

Becoming At One With Our God

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The subject today is about you and me at this time in God's plan. It's about those of us who have been called by God and have His holy spirit, and it's about our journey of becoming at one with the Great God of this universe.

So that will be the subject today, *Becoming At One With Our God*.

In the King James Bible, in the book of Leviticus, it speaks about Satan, and it pictures him as the scapegoat. And that's not a very good explanation, and that's not the way that he should be portrayed. I'm sure that that's the way he would like to believe, that it was that way, that he has escaped, but he's not the scapegoat, and he has not escaped. He is the azazel, and his punishment is coming swiftly now, and the first part will be his prison for one thousand years, until his final punishment at the end.

That being is so guilty of so much through time. We know that he'll attack God at His throne, and we understand that he is working, and he is still working against God's plan for mankind.

The Day of Atonement is much about this being, Satan, and it's also about mankind, and it's also about God's Son and what will take place. And we will look at all three in this sermon today, and we will look at the symbolism that these scriptures portray to you and me. And it's a beautiful, beautiful picture that is painted through this Day of Atonement.

And that's what this day is, it's the Day of Atonement. And it's through this day that we will look at the picture that was painted for you and me, through what this day pictures for you and me, and Satan, and God's Son.

We understand that there were two goats pictured on this Day of Atonement. And one of these goats, we understand, has deceived mankind. He's deceived the whole world at this time. And the other goat pictures one that came and died for our sins, and He brought forgiveness to those that will want God's offer for them. And He would bring truth to mankind instead of deception.

And this day is much about ending that deception of mankind. These two goats would have to reveal the one that represented God's Son, and the other goat would have to picture the one that represented Satan, the deceiver. And it's a beautiful symbolism, and it paints you and me a beautiful picture. But it's only given to one who has God's holy spirit. They are the only ones who can understand the symbolism at this time.

So, today we will look at the scriptures that tell us about this Day of Atonement.

The two goats had lots cast to show which goat was Satan and which represented God's Son. And it's still the same today, brethren. God has to show who is the true Christ to those whom He calls. We understand that the whole world is deceived by that other goat at this time, except to those that God has called.

This Day of Atonement is much about Joshua the Christ, who we understand is at the throne of God. And He's waiting to return to this Earth. He's the only one who has ever been to heaven. We understand that He is our High Priest, and He's there with God, His Father. We understand He's our Savior, He's our Passover, and He is our High Priest, and He is also the King of kings that is getting ready to return to this earth to set up God's government upon this earth.

So, when it talks about Aaron going into the Holiest of Holies to atone the congregation, and not come out until his work was finished, hopefully we all understand that's what Joshua the Christ has been doing for two thousand years. He has been atoning for the congregation for two thousand years. We are that congregation at this time that He's atoning for, and He's there helping us to become atoned to the Great God of this universe.

So, once we're called into God's Church, been baptized, and received God's holy spirit, we begin that process of becoming at one with the Great God of this universe. We are striving to be reconciled to God through that atoning that is accomplished in our lives through the Passover, our Passover, and High Priest Joshua the Christ, who is helping us become atoned to our God.

We understand this Day of Atonement is an appointed time in God's plan.

So, let's begin today, and we'll look at **Romans 5:10—For if when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God—let's notice just what we were speaking about—by and through the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we will be saved by His life.** He is our Passover, and He is our High Priest, and we now have the ability of having access to the Great God of this universe because of what He did. Now we can have His life and that of our Father living in us, and we in them on a spiritual plane.

Verse 11—And not only that, but we also joy in God through our Lord, Joshua the Christ; through Him, we have now received the atonement. The New King James says 'reconciliation'. And it's through Him that we are able to become at one with our God.

In the Church of God—PKG, we have this ability. We have the process of reconciliation working in our lives. And it's the mind that is being transformed and being changed so that we can become more at one with our God. And when our change comes, we understand that that's the only time that we can become fully atoned to our God.

Let's turn over to James 1. We know in this life we have trials, and we have temptation from this being. **James 1:12—Blessed is the one who endures temptation.** So, this tells us what we have to do. We have to endure that temptation and nip it in the bud right up here, when we are tempted to take part in sin. **...for when they are tried—let's notice—they shall receive the crown of life.** When it's all said and done, when it's all over, fully reconciled and fully atoned to our God.

God says that His ministers on His Holy Days are to speak about that Holy Day, so we will look at the scriptures today that tell us about this Day of Atonement. God tells us that all of these scriptures are examples, especially the Old Testament ones. God said that they were given for our learning and our admonition, to those of us at the end of an age. And that's you and me at this time, the ones that are preparing for God's Son to return back to this earth.

