

Computer Generated Transcript - So we're going to continue in on the sixth week of this series we've been talking about the Old Testament feasts and I've been giving this disclaimer at the beginning of every message and I'm going to continue to give this disclaimer at the beginning of every message I want you to hear if you're a guest with us that maybe you've been on your for you know your four on four off and so you've missed the last four Sundays and now you're here and so you didn't hear us talk about this at the beginning and you hear about it now when we talk about these fees I am not going through these fees so that you feel that somehow I'm trying to reinstitute Old Testament law OK I'm not talking about these fees saying hey we need to do this we need to you know we all need to celebrate you know with with the Seder dinner and we need to do and that's not the point the point is not trying to reinstitute some Old Testament Mosaic Law following Ok that is not the point the point is I think it's amazing that we see you know the Book of Leviticus was written roughly two thousand years before Jesus was incarnated before God became man in the manger that we celebrate at Christmas time roughly two thousand years before that and we see picture after picture after picture of Jesus in these feasts and it's such a cool thing for me to look across this this time span into this Old Testament and see how Jesus just kind of foreshadowed everything that was going to happen and so that's why we're looking at them we're not looking at them to reinstitute feasts we're looking at them to expand your horizons I mentioned last week and I've mentioned it several times one of my pet peeves is when people talk about the God of the Old Testament and the God of the New Testament as though it's somehow two different people you know what I mean the god of the Old Testament versus the God of the two the New Testament what people are usually saying is the God of the Old Testament is vengeful he's mean he didn't really like people you know and he just loved to smite you know the. That's that's usually what people say and then in the New Testament God they're talking about Jesus and they talk about how he's gracious and loving and and they just like if two different people. Listen. God is the same yesterday and today and forever he didn't change he doesn't have split personalities based on the break of Old Testament and New Testament in your bible all right if you just got he always has been he always will be and he is God all right and so we get to look into the Old Testament and see a picture of Jesus and one of my pastors used to always say that Jesus is in the Old Testament concealed and he's in the New Testament revealed and that is such a true way of looking at the Bible as a whole you just see Jesus and you see the plan of God on every page all right and so we're going to turn to Leviticus Chapter twenty three and we're going to start talking about this someone take stuff out of my pockets because it annoys my wife when I leave a bunch of junk in my pockets. So. All right. So last week we talked about the Feast of Trumpets we talked about how that points to the second coming of Jesus like to when Jesus is announced in the in the in the sky and when the people are raptured up to be with him we see that and the Day of Atonement happens ten days or so before what we're going to talk about today and those days are known as Yom Couper So if you've been here the last several weeks you know we've talked about the first three feast the first three spring feast point to the fact that Jesus was going to die right to point to the fact that Jesus wasn't going to stay dead and then points to the fact that Jesus was going to conquer sin and death we talked about that in the first three spring feast of Jesus then we talked about the fourth feast and that's the last Spring one that's the one that ties the first three feasts to the last three feast and that's the feast of Pentecost and we talk about how the reason we're called Pentecostals is because the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost all right and that's that's why that term came around that's how it began and so it's fifty days after and we see that God came and sent His Holy Spirit so that we would be given power to be witnesses for God and we see then it moves into this time where the last the last feast poor foreshadowed Jesus returning and now today we're going to talk about the day of atonement and if this is by far if as I study these fees and eyes as I look at them I love the foreshadowing of this feast this is such a rich feast full of all of these foreshadowings It's an amazing thing these ten days that happen in between the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement which you might if you're familiar with any like Jewish friends or anything like that young Kapoor is is the is the name of this feast for them all right but I'm just going to call the Day of Atonement. Because I'm American OK. But as as we go through this there's these ten

days in between and they're called the days of are OK if the days when you realize we talked about it last week this dark day this day when we are meant to be thinking about everything Jesus is going to do right and that day happens and in between the Day of Atonement it's the day of and it's a it's a time of like self-examination it's days that we were designed for people to look inward and search their hearts and find what was in there and make sure that they're living their lives in a way that God would want them to live all right and so as you look through this the word poor the far the the word that this comes from. It literally means to cover this is the day of covering that's what Yom Kapoor means all right the day of covering and you see this happens this is called the High Holy Day of Israel as they look at their calendar and as they were approaching all of this stuff this was the holiest day of the year for them all right because this was the day as a nation their sins were going to be covered all right this was the one day in a calendar year where the high priest was allowed to enter into the holy of