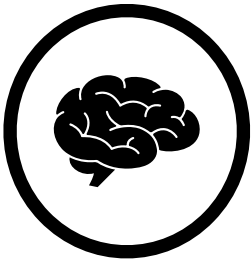


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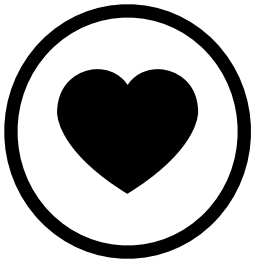
5th March 2023 | God of Atonement | Leviticus 16



Exploring the text

Questions for reflection:

1. The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell your brother Aaron that he is not to come whenever he chooses into the Most Holy Place behind the curtain in front of the atonement cover on the ark, or else he will die. For I appear in the cloud over the atonement cover' (Leviticus 16:1-2). Why do you think the Lord would say this? Are there lessons to learn from this in our worship and service today?
2. Why do you think God told Aaron to bathe before and after performing the atonement rituals and follow specific instructions about what he must wear (vs.3-4) Is there any relevance to us?
3. What do these graphic passages from the Old Testament teach us about God's holiness and the seriousness of human sin?
4. What was the whole purpose of the Day of Atonement?



Connecting our hearts

Questions for reflection:

1. Two goats and a bull are required as part of the atonement sacrifice (vs.11,15,20-22). Do you think these point to Christ? Describe / explore in which way you think they point to Jesus? Are there any other OT references?
2. Aaron must first make an offering for himself and the items in the Tabernacle before the sin offering was made for the people (vs.11-14). Why is this important? Do you think this has any relevance to our places of meeting, our lives / hearts as we approach God's presence?
3. I could not ignore a sense of reverence and 'fear' while reading this passage. Is this in order? Is this lacking in our lives and congregations today?
4. Compare this passage to Hebrews 9:7-15. The writer of Hebrews illustrated the death of Christ in activating the new covenant with the illustration of a will. What does this mean?
5. Explore Leviticus 16:34 in light of Hebrews 10:14 and highlight the applications to our walk today?



Living it out

Questions for reflection:

1. What is your take away from the message on God of Atonement?
2. What sacrifice or offering have I been asked to present to the Lord today?
3. Spend time reflecting on the cross, where atonement was made by Jesus blood?

Use the below space to write you own prayer of response