

God Must Provide Our Atoning Sacrifice Leviticus 16-17

I. Leviticus 16: Instructions for the Day of Atonement.

- The High Priest could only enter the Holy of Holies once per year on the Day of Atonement.
- He would collect a bull for a sin offering for himself and his household, a ram for a burnt offering, one goat for a sin offering for the people and one goat as the scapegoat.
- The High Priest would bathe inside the Holy Place and then put on his linen garments.
- He then sacrificed the bull for a sin offering for himself and his household.
- He entered the Holy of Holies with a firepan of coals and sweet incense which he burned over the mercy seat and sprinkled the bull's blood on the mercy seat.

- The High Priest sacrificed the one goat as a sin offering for the people and sprinkled its blood on the mercy seat.
- After confessing the people's sins on the head of the scapegoat, he had it taken out into the wilderness.
- He sprinkled the blood of the bull and goat on the horns of the altar of sacrifice.
- The High Priest returned to the Holy Place to remove his garments and bathe. He then put on new clothes and went outside to offer up the ram as a whole burnt offering for himself and the people.
- No one was to work on the Day of Atonement. It was to be a Sabbath rest and a day of humility (Lev. 16:29-34).

Leviticus 17: Forbids any alternative sacrifices.

- Anyone slaughtering an ox, goat or lamb must present it as an offering to the Lord (vss 1-4).
- This regulation prevented sacrifices to the goat demons (vss 5-7).
- Anyone not complying with this law was to be cut off from the people (vss 8-10).
- The Israelites also could not eat anything with blood in it (vss 11-14).
- You must wash if you eat an animal that died or was torn (vss 15-16).

II. What did the Day of Atonement teach and how is it relevant to us today?

- Only Yahweh can provide a _____ (Acts 4:8-12)

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people, ⁹ if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by this *name* this man stands here before you in good health. ¹¹ "He is the **STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED** by you, **THE BUILDERS**, *but WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone.* ¹² "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:8-12 (NASB)



- Only _____ can make the sacrifice (Heb. 9:11-15)

¹¹ But when Christ appeared *as* a high priest of the good things to come, *He entered* through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; ¹² and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? ¹⁵ For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were *committed* under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. Hebrews 9:11-15 (NASB)

- The one sacrifice provides the covering for _____ (Heb. 9:24-28)

²⁴ For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a *mere* copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; ²⁵ nor was it that He would offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶ Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. ²⁷ And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this *comes* judgment, ²⁸ so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without *reference* to sin, to those who eagerly await Him. Hebrews 9:24-28

- God's provision removes sins _____ (Heb. 10:10-14)

¹⁰ By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ¹¹ Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; ¹² but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, **SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,** ¹³ waiting from that time onward **UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET.** ¹⁴ For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. Hebrews 10:10-14