So, we will look today at these scriptures and see how they apply and the symbolism that applies to you and me. We will look at the rituals that God gave to ancient Israel that would remind the people of their day about their sins.

So, let's turn over to the book of Hebrews, Hebrews 9:1. It's not far over. And this is where we can get some understanding of what took place back in ancient Israel. And it says, **Hebrews 9:1—The first covenant had ordinances, a divine service, and the earthly sanctuary.** So, it's speaking about what was back in Moses and Aaron's day. And we understand that this is speaking about the Levitical priesthood that was in place back in their day.

Verse 2—For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part... So, this is explaining of what it looked like in their day. And it tells us that **there was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread.** And it's called the sanctuary. That's in the first part. And most Bibles have pictures of what this looked like, and it's an outline of how that tabernacle was laid out in Moses and Aaron's day.

Verse 3 it says, **Behind the second veil...** So, that's the veil that stood before the Holy of Holies. And this is the veil that was torn in two from top to bottom when Joshua the Christ died upon the stake. So, behind that veil in that part, **which is called the Holiest of All or the Holiest of Holies, which had the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold.** So, this is what it looked like inside. And it says here, **it was overlaid in gold,** and we find **in which were the golden pot.** There was a lot of gold used in that tabernacle in their day, brethren.

And it says, "Which were the golden pot." And let's notice what it contained. **It had manna, and it had Aaron's rod in it,** the rod that budded, **and the tables of the covenant. And above it were cherubim of glory overshadowing the place of atonement (better said), of the things which we cannot now speak in detail.**

Verse 6—For when these things had been prepared, the priest always went in the first part, performing their services. But then, to the second part, the one that's behind that veil, the high priest went alone once a year. And that was on this Day of Atonement.

And it says, **not without blood**—let's notice what took place—**which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance.** So we see that it was much about sin this day.

Verse 8—The holy spirit indicating that the way into the Holiest of All or the Holiest of Holies was not yet manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing. Something else had to take place. So, this is speaking about the sacrificial system in their day, which we know that was changed by Joshua the Christ.

But let's pay attention to what its uses were. It was symbolic, and that's what we're looking at today, the symbolism. **...and it was for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered, which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience, concerned only with food and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinance imposed until the time**—let's notice what time—**the time of reformation.**

Let's notice **verse 11—Christ came as High Priest.** And that's what Aaron pictures on this day, the day that he would go into the Holiest of Holies. So, it paints you and me a picture of Joshua the Christ as the High Priest. That's what Aaron represented. And let's notice the rest of what is said. **...of the good things to come.** So, there's more.

We know that Joshua the Christ is with God, His Father, at this time, and He is there as the High Priest that is pictured, that is being discussed here. We know that He is there preparing to come back to this earth as the High Priest, and He's also coming back as King of kings, as we know.

He came the first time **as High Priest of the good things to come, with a greater and a more perfect tabernacle.** We know what this tabernacle was constructed of. And it tells us it was **not made with hands.** So, we understand that it's talking about those who would become Elohim. So, you and I understand what this is saying. It's about what God is building. It's about His spiritual creation.

It says that is **not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood**—let's notice what's being said—**He entered the Most Holy Place** that was behind the veil that is pictured. That's the picture for you and me. We understand that the wave sheaf pictured Joshua the Christ, and it paints you and me a picture of when He returned to His Father. And that's where He is at now.

And He's the only one who has ever gone to God's throne. It said, **He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having established eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats**

and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Joshua the Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered Himself without spot to sin? So, Joshua the Christ is the only one that has ever lived upon the face of this earth that lived without sin.

So, we are to focus on these things that He did and focus on the horrific sufferings that He went through so that you and I could be cleansed of our sins. Now our sins can be forgiven because of what He did, the sacrificing of His life. So that's what this is saying. "He offered Himself without sin."

And that should—let's notice—**that should purge our conscience**, up here, **from dead works to serve the living God**. We should, on this Day of Atonement, focus on what God's Son did for you and me and for all of those who will accept God's offer. And we should really think about that sacrifice that He did so that those in the future can also accept God's offer.

And for this reason, He is mediator of the new covenant by means/through means of death, for the redemption—let's notice what's being said—of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of eternal inheritance. He gave His life so that our sins can be covered and now we can become in the God Family. Joshua made a way for you and me to become Elohim, those that God has called and those that God will call. And that's the price He paid for all of mankind to accept God's offer.

All these rituals paint us a picture. We know that these rituals are no longer in practice because of what Joshua the Christ did. He entered through that Holy of Holies, so it's the picture for you and me. He entered through the veil that was torn from top to bottom when He died upon that stake, upon that pole.

