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Leviticus 4c

Why A High Priest?

Last week during our study into Leviticus chapter 4, we talked in some detail of how the Old Testament Scriptures are directly tied into the New Testament Scriptures. And we talked about why it is that you simply cannot understand the New Testament without first properly understanding the Old Testament. And today as we move forward throughout our study this evening we'll once again prove out that same concept and I think that you will agree with me by the end of this study that those who read the Bible from the middle of the book to the end instead of reading it from the beginning to the end know very little about what's in the Bible.

With that being said, last week we spoke a little bit about why it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins according to Hebrews chapter 10 in the New Testament, and King David and the Psalms in the Old Testament. And we spoke in some detail about the fact that the only thing that has the ability to take away sins is indeed a broken spirit and a contrite heart.

If when we transgress the spoken word of Yahovah we realize our wrongdoing, and we realize that we have disappointed our Father in heaven by transgressing his spoken word we will indeed have a broken spirit and a contrite heart which will move our hands to do what our Father in heaven tells us to do in order to attain his forgiveness and to once again come into shalom with our Father in heaven. And it is this shalom, this piece and reconciliation that we seek as the children of Yahovah because we do indeed love Yahovah.

We also talked about how Samuel the prophet of Yahovah told King Saul that he had not kept the commandment of Yahovah his God, and because Saul did not keep the commandment of Yahovah Saul's kingdom which would have been established over Israel forever would be taken out of the hand of King Saul and given to another man who was after Yahovah's own heart. And of course, that man who was after Yah's own heart was indeed David.

And so it should be obvious to us how much there is to lose by continuously seeking after the things of this world and the many different little "g" gods of this world that are continuously at work trying to steal our salvation and to take our minds off of the kingdom to come.

Just as we have already seen in first Samuel chapter 13, King Saul just like Solomon could have been the Messiah of Israel to sit on the throne of David. But both King Saul, and Solomon both failed miserably by allowing themselves to be led astray by various pagan women, and

those of different pagan faiths instead of clinging to the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob the way that David did.

And of course, we looked at Acts chapter 13 which explains to us that the house of Israel asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish. And when the Yahovah had removed Saul because Saul did not keep his commandments, Yah raised up David to be their king who was a man after the heart of Yah, and who yearned desperately to do the will of his Father in heaven. And just as we are told in Acts chapter 13, it was from the offspring of this man David who was after the heart of God, that God brought to Israel a Savior in Yeshua Hamashiach (Jesus and the Greek) just as he had promised.

We also talked about the similarities between the sin offering being burned outside of the camp, and our Messiah who also suffered outside the camp. According to our God breathed Scripture, there is a direct correlation between the sin offering in the book of Leviticus and our Messiah in the book of Hebrews chapter 13 and what they both represent.

We are also told in Hebrews chapter 13 that it was Yahovah the Father who raised up Yeshua Hamashiach who is called the great Shepherd of the sheep by the blood of the eternal covenant. And we are also told in Hebrews chapter 13 that Yahovah did this in order to equip us with everything good so that we may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight through Yeshua Hamashiach his only begotten Son. And this my friends is something that today's modern-day version of Christianity by and large has long forgotten.

Something else very important that we looked at last week were the four different levels of Hebrew society that we see in the Leviticus chapter 4. The first and foremost was the mediator between God and man who was known as the "High Priest". Then we had the house of Israel as a congregation. Then we have the tribal leaders and elders, and last but not least we have the common person. And we spoke about how Yahovah did indeed judge the house of Israel as a whole according to the sins of the High Priest and its tribal leaders and elders and what this should mean to all of us who live under the auspices of different national leaders and judges. This once again gives the ability to vote a whole new meaning which is another subject that we won't get into here this evening.

And so if you've missed last week's study, I would encourage you to take the time to go back and either read, or view last week's study because we are not going to go back over all of those things this week for the sake of those who have already set through last week's study.

This week were going to be taking a look at some other very important facts that we find within the first few chapters of the book of Leviticus. And one of those very important facts is the fact that these sacrificial offerings did indeed result in the forgiveness of sin, I want to make this very, very clear. According to Leviticus chapter 4 verses 26 and 31 and 35, once these sacrificial offerings were completed properly, the people were indeed forgiven. In other words, sin had indeed been atoned for through these sacrificial offerings.

