



Message for 10-12-16
Yom HaKippurim-Day of Atonements
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Introduction

Yom HaKippurim, the holiest day on the Hebrew calendar, is the culmination of the Ten Days of Teshuvah, which begin with Yom Teruah/Rosh Hashanah. It was on this day, the tenth of Tishri of the year 2449 of Creation, that Moses came down from Mount Sinai bearing the second tablets, after the Lord had forgiven Israel for the sin of worshipping the Golden Calf. This act of divine pardon marked the tenth of Tishri for all time as the Day of Atonements and reconciliation with the Lord. It is the day on which the Lord purifies us from all our errors, forgives our missteps, and turns His ear to our pleas.

Numbers 29:7-11

7 'On the tenth *day* of this seventh month you shall have a holy convocation. You shall afflict your souls; you shall not do any work. **8** 'You shall present a burnt offering to the LORD as a sweet aroma: one young bull, one ram, *and* seven lambs in their first year. Be sure they are without blemish. **9** 'Their grain offering *shall be of* fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths *of an ephah* for the bull, two-tenths for the one ram, **10** 'and one-tenth for each of the seven lambs; **11** 'also one kid of the goats as a sin offering, besides the sin offering for atonement, the regular burnt offering with its grain offering, and their drink offerings.

Yom HaKippurim is the most solemn of all the feast days. It was the day of cleansing for the nation and for the sanctuary. On this day alone, once a year, the high priest entered into the Holy of Holies in the Temple, within the veil of the Temple, with the blood of the Lord's goat, the sin offering. Here he sprinkled the blood on the mercy seat, the top covering of the Ark of the Covenant. The blood of the sin offering on the Day of Atonement brought about the cleansing of all sin for the priesthood, the sanctuary, and Israel as a nation.

It is on Yom HaKippurim when the Great Trumpet, known in Hebrew as the Shofar HaGadol, is blown. When the final blast of the shofar is heard at the end of the neilah service, the closing of the Gates of Heaven, those who have observed the day with sincerity should feel that they have been inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life.

But without teshuvah-repentance and an acceptance of Messiah Yeshua, you will not be written into the Book of Life. People, this is a serious time of the year. The Lord takes His

Moedim-Appointed Times very seriously, otherwise why would He say that they are eternal? Turn back to Messiah and Torah. Turn back.

Isaiah 58:1-6

1 "Cry aloud, spare not; lift up your voice like a shofar; tell My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. **2** Yet they seek Me daily, and delight to know My ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and did not forsake the ordinance of their God. They ask of Me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching God. **3** 'Why have we fasted,' *they say*, 'and You have not seen? *Why* have we afflicted our souls, and You take no notice?' "In fact, in the day of your fast you find pleasure, and exploit all your laborers. **4** Indeed you fast for strife and debate, and to strike with the fist of wickedness. You will not fast as *you do* this day, to make your voice heard on high. **5** Is it a fast that I have chosen, a day for a man to afflict his soul? *Is it* to bow down his head like a bulrush, and to spread out sackcloth and ashes? Would you call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD? **6** "*Is* this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke?"

What the Lord considers to be fasting and what we believe this fast day to be seem to be at odds with each other according to this passage from Isaiah. It would appear the Lord does not like how we approach this special day of the year. We may call out to the Lord and ask forgiveness for our sins but is not the reality of this supposed to be wrapped up in the Messiah Yeshua.

Are all our supplications for naught except that we approach the Creator of the universe through His Son? It would from Isaiah that our pleas might fall on deaf ears. This does not mean that God does not care, that He does not listen? What it means is that God has given us a way to receive forgiveness from Him but instead we adhere to the ritual of old that came to fulfillment in the Messiah.

Hebrews 5:1-14

1 For every high priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins; **2** he can deal gently with the ignorant and misguided, since he himself also is beset with weakness; **3** and because of it he is obligated to offer *sacrifices* for sins, as for the people, so also for himself. **4** And no one takes the honor to himself, but *receives it* when he is called by God, even as Aaron was. **5** So also Messiah did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him, "YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU"; [Psalm 2:7] **6** just as He says also in another *passage*, "YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK." [Psalm 110:4] **7** In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety. **8** Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. **9** And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation, **10** being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. **11** Concerning him we have much to say, and *it is* hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. **12** For though by this time you ought to be teachers,

you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. **13** For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. **14** But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

Yeshua will come back after the tribulation, and Jerusalem is under siege. Yeshua saves Jerusalem. His feet are placed on the Mount of Olives. There is a great earthquake, and the Messianic Kingdom comes in full power. There is no nighttime anymore, and the Lord will rule the whole earth. At this time, the gates of Heaven are closed. The last Yom HaKippurim ceremony is called neilah, the closing of the gates, and is the concluding service to Yom Kippur. Remember this, this is not the rehearsal (miqra), but it is the real thing. At this point, it is too late to make a decision to accept Yeshua the Messiah into your life.

The Shofar HaGadol-the Great shofar is blown at the neilah service at the close of Yom HaKippurim. This shofar will announce the return of Yeshua to rule as Messiah ben David during the Messianic Age. The atonement has been already made, accept it and know eternal life in Messiah Yeshua.

I hereby forgive all who have hurt me, all who have wronged me, whether deliberately or inadvertently, whether by word or by deed. May no one be punished on my account. As I forgive and pardon those who have wronged me, may those whom I have harmed forgive me, whether I acted deliberately or inadvertently, whether by word or by deed...Gates of Repentance

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,

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