Hebrews 9:23—Therefore, it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these, of what Aaron was doing. Let's notice what's being said. It's explained for you and me. **For Christ has not entered the Holy Place made with hands.** Not the one in Aaron's day. It was a picture. It was symbolic of what would take place.

And let's notice—**copies of the true put into heaven itself.** That's where He went. And let's notice what He's doing. This tells us also what He's doing. He's preparing to come back to this earth, and He's in the presence of His Father. That's where He's at, making plans to come back. He came the first time as a Lamb, as we know, but He's coming back this time as a Lion, brethren, to set up God's government upon this earth and to deal with this being, this being Satan.

Joshua the Christ will come back as King of kings, as I said earlier, and He will gather up this being and put him in his prison for a thousand years. And He will put a chain upon that being so that he cannot influence mankind for a thousand years.

So, this is a wonderful, wonderful day in God's plan. This being has caused so much harm to mankind. But what takes place on this day that is why I love this day so much.

Let's go back to **Hebrews 9:3**. We just read this, but let's go back and look at what it's saying. ... **behind the second veil, which is called the Holiest of All, or the Holiest of Holies**. It's how it's referred to many times, but it's a representation of God's throne. And inside the Most Holy Place, there was the covenant that contained those Ten Commandments, those tablets that were written with the finger of God. And it also contained that manna and Aaron's rod, as we looked at.

But the lid of that ark had upon it, and it says, 'mercy seat'. And Ron has given sermons that address this word 'mercy' and its true meaning. And it has much meaning for you and me, those who have God's spirit, and this is actually about becoming at one with the Great God of this universe.

So, when Christ went to God after His death, and that veil was torn in two, making it possible, it's symbolic of making it possible for you and me to go before God and have our sins covered because of the sacrifice.

So, it's much more than a day for you and me, this Day of Atonement. It's about finally becoming at one with our God. And when we are fully at one with our God, we will be in His Family, and we will have become Elohim. And we'll then, only then, we'll be fully atoned to the Great God of this universe.

And this is where those two cherubim were, upon that lid, and this is where God manifested Himself to the high priest. We know that Aaron was the high priest at that time, and we understand that Aaron and his sons served as priests and they performed the animal sacrifices that were given, and all the ceremonies that took place during that time.

Let's go back to Hebrews 10:18, and let's notice what else was said. **Hebrews 10:18—Now, where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.** Forgiveness of sin.

Verse 19—Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest—and let's notice how—by and through the blood of Joshua the Christ, by a new and living way, which He consecrated for you and me at this time (that's who it was for), **through the veil, that is to say His flesh**. So, what this is telling you and me that once Joshua the Christ died for our sins and entered that veil that was in the temple that was torn in two, from top to bottom, was to paint you and me a

picture so that we could understand what was taking place. And it was about Him going to His Father. And we understand that that's where He's at today, with His Father.

And that's what you and I should be doing, what they're doing today. They are preparing for the Son to come back to this earth. And therefore, our name, preparing for the return of God's Son. So, you and I should be preparing just the same as they are preparing. And He's coming back in just a short while, and that's why it's so important for those of us in God's Church to be working on becoming fully at one to our God.

Verse 21—Having a High Priest over the house of God. We know that He, and understand that He is our High Priest, and we understand where He is at, and we know where He will be at in just a short while. It's not long now, brethren.

All we have to do is look around at the state of this earth, the state of this world, Satan's world. Mankind is also preparing. Mankind is preparing to destroy every living being upon the face of this earth, and that would happen unless God intervenes into man's world, Satan's world.

Verse 22 tells us—**Let us draw near with a true heart.** In other words, our inner being with a true mind – and that's better said – **in full assurance of faith, having our minds...** It says 'heart', but we understand what it's about. It's about our inner being, our mind, and **having our minds sprinkled from an evil conscience.** To nip it in the bud when sin enters this mind, the enticement to sin. And that's where we need to nip it, in the mind. And it's with the mind that we serve God, just like Paul explained so much about man's mind. **...and having our bodies washed with pure water.**

Let's notice **verse 23—Let's hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering.** God says we are to do it; we are to do it without wavering. **For He who promised is faithful. And let's consider one another in order—let's notice—to stir up love and good works.** We understand that we are to live the correct way of life, to clean our minds and our lives up, **and not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner is of some.**

This is not talking about coming together as a congregation. It's talking about us coming before the Great God of this universe and forsake our self before assembling ourselves before Him on His Sabbath and His Holy Days in our daily life.

