OPENING HYMN #42

All Hail the Power

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Brother Kevin Thacker is scheduled to preach here next weekend, September 21-22. We plan to meet Saturday afternoon at 4 PM and Sunday morning at our reguler times, the Lord willing we will enjoy dinner and fellowship following each service. If you would like to help with meal planning, see Gwen or Dee Anne for a sign up list.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:1-12; 18-21

WORSHIP HYMN #164

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

OFFERING

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." *2 Cor 9:7*

WORSHIP HYMN #127

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

MESSAGE

THE FEAST OF ATONEMENT

LEVITICUS 23:26-32

CLOSING HYMN #231

Jesus Saves

THINGS TO PONDER

Counting the Cost

Nothing is clearer to me in the scriptures than the total inability of fallen men to do anything spiritual. He must be born again and given what he could never produce of himself. These facts alone ought to convince me that the Lord is not here telling me to take inventory to see if I have in myself what it takes to be a disciple of Christ. When he tells us to count the cost of the tower and consult as to our power to overcome greater odds it is not to muster in ourselves what is needed but rather to convince us that we cannot do what is demanded. To build this tower and fight this battle I must depend and look to Christ alone

-pastor Darvin Pruitt

The Day of Atonement

"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."

(Leviticus 23:27)

The most important and most instructive of all the typical ceremonies of the Old Testament was the day of atonement. The day of atonement pictured, foreshadowed, and typified the sin-atoning work of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our great high Priest, our substitutionary sacrifice for sin, our scapegoat, our altar, and our mercy-seat, through whom alone sinners have access to and find acceptance with the holy Lord God.

Mercy and Truth

In order for the holy Lord God to deal with sinful men and women in mercy, grace, and peace, without compromising his character and violating his justice, there had to be a day of atonement. A holy, just, and true God could never allow fallen, sinful man to live before him, unless a suitable atonement is made for man's sin. Justice must be vindicated. Sin must be punished. Else God and man can never come together in peace. Therefore, God ordained that a day of atonement be observed in Israel once a year, as a picture and pledge of the great day of atonement to be accomplished at Calvary by the slaying of the Lamb of God for the redemption of his elect.

Specific Instructions

The Lord God gave Moses meticulous, detailed instructions about how the day of atonement was to be observed in the 16th chapter of Leviticus.

- 1. The day of atonement was ordained and initiated by God himself. This was no human invention (Leviticus 23:27-28; 25:9). The same is true of our Redeemer's death at Calvary (Job 33:24).
- 2. The day of atonement was set for a specific time each year (Leviticus 16:29) "The seventh month, on the tenth day of the month." God's great day of atonement was set, fixed, appointed, and determined by God himself. Nothing was left to chance! "When the fulness of time was come" God's dear Son was sacrificed for us.
- 3. There was only one day of atonement each year. Why? Because Christ was to make only one offering for sin. "Now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself, Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many" (Hebrews 9:26, 28).
- 4. The sacrifices offered on the day of atonement were only typical. They could never put away sin (Hebrews 10:1-4).

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- 5. All these typical, ceremonial sacrifices were fulfilled by Christ and have ceased because Christ fulfilled them (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).
- 6. All that was done on the day of atonement was done for a specific, chosen people and resulted in God's blessing upon those people (Leviticus 16:17, 24, 30). So, too, all that the Lord Jesus Christ did at Calvary was done for a specific, chosen people and results in all the blessings of God's grace and salvation flowing to his redeemed at God's own appointed time of love.

-pastor Don Fortner

Christ Crucified

The preaching of Christ Jesus and Him crucified is hated by this religious world. But those who believe, and are saved, love it with a perfect love. It is our only hope, our Salvation. If we compromise on this to please the people of our day, we compromise the Gospel, and make the death of our Lord Jesus Christ of none effect. We have no Salvation. We have no hope. We will stand before a thrice Holy God with a hope only in what we can do to satisfy His justice. We will be obligated to pay our sin debt with the works of the flesh, while the Scriptures declare that, "By the works of the flesh shall no man be justified in His sight." What hope is there in this? None whatsoever.

-anon

A Return to True Preaching

The most humbling and challenging thing that I face...the great concern of my heart...is that my generation experience a return to the preaching of the gospel of God's grace. This generation is plagued with a gospel of works and are strangers to the gospel of redemption. I want a return to the message used of God in other days to awaken men to their need and to reveal the grace and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. Rolph Barnard used to say, "The twofold message of grace is: (1) *All flesh is grass!* and (2) *Behold your God!*" This is the message that takes away all of the glory and dignity of the flesh and proclaims the redemptive glory of Christ. The results of this message will be a sense of the awesome holiness of God, the inability and sinfulness of the flesh, and the total sufficiency of the Person and work of Christ. Perhaps once again we will hear men and women cry, "Depth of mercy can there be, mercy still reserved for me? Can my God His wrath forbear, and me, the chief of sinners, spare?"

-Henry Mahan

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"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

Rev 22:17



"But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him." *1Cor* 8:6