I cannot tell you how many pastors, priests, bishops and popish leaders will proclaim to us that the sacrificial offerings that we see in the Old Testament did not atone for sin. This my friends is an outright lie according to what we read within the confines of our own God breathes Scripture.

And yes... I would agree that these sacrificial offerings were what led up to the coming of our Messiah, and some might even proclaim that these sacrificial offerings were somewhat of a Band-Aid, but the clear and unequivocal fact is that these sacrificial offerings did indeed atone for sin. Once again, it was because of the worshiper having a broken spirit and a contrite heart and a conscience and a feeling of guilt that moved the worshiper to execute these sacrificial offerings in order to prove their broken spirit and contrite heart and to admit that they were at fault and that Yahovah was in the right. It was the obedience of the worshiper because of their broken spirit and contrite heart that removed the sin and purified the sinner. And this is extremely important for today's modern-day Christian to understand. The purification of the sinner comes from a broken spirit in a contrite heart that drives them to obedience.

I want to be clear here for just a moment; this is all that our Father in heaven has ever wanted from the very beginning! All that our Father in heaven has ever wanted from the beginning was our hearts. Once our Father in heaven knows that we as his children understand that we have made a mistake, and once our Father knows that we understand that what we have done is wrong in his sight, and once our Father knows that we understand that we have foolishly transgressed his spoken word, and that we are truly sorry and remorseful for doing so... our Father in heaven is good and just to forgive us.

It is our broken spirit and our contrite heart over what we have done that unleashes our Fathers mercy and his grace upon us. And this is exactly why he sent the offspring of David his faithful servant into the world to be our sacrificial lamb... to be the propitiation for our sins, to be our High Priest in the order of Melchizedek so that we as his children could indeed return to him and to the tree of life that we were banished from in the garden of Eden when man first fell through Adam.

And so, I want us to clearly understand that these physical sacrificial offerings that the house of Israel did in the beginning did indeed result in the atonement of sin through the obedience of the sinner. Once again, it was the obedience of the sinner that showed their true love for Yahovah. And just as it is written in first John chapter 5 verse three of the New Testament... the love of God is that we keep his commandments and his commandments are not burdensome to us. Nothing has changed from the Old to the new Testaments. The sinner back then was called to obedience just like the sinner today is called to obedience. And it is not because of our obedience that we are saved. We are saved through faith by the mercy and the grace of Yahovah. We are obedient to the commandments of Yahovah because just as were told in first John chapter 5 verse three, this is the biblical definition of the love of God. **Hebrews 9:13-14 (scrn 1)**

Heb 9:13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh,

Heb 9:14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.



Once again, we can clearly see that the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer did indeed sanctify for the purification of the flesh. And this is once again directly tied into the blood of our Messiah who through the internal spirit offered himself without blemish to God through obedience... to his Father in order to purify our conscience from dead works in order to serve the living God.

In other words, the work that our Messiah did at the cross through his obedience to his Father was much greater than the work of the Levitical High Priest because our Messiah was able to do what the Levitical High Priest could not do by having the power to actually forgive us of our sin. How was it that our Messiah was able to forgive sin? Once again, our Messiah was given the authority by God his Father to forgive the sins of mankind. Our Messiah did not have the authority to forgive sin. The authority had to be given to him by his Father in heaven. And the very reason that the Father gave his only begotten Son the authority to forgive sin is because of the obedience of his only begotten Son that showed his love for his Father **Matthew 9:1-8 (screen 2)**

Mat 9:1 And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

Mat 9:2 And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven."

Mat 9:3 And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming."

Mat 9:4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?"

Mat 9:5 For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'?

Mat 9:6 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins—he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, pick up your bed and go home."

Mat 9:7 And he rose and went home.

Mat 9:8 When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.



Once again, Yahovah God the Father had given the authority to forgive sins to the servant branch of David his only begotten Son because of the obedience of his only begotten Son that showed he loved his Father. **Matthew 28:18 (scrn 3)**

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.



All power was given to our Messiah. **Matthew 11:25-27 (scrn 4)**

Mat 11:25 At that time Jesus said, "I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants.

Mat 11:26 "Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight.

Mat 11:27 "All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.