We know on this Day of Atonement, we are humbling ourself before our God, going without food and water. But so many that walked side by side with you and me forsook this very thing of assembling before their God, and we've seen so many fall by the wayside that have done this very thing, not assembled before their God, and now they are no longer with us.

It says ...**exhort one another, and so much more**—let's notice—**as you see the day approaching**. We do see that day approaching when God's Son will come back to this earth. We can look on the horizon and see that that cannot be long now. We can look on the horizon and also see what's in store for mankind. They're preparing, brethren, for that World War III. And we can see that it's time for God's Son to come back to this earth to save mankind; otherwise, there would not be anything left.

Hebrews 3. And let's notice who it's addressed to. **Hebrews 3:1**, it says, **holy brethren**. We understand to be holy, one has to have God's spirit. **Therefore, holy brethren** (that's who it's speaking to, those who have God's holy spirit), **partakers of the heavenly calling**. That's you and me at this time. It's our time now. There are many that have gone before us, but it's our time now.

So, it's speaking about, speaking to the Church of God—PKG at this time. It says we are to **consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Joshua the Christ**. That's what we are to do. We are to think about who He is and what He did for you and me. And this day is much about him. It's much about Satan. It's much about you and me. So, it's reminding us about the sacrifice that was made, **who was faithful to Him who appointed Him**. And He did it without sin, brethren.

So, it goes on and tells us about what others did that were faithful. And it says **Moses was faithful in this, all of his house. For this one has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses**, speaking about Joshua the Christ and what He did, **inasmuch as he who built the house has more honor than the house. For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God**. Speaking about the Great God of this universe that created everything.

Moses indeed was faithful in all of his house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward. So, it paints you and me a picture. Let's notice—**But Joshua the Christ is a Son over His own house, whose house we are**. And He's there now for you and me, helping us to become atoned to our Father.

And let's notice who we are, whose house we are. That's who we are. But here's that word 'if' that gets in the way and has gotten in the way of so many. More have left than have stayed, brethren. So that 'if' is really relevant to you and me, even at this time. We have seen so many fall beside the wayside.

And it says, **If we hold fast to confidence and rejoice in that hope firm to the end**. And we read earlier where it said, "Without wavering."

So, I hope everyone on this day focuses upon Christ and what He did for you and me and all who will accept His sacrifice in the future. And it's because of that sacrifice that we now have access to our God, through those sacrifices. And it says he did it for the joy. And it's hard to understand the word joy when he was hanging upon that pole.

So, he had to look forward of what was going to take place, and looked why He was doing it, and understand why He was doing it. And He understood what it would bring about. He wanted to die as that sacrifice. It was God's sacrifice to you and me, what He did, so that all that wanted to become at the Great God of this universe could do so.

So, He looked beyond the suffering that He endured, and He did it because of what it would bring about in God's plan. He did it so that one could become at one with their God. And that's what this day is about, becoming at one with the great God of this universe. And we do it so we can be in God's Family, so that we can become Elohim. And that's the joy that Christ looked forward to, the joy of seeing one become Elohim.

Hebrews 10:19. Now we have this blessing of being able to go directly to our God. **Verse 19—Having boldness to enter the Holiest**—let's notice—**by and through the blood of Joshua the Christ.** And that's what He did for you and me so that we could have that access. **...by a new and living way which He consecrated for you and me, through the veil.** That's the picture. And it explains further, **through His flesh.** So, He made it possible to have our sins forgiven, and it made it possible so that we can go before our God and ask to be forgiven of our sins, and God will listen to that request.

Hebrews 12:18—For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and burned with fire, like they did in Aaron's day and Moses' day, **into blackness and darkness and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words.** So, it's not like it was in Moses' day.

We just read about how God made a way for you and me through what Joshua the Christ did. And we don't have to do it the way that they did in Aaron's day. We can just repent and be forgiven of our sins.

Let's notice **verse 22.** It says, **You have come to Mount Zion, into the city.** Let's notice how it's being portrayed—**the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.** So, it's painting us a picture. **...to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly**—let's pay attention to what's being said—**and Church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven.**

Now, to be registered. King James says 'written,' but we understand what's being said by these words. We know that there are some that have been sealed already that will make up their part

of the 144,000. This is saying that they're registered in heaven. And it says, **to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men being made perfect** (better said).

Verse 25. God says we are to hear His voice, and that of His Son, Joshua the Christ. And it says, **See that you do not refuse Him who speaks, for if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, whose voice then shook the earth; and now, He has promised, saying, Yet much more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven.**

Now this yet once more indicates—let's notice—the removal...the removal of those things that are being shaken is of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. Satan and his world is about to be shaken, brethren, like never before. His world and man's world is about to be shaken like never before.