holies and be in the presence of God the physical spot where God's presence existed was called the Holy of Holies in the Old Testament temple and they got to go in there and you begin to see all of this stuff and there's this sacrifice offer that we're going to go to so Leviticus Chapter twenty three I hope you're already there verses twenty six through thirty two is where we're going to be at right now Leviticus Chapter twenty three verses twenty six through thirty to say then the Lord said to Moses remember that day of atonement is to be Dick is to be celebrated on the ninth day after the festival of trumpets on that. Day you must humble yourselves gather for a sacred assembly and present offerings to the Lord by fire do no work during that entire to day because it is the day of atonement when Atonement will be made for you before the Lord your God and payment will be made for your sins anyone who does not spend that day in humility will be cut off from the community verse thirty and I will destroy any one among you who does any kind of work on that day you must do no work at all you think God I mean this been repeated like five times now you think got a serious about this is a day of reflection not a day to be distracted OK. Where is it that this is a permanent law for you verse thirty one and it must be observed wherever you live this will be a sabbath day of total rest for you and on that day you must humble yourselves this time of rest and fasting will begin the evening before the day of atonement and extend until the evening of that day these words humble yourself you can see this sometimes your translation might even say afflict your souls or it might say fasting in there that's what God was calling them to a time of intense internal looking and a time of fasting where they were cutting out extra things in their lives and focusing on God All right that's that's what this was and God is so serious about it you heard about it they'd be cut off from their community this is such a solemn and important day and on this day the priests of the biz real this was their most important day you would see that the priest would be set apart during this time it was absolutely crew crucial that the man going in to the Holy of Holies not be contaminated right not be unclean according to the Old Testament law they went through this huge ritual and they would actually move into the temple and live in the temple to make sure that they didn't come in contact with anything that was. According to the Old Testament this was such a serious day all right they moved in and then there was actually a substitute for the high priest all right they picked like the backup quarterback right not only did they have the high priest but they had a substitute priest just in case somehow during the week that this priest is set apart he comes in contact with something that's unclean that this is such an important day that they make sure that there's a plan B. because if it is interrupted if what is supposed to happen doesn't happen on this day the nation of Israel since remain uncovered for another year. And if I run off on a rabbit trail here and I mention this before this is why it is such a huge deal for Jewish people to the temple has been destroyed. Because for the last two thousand years since eighty seventy when their temple has been destroyed this can't happen this can only happen in one place and it was the temple by the High Priest and that system can exist so can you imagine the feeling of guilt if you didn't believe in Jesus if you didn't believe that Jesus was our High Priest and he was the one where our sins could be taken away and you felt like a priest had to go into the holy of holies for the last two thousand years your sins have been left. Uncovered for two thousand years you're walking around with the guilt of everything I've ever done is still just there for the whole world to see. That becomes a gigantic

weight. All right and now again I don't believe in the Old Testament I mean I believe that the Old Testament law was there but were free from that we are under a new covenant in the New Testament and Jesus is the one who forgives our sins but if you are stuck in this spot this is where you live all right this is a hard hard thing. So the afternoon service is the main focus of this day and this is where you begin to see all kinds of crazy symbolism comes in. There are verses in Leviticus that talk about the life of any creatures and it's blood I have given you the blood so you can make atonement for your sins it is the blood representing life that brings you into home and that's Leviticus seventeen eleven Leviticus sixteen and twenty three numbers lists how these different things again I'm going to go out there and I'm going to say I don't understand why God required sacrifices like this I don't I don't understand why why God set it up so that blood was required I don't I don't other than we are called to sacrifice we are called to live our lives in a way that we put God ahead of ourselves and this is some sort of of physical representation of that in Jesus ultimately took that spot for us but the afternoon focuses or the whole the whole day is focused on this afternoon service. Through this morning and through this time people will bring different sacrifices people would do that stuff and then the service itself begins with a sacrificing of a young boy and this is the sin offering for the priesthood OK The priests are offering a sacrifice first for their own sins right that their own sins would be covered and then they're led to this place where there are two goats OK and it was supposed to be two identical go identical in size identical in weight identical in color identical in value All right two identical goats and they would take them to this place and they would go there and there were two golden lots they would have this golden vessel with two gold lots and they would draw from them and one of them would say ya way and one of them would say as a Zal. And that's that's how it goes in the one that that ya way would put on OK well I'll get to that in just a second the one for the that is a self L. for would immediately have