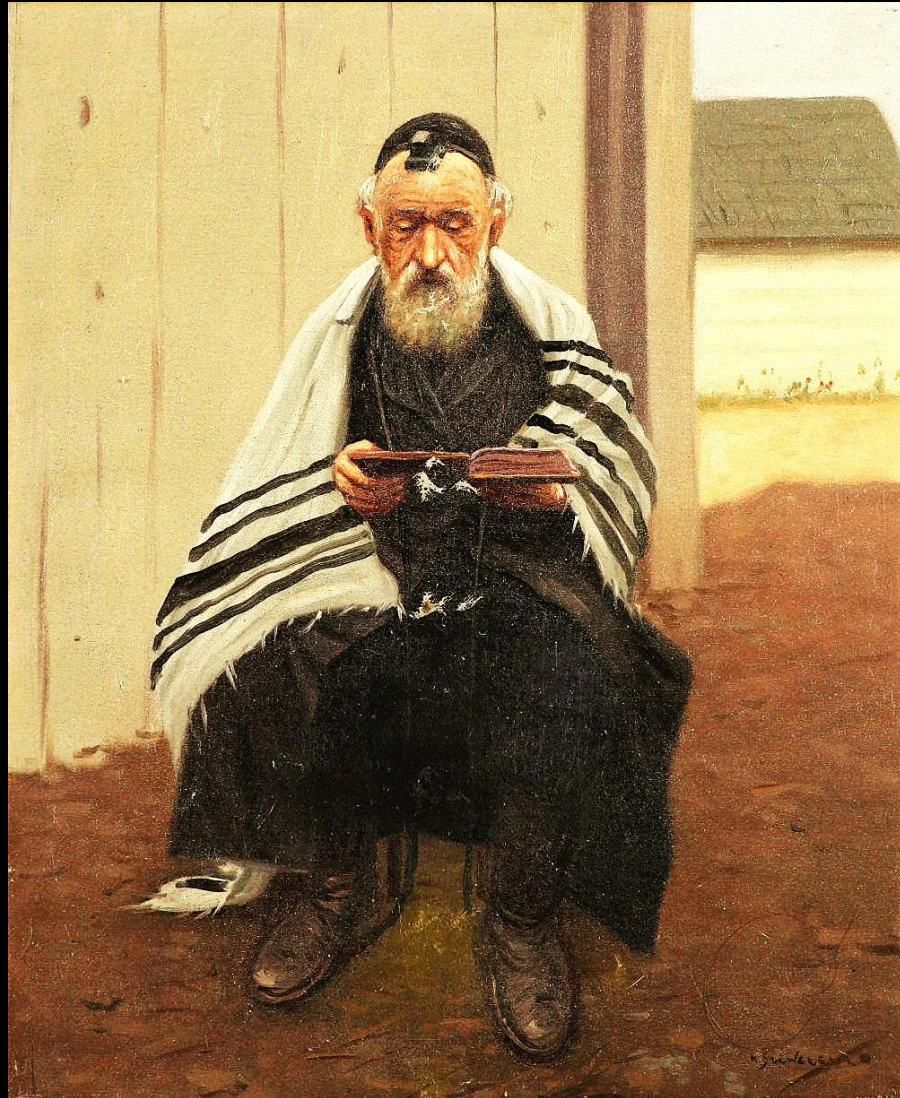


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## On Loving God's Word

- Psalm 119:69-72 (NKJV)

69 The proud have forged a lie against me,

[But] I will keep Your precepts  
with [my] whole heart.

70 Their heart is as fat as grease,

[But] I delight in Your law.

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## On Loving God's Word

- Psalm 119:69-72 (NKJV)

71 [It is] good for me that I have been afflicted,  
That I may learn Your statutes.

72 The law of Your mouth [is] better to me  
Than thousands of [coins of] gold and silver.

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### Previously in **Leviticus**:

- While **Ch.13** showed us how the priests identified leprosy, **Ch.14** gave instructions for its cleansing.
- Then in **Ch.15** we got what to us might have seemed an odd set of instructions.
- These were the guidelines as to what sort of bodily discharges rendered a person unclean.

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What to expect in **Leviticus 16:**

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What to expect in **Leviticus 16**:

- On the **Day of Atonement**, God provided a way for a holy God to dwell among a sinful people.
- This is through the blood of substitutionary sacrifice and the removal of guilt.
- This chapter is a sort of climax within **Leviticus** and the theological high point of the whole book.

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### *Tashlich – You Will Cast*

- Every year, on the afternoon of *Rosh Hashanah*, the Jewish New Year, people go down to a river.
- Any body of water will also suffice.
- This is ten days before *Yom Kippur*.
- Here they take part in a tradition called *Tashlich* — which means “You will cast.”

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## *Tashlich – You Will Cast*

- Everyone symbolically shakes out their pockets into the water.
- By doing so, they reference a word from **Micah**—and a passage which is normally recited at this time.