So, let's turn over to Revelation 20. We know it by heart, but it's part of this day. **Revelation 20:1 —I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand, and he laid hold of the dragon, that old serpent, which is the devil and Satan, and bound him a thousand years; cast him into the bottomless pit and shut him up and set a seal upon him—let's notice why—so that he should deceive the nations no more until the thousand years are fulfilled, and after that, he may be loosed a little season.**

We understand that God and His Son are preparing to come back to this earth. And when Christ comes back, He will remove this being and do what we just read about. He will put him in prison for a thousand years, and He will make it so that he cannot deceive mankind during the Millennium, that thousand-year reign of Christ upon this earth.

So, when we look on the horizon today at Satan's world that has been created, the world that that being has influenced for 6,000 years, we understand that it will take the return of God's Son to save mankind. That being would destroy everything. And Satan would love to destroy all of mankind. He would really love to destroy what God is creating, to stop God from creating His Family, Elohim.

We understand that he knows his fate because of what God's apostle... what God's apostle revealed about his fate. He's heard it. He heard that fate. He also knows it's been made known to God's Church. You and I understand what his fate is. It goes beyond that thousand years in his prison. We know that that Kingdom that is coming will not be able to be shaken anymore, but Satan's kingdom is about to be really shaken, brethren, forevermore. And there's one, only one instance at the end that this being will be allowed to deal with mankind, and it's only for a short space and time. And we know what that will entail.

Hebrews 12:28, we find, **Therefore, we are receiving a Kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace by which we may serve.** Let's notice what it's about — **serving God acceptably.**

Becoming atoned to our God is what it's about, **with reverence and godly fear.** Not to fear God, but to fear to disobey.

God has offered you and me that treasure that He speaks about in this book. He describes it as a pearl of great price. So, our fear is to disobey, fear to have unrepented sin in our lives, fear to live any other way than what God says we are to live. At one, becoming at one with Him – that's the way we are to live. That's what it's about.

To live the life that we are to live while we are physical upon this earth. We are to be becoming at one with our God while we are upon this earth.

Verse 29. God says He is a consuming fire, and He tells us about that lake of fire at the end of an age. And it'll bring an end to all of sin when that fire is ignited. And then there will only be spirit beings. Atonement, finally, at one with the great God of this universe. Fully in agreement with their God when all are spirit beings, when all have become Elohim, when all are in God's Family. And now we can have peace forever when we are fully atoned to the great God of this universe.

So, we need to stay focused upon what God has offered you and me, that pearl of great price, that treasure that is in the field. God says we are to sell everything, everything, brethren, so that we can purchase that field where that pearl and that treasure is. And we understand where it's at.

So, that gives us a clue of what it's worth to be in God's Family, to become Elohim. So that's the way you and I should view it, to sell everything, to give everything, brethren, to give it our all to become at one with our God.

And to become Elohim is worth more than anything you could ever attain in this life. There's nothing in this life that you could attain upon this earth. Nothing is worth saving, absolutely nothing that Satan has created upon this earth, nothing saving in his world. So, you and I have to stay focused on God until His Son returns back to the earth.

God has offered you and me an awesome offer, brethren, to become a spirit being in His Family, to live forever without sin, with joy forever, with peace forever. And this human mind cannot comprehend such a time, without pain, without suffering.

But let's return back to this Day of Atonement.

We know the examples of the two goats in Leviticus 16, about the one that represented Satan and the one that represented God's Son. We know that all of mankind has rejected the true

gospel of Joshua the Christ, the one that He taught while He was upon this earth. We understand that man's mind has not been opened at this time. We understand it's not their time. But it's not long till when God will open their minds. We understand God's plan for the first resurrection and for the Great White Throne resurrection.

So, let's take a look at Leviticus 16. And you can be turning there. Leviticus 16 is where we will find the example that we will look at. But before we get there, get to that, we understand that Joshua the Christ's death has not completed the job in making atonement for the sins of humanity because of that being Satan, the god of this world, the god of this age. We understand he has blinded the whole world.

So, we understand the process that all will have to go through. Just like you and me, they will have to go through this same process. But without that being that will be put in his prison, it will be much easier for them. Once this being is put in his prison, the one that this day pictures, man will have his mind open, and God's offer will be made available to mankind.

And we understand the process that they will have to go through. All will have to go through that process. All will have to accept that sacrifice that Christ made, and they will have to live a life as instructed by our God, just like you and I have to do.

