



This week at Magdalen Road Church we continued our series in 'substitution' in the bible, and focussed in on The Day of Atonement in Leviticus 16. This week it was one for the nation...

We spent time in Leviticus 16 and then zoomed in on Hebrews 10 to see how Christ is the fulfilment for us. In these homegroup notes this week we'll spend a bit of time in slightly more complex (but still very relevant) material that didn't make it into the sermon (!)

1) **Atonement:** Can you remember what does at-one-ment actually means?

We didn't mention this in the sermon, but the word translated as atonement in this passage is the Hebrew word 'Kipper'.

There are 4 basic meanings of the word (none of which necessarily excludes the others) they are

- 1) to forgive (eg Lev 4v20, v26, 19v22)
- 2) to cleanse (eg Lev 16v16, 18-19, 30)
- 3) to ransom (eg and importantly Lev 17v11)
- 4) to avert God's wrath (to propitiate) (eg Numbers 16v46, 25v10)

1. What do each of these actually mean? How do they differ from each other? Can you see each of the 4 aspects in this section?

(The first 3 are pretty clear.

Forgiveness is there in the sin offering from ch 4 (repeated in ch 16)

Cleansing is explicitly mentioned (eg esp 16v30),

Ransom is seen in the substitution of the animal for the people (especially in light of 17v11).

But the averting God's wrath is trickier... or is it!? Remember the context in v1-2. This is not just an irrelevant detail - Nadab & Abihu provoked God's wrath by approaching him in an inappropriate way. God's wrath must be overcome before he can be approached)

2) **Scapegoat:** Read v20-22.

What happens to the live goat? Why?

How does this apply to us? See Psalm 103v12 for eg

3) **Hebrews:**

Read the following passages, briefly linking to Lev 16 & list things to praise God for as a result:

Hebrews 7v23-28

Hebrews 9v12-14

Hebrews 9v22

Hebrews 10v19-22

Hebrews 13v11-14