵and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing **the mercy seat.**

Heb. 9:11-14 But Christ came *as* High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. ¹²Not with the blood of goats and calves, but **with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all,** having obtained eternal redemption. ¹³For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, ¹⁴**how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**

Heb. 9:24 For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, *which are* copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now **to appear in the presence of God for us;**

Heb. 10:14-17 **For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.** But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before, "This *is* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD...¹⁷ *then He adds,* "**Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.**"

Heb. 10:22 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.**

Heb. 13:10-13 **We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.** ¹¹For the bodies of those animals, ...are burned outside the camp. ¹²**Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.** ¹³**Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach.**