So, the job of atonement is ongoing. It's not over till it's over. And we understand when that will be. We know that all that will become in the God Family to become Elohim, we know that those all who do that have to be fully atoned to the great God of this universe.

So, we understand about the Millennium and the hundred-year period. We have to go through those until it's all over, and that lake of fire is there. All those who will become in the God Family, to become Elohim, to be in God's Family, they will have to become at one with their God. And that's what this day is about.

And we will look at the symbolism of these two goats that were offered, so let's go to Leviticus 16:29 and look. Let's look at what was written.

Leviticus 16:29—This shall be a statute forever: In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict your soul. So, we understand this means to fast. It also gives us the timing of when we were to celebrate this day **and do no work at all**. So, we understand we are not to work on this day, and it says, **whether a native or a stranger that sojourns**.

We know that afflicting our soul means to fast, and we understand that fasting means to go without food and water from sunset to sunset. We are commanded to fast on this Day of Atonement. We understand when we fast, we are humbled. We are humbled, and we realize that we are physical when we do this for twenty-four hours. We understand that we need food

to exist upon this earth, and we understand more about what it means to be in this physical body.

So, we can begin to understand that our lives are fully dependent upon God. Without God, we would have no physical life. And without God, we would have no spiritual life. But we understand in this body that we cannot go without food and water. So, it teaches us great lessons when we humble our self. We understand more by being humbled. We focus on God more hopefully when we are humbled on this day.

So, because of the world that that being has created, God wants you and me to examine our self at this fast. So, hopefully, we can see our self, and hopefully, we can see what we really are. So, it's to show you and me that we need to overcome, that this day is much about sin.

So, this day is a very serious day in the plan of God, and this is the day that I look so forward to taking place. Even though we do some suffering on this day, this is an exciting day, brethren, because of this being will be put in his prison. That's just one way, one way that I rejoice over this day. And it also shows us the plan of God, which is another reason for you and me to rejoice about this day.

God has painted a beautiful picture for you and me of this day and what it represents. It pictures a time when all will have the ability to be cleaned up when this day comes to completion. The Millennium will begin after this day, and it pictures a time when God will remove Satan. And it will make that job much easier for God during the Millennium. He will not be able to influence man.

So, this is a wonderful day in God's plan, and it will be easy for man to clean themselves up during the thousand-year reign of Joshua the Christ upon this earth.

So, when God first laid the foundations of this earth, we know that the angels shouted for joy. And we know that God placed one of His great archangels named Lucifer, a cherubim, He set him up to rule over this earth. He was set to prepare this earth for man. But when he heard God's plan for man, he rebelled. And a third of the angelic beings rebelled with him, and they became demons. A lot of destruction took place when Satan learned about God's plan for mankind.

He took upon himself to decide what was right and what was wrong. We know that he attacked God's throne; he tried to overthrow God. Much destruction took place when he did. God tells us in this book that there was a great war that broke out in heaven when Satan rebelled against Him. He became angry and he sinned, so he became an adversary. He became the destroyer. His name was Lucifer, which meant 'light bringer'. God said that he was a beautiful creation.

So, when he sinned, God changed his name to Satan, to Abaddon, Apollyon, the devil. He rebelled against God, and that is sin. Rebellion is sin. And he was the first one to sin, to rebel.

God tells us in Leviticus 16:1, so let's begin there, and look at what was written. **Leviticus 16:1—The Eternal spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron.** So, what did the two sons of Aaron do? **...when they offered profane fire before the Eternal and died.** So, this had to be hard on Aaron to see his two sons disobey God and die because of that disobedience. But that's what they did. They disobeyed God and did not do it the way that God said it was to be done. So, it cost them their lives because of that disobedience. They didn't do it the way that God said to do it.

God's way of life requires obedience from you and me as well. And that's the lesson for you and me that comes from these two sons. Obedience is required.

Verse 2—let's notice what took place—**The Eternal said to Moses, Tell Aaron your brother not to come in just any time into the Holy Place inside the veil.** So, Aaron was to enter the Holy Place inside the veil, which is before the place of atonement, which had the cherubim, which is upon the ark. If he did come in there at any other time, he would die. It would cost him his life, just like his sons.

God said that He would appear in the cloud above the place of atonement. So, this is where God would appear. And let's notice, it's above the place of atonement where He appears and speaks to Aaron. So, when we come before God, we request forgiveness. That's what we do. We understand that this is where it comes from. Our forgiveness comes from God, the Father, because of what His Son did. And we request to become at one with Him. That's what we do. That's our request, actually, to become at one with Him, asking Him to be in His Family, asking to become Elohim.