What's interesting to understand here in the book of Matthew is that there were people who were standing right there in front of their own Messiah who had no idea who he was. There were those who had committed the first five books of the Bible to memory... and yet still had no idea who he was. In fact, what is so ironic is the fact that it should have been the scribes and the Pharisees who immediately recognized him. They were the ones who had committed the first five books of the Bible to memory, they were the ones who were supposed to be the teachers of the day, they were the ones who were the pastors, the priests, the bishops, and the Pope-ish leaders of that time. And yet... they had no clue who he was, nor did they have a clue about the power that had been given to him by his Father in heaven. Let me ask you this; do you think if today's pastors, priests, bishops, rabbis, and popish leaders were to have their Messiah standing right in front of them... do you think that they would recognize him? I tell you the truth my friends... most would not.

And so, my point in all of this is to help us see and understand why it was from the very beginning that Yahovah anointed, and ordained, and created the office of the High Priest. The office of the High Priest was a tectonically important part of our Father in heaven's unfolding plan of salvation for mankind. The Levitical High Priest was a forebearer if you will... of our coming Messiah. Yahovah created the office of the High Priest as a shadow picture of our Messiah. **Hebrews 5:1-4 (scrn 5)**

Heb 5:1 For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

Heb 5:2 He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness.

Heb 5:3 Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people.

Heb 5:4 And no one takes this honor for himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.



Clearly, every High Priest is chosen from among men. And the very reason that every High Priest is chosen from among men is because each and every man is beset with weakness. And because each and every man is beset with weakness, the High Priest who is a man who is beset with weakness will deal gently with the ignorant and the wayward since he himself is indeed beset with weakness. And just as we can clearly see in Hebrews chapter 5 verse four, no one takes the honor of being a High Priest upon themselves unless they are called by God himself just as Aaron was. And now that we know and understand this much... let us continue reading Hebrews chapter 5 starting with **Hebrews 5:5-14 E1**

Heb 5:5 So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

Heb 5:6 as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Heb 5:7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

Heb 5:8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.

Heb 5:9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

Heb 5:10 being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Heb 5:11 About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

Heb 5:12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food,

Heb 5:13 for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child.

Heb 5:14 But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

You see this is why the office of a High Priest was created, and ordained, and sanctified by the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the first place. This High Priest that we see in the Old Testament is a shadow picture of the High Priest to come who is our Messiah Yeshua Hamashiach (also known as Jesus in the Greek). And just as we see here in Hebrews chapter 5 verse five, Yeshua did not exalt himself to be made a High Priest but was appointed as a High Priest by his Father in heaven who said and I quote, “*you are my son, today I have begotten you*”. This my friends is exactly what Yahovah told David that he was going to do to David’s Son in second Samuel chapter 7.

Yahovah told David in second Samuel chapter 7 that Yahovah would raise up David’s offspring after him from his own body and that Yahovah would establish his kingdom. Yahovah says in second Samuel chapter 7 verse 14 and I quote, “*I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son*”. Therefore, the Son of David is no longer the Son of David, but the Son of Yahovah. Let us make no mistake about where the Son of Yahovah came from and why. Once again David was a man after Yahovah’s own heart and this is exactly why Yahovah made this very covenant with David that it would be David’s offspring that would sit upon David’s throne over a kingdom that Yahovah would indeed establish forever.

This my friends is exactly why the office of a High Priest was established upon the earth in the first place. It was established so that man would understand who the one mediator would be between God and man. The office of High Priest was established so that man would better understand the ordination, the obligations, and the very hierarchy that Yahovah himself would bring forth and establish upon the earth in order to provide salvation for mankind. **Hebrews 7:26-28 (scrn 6)**

Heb 7:26 For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

Heb 7:27 He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.

Heb 7:28 For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.



I cannot tell you how many great teachers that there are in the world today who are absolutely and utterly blinded to the very reason why Yahovah created the office of High Priest upon the earth in the first place. I cannot tell you how many great teachers there are out there today, who still cling to their Roman rooted theologies, and philosophies that claim that our Messiah is anything and everything but... the only begotten Son of God.

Our High Priest in the order of Melchizedek is indeed Yeshua Hamashiach who is in the order of... the Melchizedek priesthood. A Melchizedek priesthood that began in the days of Noah. A priesthood that was destined to last forever. A priesthood that the Levitical priesthood was modeled after but was never able to fully attain.

