

# SERMON NOTES

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**Date:** April 14, 2019

**Title:** The Day of Atonement

**Text:** Leviticus 16

**Big Idea:** Sin separates us from a holy God, but through the sacrifice of Jesus, God makes atonement for our sin and carries them away for those who confess their sin and trust in Jesus.

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# STUDY GUIDE

## Questions for Small Group Discussion and Personal Application

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### DISCUSS THE ISSUE

What is the Day of Atonement and why was it necessary (cf. Lev. 23:26-32; Num. 29:7-11)?

What was God communicating when He required atonement for the Holy Place, the tent of meeting, and the alter (v. 16, 18, 20, 33)?

How do the justice and mercy of God appear to be in conflict? How are they reconciled through the Day of Atonement?

What was the role of the “Azazel” or “scapegoat” (v. 10)? What did this goat symbolize?

What is the significance of the priest laying his hands on the head of the goat (v. 21-22)? How does this relate of believers in Jesus today (Isaiah 53:6, 11-12; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 9:28)?

According to Psalm 103:12, what does God do with a believer’s sin (cf. Isaiah 38:17; Micah 7:19)?

What happened to the curtain or veil that separated the holy place from the most holy place when Jesus died (Matthew 27:51)? What does this symbolize (Hebrews 10:19-20)?

Describe how the death of Jesus supersedes the Day of Atonement and the Old Testament sacrifices (Hebrews 9-10)?

### APPLY THE TRUTH

How should the truths of Leviticus 16 shape your attitude as you enter God’s presence in both corporate and private worship?

In what ways might you try to atone for your own sins rather than trust in the death of Christ as your substitute? Are there ways in which you think or act as if your sins are atoned for by Jesus plus your own goodness or obedience, rather than by Jesus alone?

Since the veil has been torn in two, how does God want you to approach him in your times of need (Hebrews 4:16; Ephesians 3:12)?

Is there sin that you need to confess and begin to walk in the mercy and grace of God’s forgiveness (Proverbs 28:13; 1 John 1:19-10)?