Verse 3—Aaron will come into the Holy Place with the blood of the young bull as a sin offering, and of a ram as a burnt offering. So, we can see that blood from the bull was part of a sin offering, and that was for Aaron in a burnt offering.

And it explains the garments that he was to be attired in. God says that those were holy garments that he was wearing. **Therefore, he will wash his body in water and put them on.** So, we can see that he was to clean himself up and put on these garments. And we can see that he did as God commanded, and he washed himself so that he would be clean, which has some symbolism also for you and me, just like we are washed through baptism, and we are cleansed.

Verse 5—And will take from the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats as a sin offering and one ram as a burnt offering. So, Aaron has to kill the young bull and the ram

and has to put them upon the altar, which is in the courtyard, as a burnt offering. So, it tells us where it's done.

Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering, which is for himself. So, this is to cover his sins and make atonement for himself and for his house. And Aaron is the high priest.

Joshua offered Himself as a sacrifice, and He is now our High Priest. God's sacrifice to us was His Son. Joshua offered Himself as the Lamb of God that represented the Passover Lamb so that our sins could be covered.

Verse 7—Aaron shall take the two goats and present them before the Eternal at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. So, we can see that this was done outside at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. That's where it took place. And it's at the appointed time that it was done.

God revealed which one would picture Joshua the Christ. Those goats look the same to everyone. God had to reveal which one represented Joshua, and God had to show the real Joshua, the one that represented the real Joshua.

Verse 8—let's notice—Aaron shall cast lots. And that's the way it was done in that day.

The world today does not know who Joshua the Christ is. They do not know who the real Christ is, and they don't understand anything about the true Joshua the Christ. So, they are blinded to this day, and they will be until it's revealed to them. **So, Aaron cast lots for the two goats, one for the Eternal, the other one for the Azazel.** "The one to be separated," that's what it means.

We know that he will be put in that bottomless pit, the one that represented Satan, for a thousand years. Then at the end, Satan himself will be totally removed from mankind, as we know, separated for all eternity eventually. And I so look forward to that day.

We know that he will be released for a short time at the end. But after that, we know what his fate will be. It was revealed through God's apostle to you and me.

Verse 9—Aaron shall bring the goat, the one that pictured Joshua the Christ, on which the Eternal's lot fell. So, we can see God chose this goat, which was symbolic of Joshua the Christ.

So, this is painting you and me a picture through time of what has taken place. This was the goat that was to be offered as a sin offering. We know that this is what happened when God sent His Son to become our Passover and He died upon that pole, upon that stake. So, Christ was a sin offering for you and me, to cover our sin and the sins of all of mankind, those that would want God's offer for them. He spilled His blood to the ground so that my sins and your sins could be

forgiven, and also for those in the future, so that their sins can be forgiven, the ones that will accept His sacrifice.

Verse 10—But the goat upon which the lot fell to be the azazel shall be presented alive before the Eternal, to make atonement upon it—and let's notice—and let it go as the azazel into the wilderness. This goat was presented alive before the Eternal for the purpose of making an atonement upon it (or over it, better said), and to let it go as the azazel. This goat was the one to be separated. It was to be separated, and it was to be left alive and let go in the wilderness.

So, the picture that's painted for you and me, he's allowed to live for some time, but we know his fate at the end. We know his fate in just a short while; he will be in his prison.

Verse 11—Aaron shall bring the bull of the sin offering, which is for himself, and make atonement for himself in his house, and will kill the bull as a sin offering which is for himself. Then he will take a censer full of burning coals of fire from the altar before the Eternal with his hands full of sweet incense—let's notice—beaten fine, and bring it inside the veil. So, this is what's being done.

So, Aaron is bringing this inside the veil, and he's now in that Most Holy Place, and he has this incense that was beaten, beaten small. You and I understand what this is about. It's about prayers.

And it speaks about that over in Revelation, the book of Revelation. It speaks about the incense and the prayers that go up to our God. So, this incense is going to be offered.

And he shall put the incense on the fire (verse 13), before the Eternal. That the cloud of incense—let's notice what happens—will cover the place of atonement, better say it that is on the testimony, **lest he die.**

So, this is much about you and me and our relationship with our God. Those prayers, that incense that is before God, that you and me have access to, so that our prayers actually goes to what this represents, that incense that goes up before God. And that's what happens when we pray, before our God to be...have the ability to be atoned to him. Because without atonement we will die. That's the picture that we can take away from this.