For it is indeed fitting that we should have such a High Priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those High Priests to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once and for all when he offered up himself. For the law appoints men in their weakness as High Priests, but the word of the oath... (get that my friends)... **“the word of the oath”** which came later than the law appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever. What oath is the author of Hebrews talking about that came after the law? The oath that Yahovah spoke to David.
Second Samuel 7:12-16 E2

2Sa 7:12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

2Sa 7:13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

2Sa 7:14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, 2Sa 7:15 but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. 2Sa 7:16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

This my friends is the oath that is being spoken of in Hebrews chapter 7 verse 28 that came after the law. This oath that was spoken of by Yahovah himself was an oath that Yahovah gave to David proclaiming that Yahovah would raise up David's offspring after him who would come from David's own body and that Yahovah would establish his kingdom forever. This oath that came after the law was an oath that Yahovah made to David telling David that Yahovah was going to make David Son his own Son and that he was going to place this only begotten Son on the throne of David which would be established forever. Not says I... but says our God. Scripture.

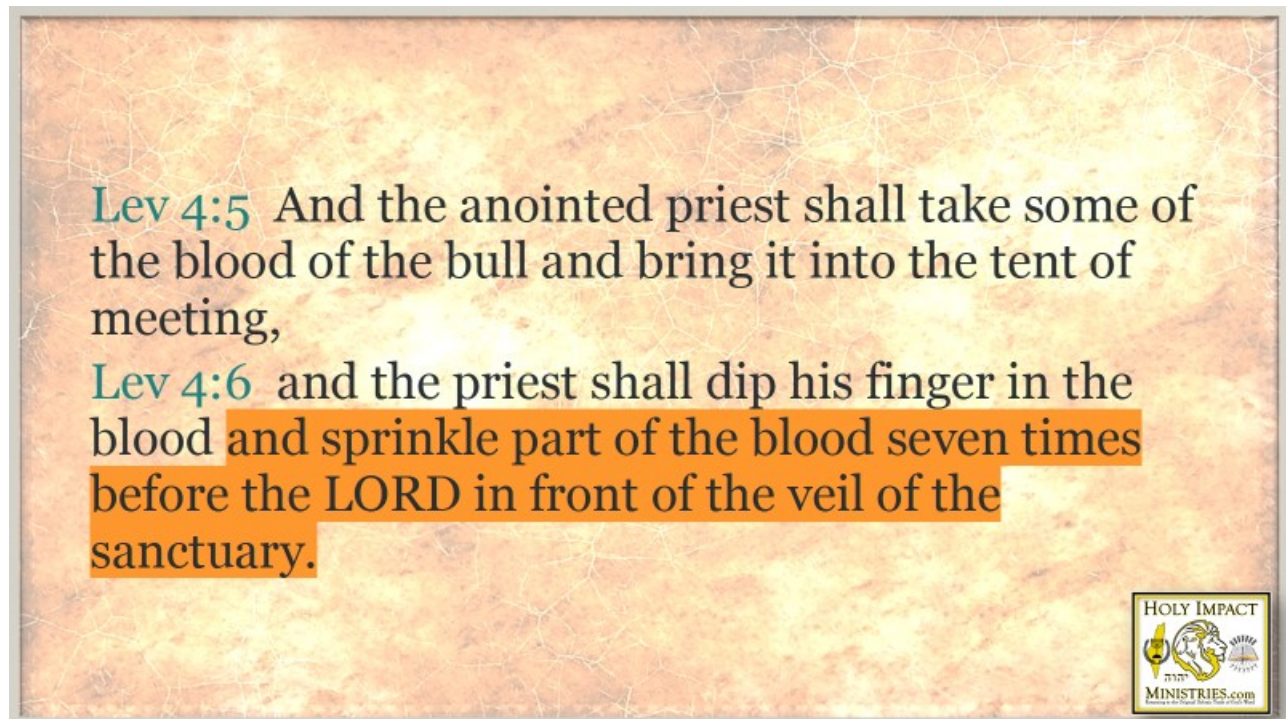
And this my friends is why Yahovah created the office of a High Priest on earth in the first place! If we do not understand the office of the High Priest in the Old Testament, we will never understand who our High Priest is in the order of Melchizedek. We will never understand why he had to be a man. We will never understand why he had to be set with weakness as a man. And we will never understand what our Messiah did for us by rejecting sin in order to be the propitiation for our sins, and our sacrificial lamb that nailed **the penalty of the law** to the cross so that we could return to our Father in heaven and truly understand the biblical definition of the love of God which is according to first John chapter 5 verse three, that we keep his commandments and his commandments are not burdensome to us.

