

SERMON OUTLINE

In Leviticus 16:1-34, we are shown 5 types of actions that must take place on the Day of Atonement.

- I. Preparations must be made (vs. 1-10).
- II. Preliminary purifications must be accomplished (vs. 11-19).
- III. Imputation must take place (vs. 20-22).
- IV. Post cleansings must take place (vs. 23-28).
- V. Perpetual obedience must take place (vs. 29-34).

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, August 18, 2019

Passage: Leviticus 16:1-34

Memory Passage: Leviticus 16:34

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Lev. 16:1-34.** As you read today, answer the following observation questions: Who are the main characters?
- (b) What repeated words, phrases, or ideas do you see in the chapter?
- (c) How does chapter 16 relate to or connect with chapters 11-15? To chapter 10? What place does it occupy in Leviticus?
- (d) What is the primary purpose of the Day of Atonement (so named in 23:27-28)?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Lev. 16:1-34.** What does Aaron's dress in linen garments only, rather than his more elaborate garments, signify?
- (b) The meaning of "Azazel" is disputed, but it seems best to understand it as "the goat that departs," or possibly "strong, fierce," which would describe the wilderness/desert, which is the destination of the goat. I favor the former, hence the translation "scapegoat." Explain this part of the ritual (vs. 7-10, 20-22), what it accomplishes, & its importance for the nation.
- (c) For what is atonement being made in vs. 8-25? Explain why each needs atonement.
- (d) What purpose does the incense cloud fulfill (vs. 12-13)?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Lev. 16:1-34.** What is "the testimony" (v. 13; cf. Ex. 16:34; 27:21; 30:6, 36; 31:18; 40:20; Num. 17:4, 10)?
- (b) What is unique and significant about the high priest's actions in vs. 14-15?
- (c) Why must no one but the high priest be in the tent of meeting while the priest is doing his work (v. 17)?
- (d) Why must both the man who releases the scapegoat and the man who takes the sin offerings outside the camp be cleansed?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Lev. 16:1-34.** What does "you shall afflict yourselves" (vs. 29, 31) mean? What does it tell the Israelites to do?
- (b) To what time frame does "forever" refer (vs. 29, 34)?
- (c) What NT truths (and the passages in which they are found) are brought to mind as you read Leviticus 16, especially concerning the person and work of Christ (if you need a bit of help, see as examples, but not limited to: Matt. 27:51; Rom. 3:25; 1 Cor. 10:16; 2 Cor. 5:21 [esp. in light of Is. 53] Eph. 2:3; Heb. 9-10)?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Lev. 16:1-34.** Write down at least 10 blessings you receive, as a believer united to Christ, because Christ fulfilled the requirements of the Day of Atonement once-for-all.
- (b) Write down at least 5 ways you will participate in your sanctification this week by specifically applying these 10 blessings. Think of ways you have neglected the difference these blessings should make in your life, repent of your neglect, and joyfully consider ways of returning your focus to your identity in Christ with regard to these blessings.
- (c) Be ready to share and discuss your answers to (a) and (b) in your Sunday school class and discipleship groups this week. You should have interacted, at the very least, with the ideas of access to God, confession & repentance, cleansing from sin, forgiveness, holiness, & unity & participation in your church.

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