Verse 14—He will take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the place of atonement. Just notice where he's sprinkling it—**on the east side and before the place of atonement, he will sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times. Then he will kill the goat of the sin offering,** which is symbolic of Joshua the Christ, **which is for the people.** And let's notice where he's bringing that blood. **Brings this blood inside the veil, and he does with that blood as he did with the blood of the bull; he sprinkles it on the seat and before the seat.**

Verse 16—So he shall make an atonement for the Holy Place because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all of their sins; and so he shall do so for the tabernacle of meeting which remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness.

Verse 17—There shall be no man in the tabernacle of meeting... So, let's notice what's being said. "There shall no man..." **There shall be no man in the tabernacle of meeting when he goes in to make atonement for the Holy Place—let's notice—until he comes out.**

Verse 18—And he shall go out to the altar that is before the Eternal and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and some of the blood of the goat and put it upon the horns of the altar all around. Then he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, cleanse it, consecrate it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel. So, this points to the cleaning of mankind, those that want what God has offered.

It's much about being cleaned up. It's much about sin. It's much about forgiveness. It's much about the sacrifice. It's much about Joshua the Christ. And He's about to come out, brethren.

And then when he has made an end of atoning to the Holy Place, the tabernacle of meeting and the altar, he shall bring the live goat, which is the azazel.

Verse 21—Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat. So, let's pay attention to what's taking place—**Aaron will lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel and all their transgressions concerning all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, which is the azazel.** So, we can see that Satan will be held accountable, and that's what's being pictured.

And it says, **And will send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable or a fit man. The goat shall bear upon itself all their iniquities to an uninhabited land, and he shall release the goat in the wilderness. Then Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of meeting, take off the linen garments, which he shall put on when he went into the Holy Place, and leave them there. And he shall wash his clothes with water in the Holy Place, put on his garments, come out and offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people and make an atonement for himself and for the people.**

And back up in **verse 20**, let's go back and pay attention to what's being said. **And when he has made an end...** In other words, it's time for him to come out of the Holiest of Holies. So, this is where the High Priest is. Now it's time for the High Priest to come out of the Holy of Holies. And the 144,000 will come out with him because Joshua the Christ is that High Priest that will come out. And it paints you and me a beautiful, beautiful picture, brethren.

And when he has made an end of the reconciling of the Holy Place in the tabernacle of the congregation... So, at this point, it's the 144,000. **...he reconciling of the Holy Place and the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and he shall bring the live goat.** So, now we have a live goat, and that paints us a picture.

The azazel that pictures Satan has to be dealt with. In verse 21, it says, **Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat and confess over him**, because, brethren, he is not ever going to confess. He will never admit it. So, the High Priest will do it for him. So, the picture that is painted for you and me is Joshua the Christ will do it. He will make confession before God over him, over that goat, over Satan **...and all the iniquities of the children of Israel and all their transgressions and all of their sins.**

And let's notice what he does. He puts them on the head of the goat. So, it's about the sins of mankind, and they are being placed upon this goat. And this being has so permeated, so promoted sin for 6,000 years. He has so influenced mankind to sin. He has so tried to destroy what God is building. And for the last 6,000 years, this being has been around to influence mankind.

And he has made sin look so good to mankind. All you've got to do is look on the TV. Half-naked women selling cars, selling everything. Makes all this look good. Pornography – makes it all look good. But we can see the end results of all of it. We have really become Sodom and Gomorrah. We are actually worse because of that technology that is here. We can see that he will not accept his responsibility for his part in making man to sin and for his own sins, so Joshua the Christ will do it instead.

So, that's the picture that's being painted for you and me, the symbolism of this Day of Atonement, and it is a beautiful, beautiful picture, brethren. It covers so much; this day covers so much in God's plan. And it shows Joshua the Christ coming out of that Holy of Holies and returning to this earth with 144,000. And now, He will set up God's government upon this earth, and He will put that being in his prison for a thousand years.

And once he's let out at the end, we know that he will influence mankind again. And there will be so many, brethren, that he is able to influence. God says in this book that it was so many that it will be as the sands of the sea that will not accept God's offer, brethren. They don't want any part of God.

So, it's a beautiful picture of God's plan during this Day of Atonement for you and me, and it's a beautiful picture of what it means to be fully atoned to our God.

So, brethren, let's take to heart what we've looked at today and let's strive to always keep sin out of our lives so that we can become in God's Family and be there during the millennial reign of Joshua the Christ upon this earth, to see these events take place.

I would not want to miss these events. I hope that we can all live or either be a spirit being and see these events. And we can live into the Millennium, either as spirit, or either as a physical being, and see these events unfold.

And just to see that being put in his prison for a thousand years and not being able to influence mankind for a thousand years is a beautiful thing. And it's a more beautiful thing at the end when he will be no more, brethren. He will be destroyed once and for all, and now we can have peace for an eternity.