Once again my friends, you cannot understand the second half of the Bible without reading the first half, and anyone that tells you that you can is simply not telling you the truth. These God breathed Scriptures are indeed God breathed, and these God breathed Scriptures need to be respected as God breathed if we are ever going to understand the truth of our Father's spoken word. Our Father began to speak in the book of Genesis, he did not begin to speak in the book of Matthew. He continues to speak in the book of Matthew... but he began to speak... in the book of Genesis and he expects you and I and our children and our children's children to study to show ourselves approved if we truly love him, and he expects us... because his only begotten Son has moved the penalty of the law out of the way for us in order for us to return to him... to now show our love for him as we should have done in the very beginning. And how do we show our love for him? By keeping his commandments and not allowing his commandments to become a burden to us. My friends... It's called... obedience.

The way that we show our love for our Father is to not bow our knee to the serpent the way Adam did. This time around... because our High Priest in the order of Melchizedek has physically done the first four sacrificial offerings for us on our behalf... from whom much is given, much is expected. And this is extremely important for today's modern-day Christian to

understand. To whom much is given, much is expected. And we could continue on this line of thought and understanding, and we will continue on this line of thought and understanding as we move forward in our studies, but for now... I would like to move forward by reminding us of exactly what the day of atonement was all about.

I want us to notice in Leviticus chapter 4 verse six, that the High Priest was to dip his finger in the blood of the bull and then sprinkle part of the blood seven times before Yahovah in front of the veil of the sanctuary. Let's read that in the **Leviticus 4:5-6 (scrn 7)**



The day of atonement is also known as “*Yom Kippur*”, the day of atonement is a day that atoned for the sins of the High Priest and the house of Israel. Any sin that the High Priest and the house of Israel may not have recognized as sin was forgiven on the day of atonement when the High Priest and the house of Israel was obedient to the commandment of Yahovah’s commanded sacrificial offering. Anything that was seen as sinful in the eyes of Yahovah throughout the year was forgiven through the sacrificial offering provided on the day of atonement during that once a year offering.

Here in Leviticus chapter 4 verse six, we see the High Priest dipping his finger in the blood and then sprinkling part of the blood seven times before Yahovah in front of the veil of the sanctuary. But once a year the High Priest dipped his finger in the blood and sprinkled part of the blood seven times before Yahovah behind the veil on the mercy seat so that both the High Priest and the house of Israel would be forgiven of any sins that they might not have recognized throughout the year. **Leviticus 16:14 (scrn 8)**

Lev 16:14 And he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the front of the mercy seat on the east side, and in front of the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.



MERCY SEAT = KAPORETH = SEAT OF GOD EXODUS 25:17-22 E3

Exo 25:17 “You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold. Two cubits and a half shall be its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth.

Exo 25:18 And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work shall you make them, on the two ends of the mercy seat.

Exo 25:19 Make one cherub on the one end, and one cherub on the other end. Of one piece with the mercy seat shall you make the cherubim on its two ends.

Exo 25:20 The cherubim shall spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings, their faces one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubim be.

Exo 25:21 And you shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony that I shall give you.

Exo 25:22 There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony, I will speak with you about all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel.

There was only one time a year when the High Priest was able to enter into the holy of holies. There was only one time per year that the High Priest was able to go into the ark of the covenant and to even look upon the mercy seat which is the top of the ark of the testimony where the two cherubim that faced each other. And this one time of the year was on the day of atonement. And the very reason that the High Priest sprinkled the blood of the sacrifice on the mercy seat paints for us a picture of the blood of our Messiah that caused our Father in heaven to once again cover us with his mercy and his grace. That blood on the end of the finger of the High Priest who was sprinkling the blood of the sacrifice on the mercy seat signifies, and

represents the blood of our Messiah enacting the mercy of his Father in heaven upon us all.

