

20230402 Sowing with tears, Reaping with songs of joy

Christ in the Feasts of the LORD – Part 6

The Day of Atonement

Leviticus 23:26-32; Psalm 126:5-6

26 The LORD said to Moses,

27 “The tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. Hold a sacred assembly and deny yourselves, and present a food offering to the LORD.

28 Do not do any work on that day, because it is the Day of Atonement, when atonement is made for you before the LORD your God.

29 Those who do not deny themselves on that day must be cut off from their people.

30 I will destroy from among their people anyone who does any work on that day.

31 You shall do no work at all. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live.

32 It is a day of sabbath rest for you, and you must deny yourselves. From the evening of the ninth day of the month until the following evening you are to observe your sabbath.”

5 Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.

6 Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

Recap from the previous lessons

- Passover teaches us that we get right with God only by the blood of the Lamb of God. We stand righteous before God. That’s our justification.

- Unleavened Bread teaches us that we have been separated from our old ways of doing life. When we didn’t know God, we followed our own selfish desire, seeking only temporary things to satisfy our greed. But now in Christ, we seek eternal glory of God.
- Firstfruits teaches us that God and His calling became our priority. God told His people, “You shall have no other gods before Me.” We have been set aside for God’s purpose. This is our sanctification.
- Pentecost teaches us that God has given us His power through His presence in our life. Living in His presence means being filled with His Spirit, day by day. Jesus, Who died for our sin, rose from the dead to give His life to us by filling us with the Spirit of God.
- Trumpet sound symbolizes the victory of God. The feast of Trumpets teaches us that Jesus won the victory for us through His suffering. True discipleship requires self-denial, taking up our cross daily, and following Jesus.

Philippians 2:6-8

6 (Jesus), being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!

The Feast of the Day of Atonement

1. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF THE FEAST OF THE DAY OF ATONEMENT.

Leviticus 23:27

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Leviticus 23:32

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Jeremiah 36:6

6 So you go to the house of the LORD on **a day of fasting** and read to the people from the scroll the words of the LORD that you wrote as I dictated. Read them to all the people of Judah who come in from their towns.

2. HOW JESUS FULFILLED THE FEAST OF THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

Jesus went into the true holy of holies in heaven with His blood.

Hebrews 9:11-12

11 When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation.

12 He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

No condemnation for those in Christ any more because of Jesus’ blood

Romans 8:1-2

1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,

2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

Our sins are completely forgiven and forgotten.

Isaiah 1:18

18 “Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

3. APPLICATION

(1) True discipleship: We are to deny ourselves, to take up our cross daily, and to follow Jesus.

Luke 9:23

23 Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

John 5:19

19 Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

John 5:30

30 By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

John 6:38

38 For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

John 7:18

18 Whoever speaks on their own does so to gain personal glory, but he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him.

(2) True repentance: We need to confess our doing things in our own way to God.

1 John 1:8-10

8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

Daily time with God is crucial for our spiritual purity.

(3) Life by faith: We need to train ourselves to live by faith, not by sight.

Galatian 2:20

20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

John 5:30

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