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*Tashlich – You Will Cast*

- Micah 7:18-19

18 Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity

and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance?

He does not retain his anger forever,  
because he delights in steadfast love.

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*Tashlich – You Will Cast*

- Micah 7:18-19

19 He will again have compassion on us;

he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

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## *Tashlich – You Will Cast*

- It's a beautiful symbolic act of casting away their sins and watching them disappear beneath the water.
- It is a picture of repentance and a desire for a clean slate in the new year.
- This is followed by the **Ten Days of Repentance**—a time specifically devoted to prayer and good works.

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*Tashlich – You Will Cast*

- And this brings us to *Yom Kippur: The Day of Atonement*.

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- VI. The Continuing Statute 16:29-34



# I. The Priest's Preparation

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- Context: After the death of Nadab and Abihu (**Ch.10**)
- Warning: You cannot enter the Most Holy Place any time you want, or you will die.

# I. The Priest's Preparation

16:1-5

- Instructions:

1. He is to wear specific simple linen garments.

2. The animals for sacrifice will consist of:

- One Bull
- One Ram
- Two Male Goats

# I. The Priest's Preparation

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- **Key Point:** Approaching God's presence is extremely dangerous for sinners—even for the High Priest.

## II. The Selection of Goats

16:6-10

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- Aaron offers a bull as a sin offering for himself and his household.
- Two goats are presented at the entrance of the tabernacle.

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- Lots are cast: One goat “for the Lord” (sin offering), the other “for Azazel” (the goat *ez* that is sent away *azal*).
- William Tyndale coined the word (e)scapegoat in his 1530 translation of the English Bible.
- The scapegoat would be sent into the wilderness symbolically bearing the sins of the congregation.

### III. The Heart of Atonement

16:11-19

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- The bull was offered for Aaron himself.
- The goat was the sin offering for the people.
- Aaron enters the Most Holy Place alone—the only day of the year that he does so.
- First, he burns incense to cover the mercy seat.

### III. The Heart of Atonement

16:11-19

- Then he sprinkles blood on the mercy seat with his fingers seven times.
- After killing the goat, he makes atonement for the Most Holy Place, the Holy Place, and the altar.
- He is cleansing the entire tabernacle from the sin of the people.

### III. The Heart of Atonement

16:11-19

- Key Verse: **Leviticus 16:16a**

Thus he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleannesses of the people of Israel and because of their transgressions, all their sins.

## IV. The Scapegoat Ritual

16:20-22

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16:20-22

- After atonement is made in the Holy Place, Aaron lays both hands on the live goat.
- He confesses all the iniquities, transgressions, and sins of Israel over it.

## IV. The Scapegoat Ritual

16:20-22

- The goat is sent away into the wilderness, bearing the sins of the people.
- Note the Powerful Picture:
- Sin is transferred to the animal, and guilt is removed from the people.

## IV. The Scapegoat Ritual

16:20-22



*The sins of the people were symbolically placed on the head of the scapegoat; and he was released into the wilderness, never to be seen again. This is a tremendous picture of how God removes our sins from us ...*

*– Chuck Smith (1927 – 2013),  
Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa*

## IV. The Scapegoat Ritual

16:20-22



*... They are gone, lost forever. He won't remember them. He won't ever bring up my past. My sins are as far as the east is from the west. They are at the bottom of the sea.*

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V. Concluding the Day

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- Aaron now comes out; he removes the clothes he was wearing and bathes.
- He then burns the sacrificial animals, certain parts on the altar and the rest outside the camp.
- Similarly, those who helped with the animals shall wash their clothes and bathe before they return to the camp.

## VI. The Continuing Statute

16:29-34

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- This is to be an annual observance on the 10th day of the 7th month.
- The people must “afflict themselves” (fast, repent) and do no work.

## VI. The Continuing Statute

16:29-34

- This is the only fast day mandated in the Torah.
- Nonetheless, according to the ancient scholars, one should consider it a joyful holiday.
- This is because it is a day to bring about reconciliation among people and between people and God.

## VI. The Continuing Statute

16:29-34

- Key Verse: **Leviticus 16:30**

For on this day shall atonement be made for you to cleanse you. You shall be clean before the Lord from all your sins.

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- In the afternoon synagogue service, the traditional reading is the **Book of Jonah**.
- The obvious lesson here is that God is willing to forgive all those who sincerely repent.

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- We, of course, no longer look to the sacrifices of the Day of Atonement.

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- Hebrews 10:1-4

1 For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, [and] not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? ...