The High Priest sprinkled the blood of the sacrifice seven times because seven is always symbolic of perfection and completeness in the Bible which is exactly what our Messiah was, he was symbolic of perfection and completeness. Our Messiah was that perfect unblemished Passover lamb who knew no sin. The High Priest sprinkling the blood of the sacrifice onto the mercy seat on the day of atonement has a greater significance for the Christian today than the Christian today will ever even know or understand because the Christian today has been preprogrammed to read the Bible from the middle of the book, and not to read it from the beginning. And the very reason that today's modern-day Christian is preprogrammed not to read their Bibles from the beginning... is so that the little "g" god of this world would be able to insert his own theology, and his own philosophies, and his own dogmas, and his own hermeneutics into the minds of men and to hide the truth of Yahovah's word from the world. And why? Because that's what the god of this world does best. And it is through hiding the first half of the Bible from today's modern-day Christian that the god of this world has created his own religion, and because the god of this world has created his own religion, man now bows down to him in the form of a man also known as... the Roman Catholic Pope who has thought to change the times and the laws of the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob just as Daniel prophesied that he would.

Oh, how long will we sleep? How long will we sit so comfortably in our slothful, apathetic and ignorant sin? How long will we deny the truth? How long will we bow the knee to the creature instead of our creator? How long will it take for today's modern-day Christian to begin to read the spoken word of Yahovah from the beginning for himself?

My fear, is that the answer to that question for many is not until the return of our Messiah who will indeed judge the wicked for being wicked and the slothful for being slothful, and the apathetic for being apathetic, and the ignorant for being willfully and intentionally ignorant! Let us pray that we are not counted among these. Let us pray that we who have all fallen short of the glory of God can and will do our level best to rescue our would be brothers and sisters by putting the truth of our Father's word in their hearing while there is still time. And that we would encourage them to go back to their first love and to begin to read the book from the beginning, from the book of Genesis and not just from the book of Matthew.

The day of atonement was a day that any sin that was not realized by the High Priest or by the house of Israel could be atone for. And this should cause us to pause and to think about how important it is not to transgress the spoken word of our Father in heaven even to the least degree! The Bible tells us that even if we transgress his law and we don't know that we're transgressing it, we are still responsible.

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Lev 5:17 "Now if a person sins and does any of the things which the LORD has commanded not to be done, though he was unaware, still he is guilty and shall bear his punishment."



Whether we realize our sin or not, if we transgress his spoken word we are indeed guilty, and this is exactly why our Father in heaven created, sanctified, and ordained the day of atonement. And it was on this day of atonement that the High Priest sprinkled the blood of the sacrifice upon this mercy seat of Yahovah once again painting a picture for us of the power of the blood of our Messiah who came to move the penalty of the law out of the way for those who would come back to his Father and love his Father the way that they should have from the very beginning. Listen closely to what David wrote in **Psalms 19:12-13 (scrn 10)**

Psa 19:12 Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

Psa 19:13 Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.



What we see here from David in Psalms 19 is very much akin to how our Messiah told us to pray when he said that we should pray that our Father in heaven would forgive us of our sins as we forgive the sins of our debtors, and that he would not lead us into temptation, but would deliver us from temptation. David knew that it could be difficult for us to discern our errors and so did his Father in heaven.

And so, either way, whether you recognize your sin or whether you do not recognize your sin, punishment will ensue for sins that we were not aware of. Why? Because this once again shows our Father in heaven that we did not study to show ourselves approved, and therefore we did not care about his spoken word enough to take the time to know what sin is and what sin is not. Our Messiah commanded us each one individually to study to show ourselves approved so that we could rightly divide his Father spoken word.

And this is exactly why the day of atonement was so very important. The priest, neither the house of Israel, nor David wanted any of this unknown sin that they may not have understood, or that they may not have caught in their lives to be held against them. The day of atonement cleansed them from any and all sin that they may have committed while not knowing that it was a sin, or something that might have been displeasing to their Father in heaven.

This my friends should throw a whole new light on the very definition of sin which is the transgression of the law according to first John chapter 3 verse four. And the law in of itself is indeed the spoken word of Yahovah. Therefore, if we transgress the spoken word of Yahovah, we have sinned against Yahovah by transgressing his law.

And this is exactly why the office of the High Priest was created by our Father in heaven to help us better understand the power of the blood of our Messiah. For without the office of the High Priest being made known to us, how then would we understand what our Messiah has done for us?

It's important that we understand why the blood of our Messiah is much more powerful than the blood of any bull or goat or ram. It's important to remember that the sin offering (also known as the purification offering) was only for unintentional sins. A high-handed sin, also known as a willful and intentional sin was not covered by these sacrificial offerings that we are reading about in the book of Leviticus. And I want to make this absolutely clear for those who may just be joining us for the first time. Let's turn to **Numbers 15:22-31 E4**

Unintentional versus intentional

Num 15:22 "But if you sin unintentionally, and do not observe all these commandments that the LORD has spoken to Moses,

Num 15:23 all that the LORD has commanded you by Moses, from the day that the LORD gave commandment, and onward throughout your generations,

Num 15:24 then if it was done unintentionally without the knowledge of the

congregation, all the congregation shall offer one bull from the herd for a burnt offering, a pleasing aroma to the LORD, with its grain offering and its drink offering, according to the rule, and one male goat for a sin offering.