a. Crimson strip tied tied to its horns they wanted to make sure that there was no confusing these two goats from that point all right and it was let it was turned around to face the people who since it was going to have pushed on its head the word Azazel most scholars believe comes from Oz L. which carries the idea of a skate all right if you've been around church and you've heard of the scapegoat this is where it comes from OK this goat where this word had shaken out this was the scapegoat this was the goat where that was going to help people escape from its sin so the go for which the way had on its head was taken to a place it was offered as a sin offering all right and then at that point in time the high priest would enter into the holy of holies the high priest would go into the holy of holies with sprinkle you can read all about this I'm not going to great detail but it was sprinkled the blood of that offering on the altar and all of these sayings talking to God covering their sins right and then they would go out and they would push hard on this goat's head right they would grab it and just symbolizing the weight of the nation and the weight of the nation sin going on of this goat then after that it was let out of the temple. And was only let out of to the temple it was let out of the cities and they would have this mark and there would be priests that would be along the side of the road in the Levites and then have this goat wander and it kind of hurt it as it would go to get away from the cities and people would kind of motion when it got past them and then the whole community would kind of watch this gold until it got about ten miles away from the city of Jerusalem and then it was signalled back that it had gone all the way out and the priest would shout to the gathered nation of Israel be whole Your sins are carried away. And then solemn This went away and the party began. Because the nations since were now removed this is a huge huge day this is such an important day as you look about this the modern observance of this day bears almost no semblance whatsoever to what I just described because they don't have a temple they don't have what they would believe is the holy of holies there none of that is in place anymore so the modern observance bears almost no resemblance to this day all right but if you look at what this feast is foreshadowing there is a day when the Lord will be seen. And he will be announced by the blast of a trumpet. And the church and those who have died in Jesus will rise again. And Jesus will return and he will do battle against those who have set themselves against him and this is this is out of all kinds of different areas after riot Daniel revelation as they go Jesus will come he will establish his throne Israel will look on him who they

pierced and repent according to Zechariah twelve ten the nation sin will be dealt with once and for all the Lord will remember their sins no more there is coming a day when we will stand before Jesus. And we will give an account and if we have chosen Jesus it's not hard it's not difficult it's not this this painful process Jesus did all the hard work for us and when we choose Jesus there will come a day where we will stand before Him And again I don't want to get weighed down and huge amounts of all tested or of any time study here but there was come a day when we stand before Jesus and there's only going to be one thing that matters that we choose him or did we not have we been forgiven. Or have we not have we chosen to allow the blood of the Lamb. To remove our sins. Or have we not. Our checkbook isn't going to matter. Our day time or isn't going to matter. How big a business we built or how many times we failed in business isn't going to matter nothing is going to matter at that moment except that I choose Jesus or did I not for those of us who have chosen Jesus that is going to be a day of celebration unlike any This world has ever know because the blood of the Lamb. Has covered our sins. And sin will be removed. Behold your sins are carried away. Once and for all done over we will reign with Jesus just like we saying we will rise to reign eternally. And his grace so glorious Scuse me. This is an amazing day and I want to come back to this again just like we did yesterday. It isn't just our job to make sure that we are good on that day that is important all right that it that is an important thing you need to choose use I say it often. Jesus is sacrifice was for you but it's not all about you we need to make sure that we have accepted Jesus as sacrifice we need to make sure that we have a line to our lives with him that we have to ask for forgiveness and we are living for him but we still need the fourth feast these things all tied together because there are people all around you who are not ready for that day they have not chosen Jesus and they're not ready to stand before him. So we're still dependent on the fourth feast to make sure that on that day on that day of reckoning. As many people are ready as possible. So that our friends in our family are ready to meet with Jesus. So that our neighbors can join with us on that day and celebration. That they chose Jesus. And it's really easy to not care about that it's really easy right I mean we live in a land of relative comfort I mean it stop snowing hopefully for the year so things are going to be more comfortable. But most of us were talking about this weekend at one point time. Scuse me the water that runs down your toilet is cleaner than the drinking water of like seventy percent of the world most of us in this place don't have to worry about where our next meal is going to come from. We're not literally worried about starvation right we might be worried about where we're going to eat after church but we're not worried that man I don't I don't know how many make it to tomorrow. Most of us in this place you know we have enough clothes to deal with the crazy cold up here. Life and Death isn't a constant idea for us a lot of times it's easy to just. Sail through things it's easy to just get comfortable and to not live your life as though your neighbor is dependent on Jesus to live as though