

Understanding Atonement

Leviticus 16:12-34 (Series: Grasping God's Holiness)

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First approach: the progression of the _____

- 1) _____ at the laver in the courtyard (v. 4)
- 2) _____ in the tabernacle (v. 4)
- 3) _____ the bull a sin-offering for himself, his family (v. 3, 6, 11).
- 4) _____ bull's blood into the holy of holies, _____ it on/ towards, the mercy-seat (v. 14)
- 5) _____ to the courtyard, cast lots for the two goats - a sin-offering for the congregation. (v. 7, 8)
- 6) _____ one goat to atone for congregation sin's (v. 5, 9, 15)
- 7) _____ Holy of Holies, _____ goat's blood on the mercy seat and the Holy of Holies. (v. 15-17)
- 8) _____ to altar of burnt offering, _____ with bull's, goat's blood. (v. 11, 15, 18, 19)
- 9) Goat-keeper _____ second goat into the wilderness and _____. (vv. 20-22)
- 10) High Priest _____ linen clothes, _____ himself, redress (v. 23-24)
- 11) _____ fat of the sin offering (v. 25)
- 12) High Priest _____ two rams as burnt offerings (one for himself, one for the congregation) (vv. 3, 5, 24)

13) Goat-keeper _____ himself (v. 26)

14) _____ bull, goat offerings outside the camp to _____ (v. 27)

15) One who burned those offerings to _____ himself (v. 28)

Second approach: identifying the underlying _____ of the text.

IV. The Day of Atonement (Lev. 16-17)

- A. The holy place (16:1-4)
- B. Sin offerings (16:5-11)
- C. Atonement to the Lord (16:12-16)
 1. Atoning for sin (v. 12-19)
 - a. The process
 - b. The purpose – addressing the uncleanness of the people caused by their sins, because God was in their midst. (v. 16)
 - c. The result (v. 17-19)
 2. Removing guilt (v. 20-22)
- D. Post-sacrifice rituals (v. 23-28)
 1. Aaron's (High Priest) cleanup (v. 23-25)
 - a. Take off linen garments in the tent of meeting (v. 23)
 - b. Bathe in a holy place (v. 24a)
 - c. Offer burnt offerings (v. 24b)
 - d. Burn fat of the sin offering on the altar (v. 25)
 2. The one who let the goat go cleanup (v. 26)
 3. Offerings cleanup (v. 27-28)
 - a. Bull & goat's extra parts burned outside the camp (v. 27)
 - b. One who burns them to wash clothes and body (v. 28)
- E. Recapping the Day of Atonement (v. 29-34)
 1. Honoring the day (v. 29-31)
 - a. When it falls (v. 29a)
 - b. A solemn, Sabbath day (v. 29b-31)
 2. The priest's role (v. 32-34)

Conclusion: This demonstrates the awfulness of _____ and the cost of atoning for it.

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- 1) **Wash** at the laver in the courtyard (v. 4)
- 2) **Dress** in the tabernacle (v. 4)
- 3) **Present** the bull a sin-offering for himself, his family (vv. 3, 6, 11).
- 4) **Bring** bull's blood into the holy of holies, **sprinkle** it on/ towards, the mercy-seat (v. 14)
- 5) **Return** to the courtyard, cast lots for the two goats - a sin-offering for the congregation. (vv. 7, 8)
- 6) **Sacrifice** one goat to atone for congregation sin's (vv. 5, 9, 15)
- 7) **Re-enter** Holy of Holies, **sprinkle** goat's blood on the mercy seat and the Holy of Holies. (vv. 15-17)
- 8) **Return** to altar of burnt offering, **cleanse** with bull's, goat's blood. (vv. 11, 15, 18, 19)
- 9) Goat-keeper **lead** second goat into the wilderness and **release**. (vv. 20-22)
- 10) High Priest **remove** linen clothes, **re-wash** himself, redress (v. 23-24)
- 11) **Burn** fat of the sin offering (v. 25)
- 12) High Priest **offer** two rams as burnt offerings (one for himself, one for the congregation) (vv. 3, 5, 24)
- 13) Goat-keeper **cleanse** himself (v. 26)
- 14) **Carry** bull, goat offerings outside the camp to **burn** (v. 27)
- 15) One who burned those offerings to **wash** himself (v. 28)

Second approach: identifying the underlying structure of the text.

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 - a. The process

- 1.) Burning incense with coals from the altar (v. 12-13)
- 2.) Bull's blood on the mercy seat (v. 14)
- 3.) Goat's blood (sin offering) on the mercy seat (v. 15)
 - b. The purpose – addressing the uncleanness of the people caused by their sins, because God was in their midst. (v. 16)
 - c. The result (v. 17-19)
 - 1.) People may enter the tent of meeting (v. 17)
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