Num 15:25 And the priest shall make atonement for all the congregation of the people of Israel, and they shall be forgiven, because it was a mistake, and they have brought their offering, a food offering to the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD for their mistake.

Num 15:26 And all the congregation of the people of Israel shall be forgiven, and the stranger who sojourns among them, because the whole population was involved in the mistake.

Num 15:27 “If one person sins unintentionally, he shall offer a female goat a year old for a sin offering.

Num 15:28 And the priest shall make atonement before the LORD for the person who makes a mistake, when he sins unintentionally, to make atonement for him, and he shall be forgiven.

Num 15:29 You shall have one law for him who does anything unintentionally, for him who is native among the people of Israel and for the stranger who sojourns among them.

Num 15:30 But the person who does anything with a high hand, whether he is native or a sojourner, reviles the LORD, and that person shall be cut off from among his people.

Num 15:31 Because he has despised the word of the LORD and has broken his commandment, that person shall be utterly cut off; his iniquity shall be on him.”

Here in Numbers chapter 15 there are a couple of different things that we need to make mention of here. Number one is the fact that no high-handed sin, (also known as willful and intentional sin) could be atoned for by any of these Levitical sacrificial offerings. And something else very important for us to notice here in Numbers chapter 15 is the fact that this also applied to the Gentile. Notice in Numbers chapter 15 verse 29 it says and I quote, “*You shall have one law for him who does anything unintentionally, for him who is a native among the people of Israel, and for the Gentile who sojourns among them.*” Again, a stranger was a Gentile. In Yahovah’s eyes there are only two types of people. There is an Israelite who is part of the house of Israel and the seed of Abraham, and there is a Gentile who is not. Our Father in heaven does not see color, he does not see race, he does not see creed, he sees the house of Israel, and everybody else. Those are the only two groups of people that he sees. And let me just be upfront my friends, you don’t want to be in the “*everybody else*” category. And just to be clear, I’d like to back up in Numbers chapter 15 just a little bit and I would like us to read **Numbers 15:14-16 (scroll up)**

Num 15:14 And if a stranger is sojourning with you, or anyone is living permanently among you, and he wishes to offer a food offering, with a pleasing aroma to the LORD, he shall do as you do.

Num 15:15 For the assembly, there shall be one statute for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you, a statute forever throughout your generations. You and the sojourner shall be alike before the LORD.

Num 15:16 One law and one rule shall be for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you."

Once again, the Gentiles were being added into the house of Israel from the very beginning. The Gentiles were not being added into the house of Israel in the New Testament when Peter saw the sheet full of unclean animals in the book of Acts. Once again this is a common mistake made by the ignorant and the unstudied who read the book from the middle of the book instead of reading the book from the beginning of the book.

But the point that I'm trying to make here is that the blood of our Passover lamb who is our Messiah Yeshua Hamashiach can cover all sins done in weakness. The blood of our Messiah covers sins that the blood of bulls and goats and rams could never cover. **First John 2:1-8 E5**

1Jn 2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

1Jn 2:2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1Jn 2:3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

1Jn 2:4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,

1Jn 2:5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him:

1Jn 2:6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

1Jn 2:7 Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard.

1Jn 2:8 At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.

The true light is indeed already shining because our Messiah was, is, and always will be the light of the world who has indeed already come once, and will indeed return again in the very near future.

In closing I'm sure that most of you will indeed agree with me when I say that no one can read the last half of the Bible and know what's in the Bible. The Bible must be read like any

other book from the beginning to the end, and it must be studied not just read. It must be coveted, it must be prayed over, it must be diligently and meticulously combed through daily. The living breathing word of Yahovah is not just any book. It is indeed the living breathing word of the creator of the heavens and the earth.

And with that being said, I would once again like to ask everyone within the sound of my voice to please take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet. Now your head, and bend your knee, and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here today be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and his door alone, and the door will be open to you. And if you would do that, and if you will stay the course to the end... You and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.