THE ATONEMENT AND ITS BENEFITS
Leviticus 16:1-34; 23:26-32

Memory Verse: “And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission” (Hebrews 9:22).

INTRODUCTION
Jesus’ shedding His Blood for the sins of the people is called the Atonement. Through the Atonement, our sins are forgiven and taken away forever. When we have to stand before God to be judged for the way we lived on earth, we shall not have to answer for the sins we have committed in the past, if we have asked Jesus to forgive them and take them away and we continue to live a consistent Christian life. Jesus came to shed His Blood to wash away man’s sins. To be free from sin and be ready to go to Heaven is much more important than to live in a land of freedom on earth.

God wanted to show the Children of Israel how much the Atonement would mean, so He appointed a day in each year upon which offerings were made which pictured the work that Jesus would do by giving His life as a living sacrifice. The people were shedding the blood of animals in their daily sacrifices, all a type in one way or another of what Jesus would do through His shed Blood. But on the Day of Atonement there were special offerings that showed in a greater way the effect Jesus’ Blood would have. These offerings were for the entire nation, showing that “whosoever will” may be saved. But for their individual sins, the people still had to bring their trespass offerings. Even so, we cannot be saved through Christ’s promise that, all the world may be saved, unless we each come in repentance and ask Jesus to forgive our sins. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). We cannot be truly happy until our sins are washed away through the Blood of Jesus.

Item 1:
   a) **What is the Atonement?** Jesus’ shedding His Blood for the sins of the people. John 1:29; Romans 3:24, 25; 5:8; Hebrews 9:22; Matthew 26:27, 28.
   b) **How did God atone for the sins of Adam and Eve?** Genesis 3:15, 21; Revelation 13:8.

Item 2: **How was the atonement typified in the Tabernacle Worship?**
   - Trespass offering: for sins committed by individuals (Salvation) – Leviticus 5:14-19; 6:4-6; Colossians 1:14.
   - Sin Offering: for sin inherited/inbred sin/sin principle/Adamic nature (Sanctification) – Leviticus 6:24-30; Psalm 51:2, 3; Isaiah 6:5-7.

Item 3: **Why is Jesus our Perfect sacrifice?** Mark 10:45; John 1:29; 17:4; 11:50; 19:30; Hebrews 9:11, 12.

Item 4: **In this present time,**
   a) **What must a sinner do to have his sins forgiven?** Proverbs 28:13; 1 John 1:9; Ezekiel 18:21, 22; 2 Chronicles 7:14; John 3:16.
   b) **How do we know when we are saved?** Romans 8:16; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 John 3:9.

Item 5:
   a) **What did Jesus do for our sanctification?** John 17:17, 19, 20; Hebrews 13:11, 12.
   b) **Is holiness necessary for us today?** Luke 1:74, 75; Hebrews 12:14; Psalm 96:9; 1 Peter 1:15, 16.

Item 6: **What are the benefits of the Atonement?**
Sanctification (purity of heart): Hebrews 13:12; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-3; Hebrews 10:9, 10; Ephesians 5:25-27.
- Healing: Exodus 15:26; Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 8:16, 17; 1 Peter 2:24; Psalm 103:2, 3; James 5:14-16.
- Provision: Matthew 6:25, 30-33 12:30, 31; Philippians 4:19; Ephesians 3:20;
- Protection: Proverbs 18:10; Psalm 91:1-16; Isaiah 54:13-17.
- Eternal life: John 3:15, 16; Romans 6:23; John 17:2; 1 John 5:13.

CONCLUSION
Think of the price that Jesus paid to redeem us from our sins! He had never done anything wrong; He was with God when the worlds were made, “and without him was not any thing made that was made” (John 1:3). And yet He was willing to leave His beautiful home in Heaven and come to earth in the form of a man, and live and suffer as we do (only without sin), and pay the price of our redemption by giving His life in the cruel death on the cross. “But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5). We see from that verse that we also have the promise of healing in the Atonement. Peter repeated that promise when he said: “Who his own self bares our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed” (I Peter 2:24).

“King of my life, I crown Thee now,
Thine shall the glory be,
Lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow,
Lead me to Calvary.”

“Lest I forget Gethsemane;
Lest I forget Thine agony;
Lest I forget Thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary!”