

How Christians Observe Yom Kippur Today

Scripture: Leviticus 16:7-10, 15-22, 29-34
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Today, most Christians don't know much about Yom Kippur, let alone observe it. But we should know more about Yom Kippur and even "observe" it in a Christian way. For this ancient biblical ceremony exalts Christ as the ultimate G.O.A.T. of Yom Kippur. And it gives Christians their proper self-identity before God and it gives them the proper direction for Christian living.

This sermon offers 2 ways Christians can "observe" Yom Kippur daily:

- (1) By Refocusing (the Yom Kippur observance, not re-enacting) and
- (2) By Relying (on the living G.O.A.T. of Yom Kippur)

GROWING DEEPER (Reflection & Application)

1. As a person living in 21st Century America, what are your general impressions of the Yom Kippur ceremony in Leviticus 16, especially regarding the two goats? Do you find anything in the ceremony strange or even off-putting? Why or why not?

2. How does the Yom Kippur ceremony help you appreciate the balance of God's justice/righteousness and God's mercy/love toward a sinner? Would something be diminished if God were to just "pardon" the sin without the approach taken in the Yom Kippur ceremony? How so?

3. How does the constant re-focusing and relying on Christ as the ultimate fulfillment of the two goats of Yom Kippur affect your self-identity as Christian before God? How does it affect your daily living as a Christian?