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- Hebrews 10:1-4

... For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. 3 But in those [sacrifices there is] a reminder of sins every year. 4 For [it is] not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

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### Christ is the Reality

- We look to the cross.
- The sinless sacrifice of our Great High Priest gives the final atonement for our sins.
- He is, in the words of John the Baptist, “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

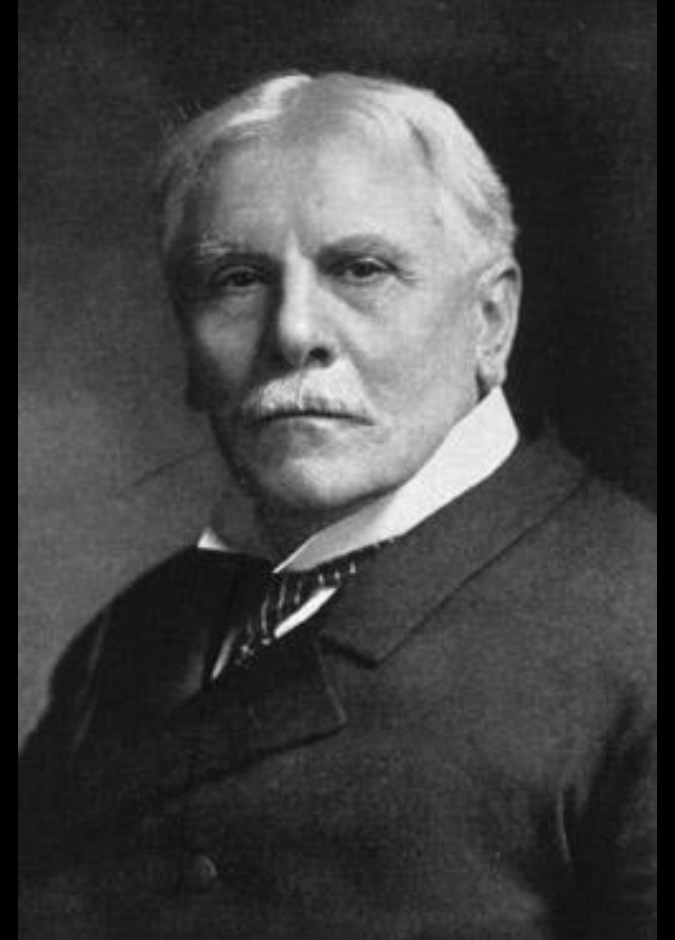
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*It was the Cross, not the Levitical sacrifices which made “at-one-ment.” The O.T. sacrifices enabled God to go on with a guilty people because they typified the Cross ...*

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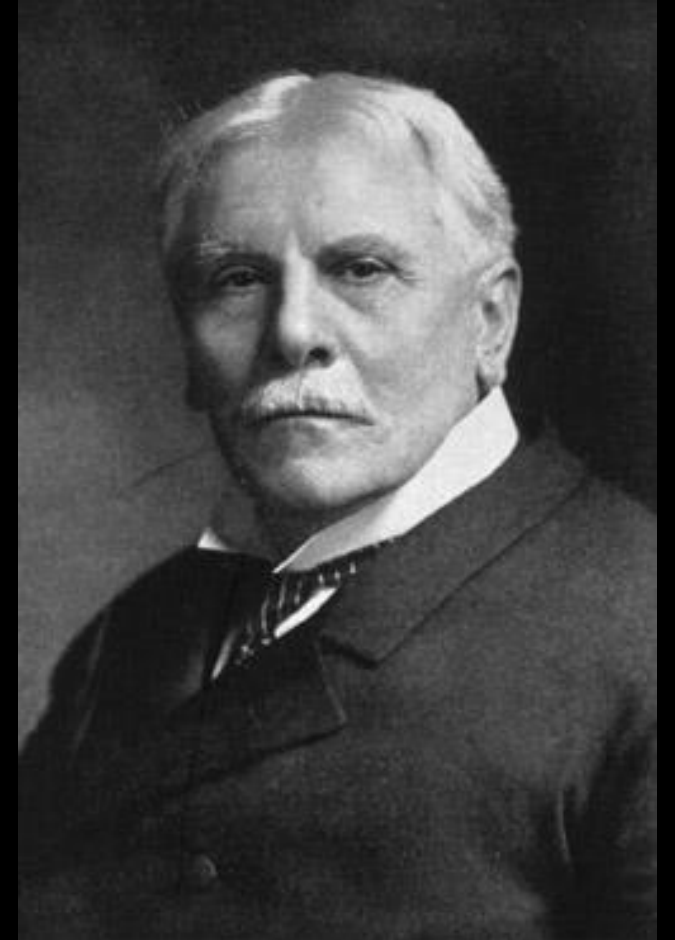
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*... To the offerer they were the confession of his desert of death, and the expression of his faith; to God they were the “shadows” of which Christ was the reality.*

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### Christ is the Reality

- Rather than ritual, we now have reality.
- Rather than the symbol, we now have the substance.
- Jesus Christ became both the sacrifice and the scapegoat for us, both dying and taking away our sins.

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