

Sermon Follow-up | October 20, 2019

SERMON

The Torah — The Day of Atonement

Focus Passage: Leviticus 16:1–22

Additional Context: Leviticus 16:1–34

Other Passages Referenced: Leviticus 10:1–2, 10; 20:26

Corollary Scripture – Hebrews 9:7–15

Sermon Recap: Leviticus powerfully demonstrates the holiness of God, the sinfulness of mankind, and also the undeserved, overwhelming, all-encompassing forgiveness that our holy God offers to each of us! God is a holy God, so any action or attitude outside of His design or command is sin. God draws the line between the holy and the unholy, the clean and the unclean, the pure and the impure, between what is right and what is wrong because He is the holy God. When we redraw the lines between the holy and the profane, we sin and deserve death. However, even in Leviticus, where God’s holiness and mankind’s sinfulness are highlighted, God gives good news (gospel) with the Day of Atonement—a substitute sacrifice given in our place. The annual Day of Atonement pointed to Jesus, who gave Himself as the Lamb of God who atones for our sins once for all time.

Notable Quotes from the Sermon:

- “When an individual comes into the presence of a holy God, a line of demarcation must be drawn; otherwise, the worshipers entrance may trivialize what is absolutely set apart from all of life. And when the profane is blended into the sacred, there is always a loss of the absolute otherness and transcendence of God.” – Walter C. Kaiser, Jr.
- “How might we be guilty of trivializing entering into the presence of God?”
- “God drew lines in the Garden of Eden, with Moses at the burning bush, and at Mt. Sinai.”
- “Who is drawing the lines of what is holy and what is not holy in your life?”

STORIES 16–18 from E100 — Pages 22–24 of Fall Chapel-wide Study Guide

Connect: Making Honest Connections with One Another

*How was your experience with **living by** God’s word this past week?*

*How were you able **to let others know** about what God’s word says this past week?*

Is there a particular area where you struggle to accept God’s instruction about what is holy and what is unacceptable? ... Are you aware of trying to redraw your own lines that don’t match His? (Our speech, sexuality, stewardship of time and resources, etc.)

Grow: Listening to and Learning from God’s Word

READ: Stories 16–18 from the Fall Chapel-wide Study

1. Were there any parts of the passages that you found hard to understand?
2. Can you give a synopsis of each of the stories in your own words?
3. Did you see human rebellion/sin or idolatry in any of the passages?

4. Did you see God's judgment of rebellion/sin in any of the passages?
5. Did you see God's love and grace in any of the passages?
6. Can you see how any of the passages relate to other passages you have studied?
7. Do you see any ways in which any of the passages have connections to Jesus in the New Testament?
8. Are there any promises in the passages we need to remember and trust?
9. Are there any commands in the passages we need to obey?

Serve: Serving King Jesus and Others By Living Out and Letting Others Know God's Word

1. What do you believe God's Spirit is saying to you specifically about living by His word that we have been listening to and learning from? Will you make a specific effort to live by His word by filling in the blank of this statement? – "With the Holy Spirit's help, I will _____ to live by God's word in the coming week."
2. What does it mean for you to "proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light"? — "With the Holy Spirit's help, I will let _____ know what I am hearing and learning from God's word."

Further Resources

- Illustrations and quotes from the sermon can be found on the "Sermon Slides" link at the bottom of www.wcchapel.org
- Right Now Media Resources – If you do not yet have your free Right Now Media account, click [here](#) to set it up and view the following resources.
 - 8 minute:16 second video overview of Leviticus
– <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Training/Post/Preview/188038>
 - 6 minute:4 second video explanation of atonement
– <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Training/Post/View/188843>
- The Cutting Room Floor — www.wcchapel.org/thecuttingroomfloor