your friends and your families absolutely need Jesus it's easy to just get comfortable I don't want to offend anybody I'm just going to sit here I'm going to do my thing I was going to hope that somehow someone goes to them. And shares Jesus when I think most of the times when we're praying for somebody to go. Share Jesus with our friends got to saying that's why you're their friend that's why I put you in their life. That's why you're there that's why you live in the neighborhood you live in and the town you live in and that's why you're so fear of influence is what it is because I'm answering your own prayer with you but we need to share a faith for a lot of us that's an incredibly scary thing. It's not super easy. Let's be honest it can be intimidating. Anybody who's like I've never been intimidated by that. I just think they're lying. It can be intimidating it's I get it. That's why there's the fourth feast. That's why that feast ties all seven of these things together so that we have the Holy Spirit inside of us bursting through with power for a witness. Because unless you live in some sort of weird bubble. You know people who don't know Jesus and we need to make sure they're ready. For this day. For the day that this whole thing foreshadows and looks toward Jesus died for you. But it's not all about you that's why our church believes so strongly in missions. That's why our church believes so strongly in reaching out to this community in a variety of ways so that we can reach a variety of people. That's why we do game feeds that's why we do things in the park that's why we do pond hockey tournaments that's why we do Candy hunts that's why we do what we do. It's allergy

season I'm sorry I'm struggling this morning. That is why we do what we do we support missionaries because they go where we can't go. They say they have sacrificed everything you had I mean that most of us are just like wow that's amazing that they chose to go live another country and most of us don't ever think about the fact that they left their family and their friends and their career and everything that was comfortable to go reach out to a bunch of people where they don't know anyone. That's why we support them with money that's why they need your prayers that's why we do the things that we do because our vision is bigger than just being comfortable in a church pew once a week people need Jesus in this town. People need Jesus in this state and people need Jesus in this what we're going to talk about this next year or next year or next week. Wow I'm not going to make you wait a year I promise. Next week is missions convention and we're going to stop for one week in this series and then come back to it there are seven thousand on reached people groups in this in this world seven thousand groups of people who haven't rejected Jesus they've never been presented Jesus fifty eight percent of the world's population has heard and accepted Jesus and that's amazing fifty eight percent of this earth has heard about Jesus at least they've had an opportunity here and that's a reason to be excited but that's also a failing grade. Right like for those of you have kids in school or maybe you're in school right now if you came home with the fifty eight. That's not a good day right it's amazing that we've been able to cover the Gospel that far but that means. That forty two percent of the world. Has yet to hear about Jesus. Seven thousand on rich people groups our job is not done. We are not ready for this day yet so there's work to do there's work to do in our community and our families and our workplaces and our friends there's work to do across the oceans. And God doesn't just want missionaries to do it that's why he gave us the fourth feast it's an exciting time our reach is bigger than it's ever been but we're not done yet. We're not done yet. And I throw more statistic out you you're going to hear next year next week man I'm on a roll. Probably good for all of those of you who can't pay attention for longer than five minutes if I screw up every few minutes and you can pay attention again. All right one more step. And I know stats are hard for some of you to hear and you don't really care about stats but it's a big deal. And I'm not trying to just make people feel guilty and this is not been a sermon about money but did you know that if the church ties. If the church just the church would tie not even give offerings if the average church goer would give ten percent maybe some of you like well the New Testament doesn't call for ten percent then that's your argument listen if the New Testament doesn't call for ten percent then it calls for everything OK Like generous radical giving but if the church would tie. In one year we could send every missionary in America over the ocean fully funded and have over three hundred million dollars left for their project budgets in one year. In three years we could solve the global water crisis crisis. If we would just. Time. Not extravagant gift. Time there's a big job to do and we're all part of it. It's amazing what can be accomplished day of atonement is coming. It is a reality of scripture. And it's not our job to save people that's God's job the Holy Spirit Jesus they did that work and they're currently drawing to people but he uses us. To share our faith to be a piece of that thing is you can't save anybody. But you can present Jesus and let the Holy Spirit do his work. We're all called that. So that on this day. Our friends and our family and people we will never meet. We will have the biggest celebration creation has ever known I want to make sure my family's there. I want to make sure my friends are there I want as many people to know about Jesus as possible. And I know I'm not alone so let's pray all right I'm sorry like let's pray that it will happen I'm not ready to pray right now yet. You guys are you guys are ready though like how about your head so we're we're done. If somebody could go let Rachelle know we're probably going to be done a little ahead of time here can somebody do that Mandy is going to go do that all right thank you I will I don't want to leave a service like this without giving people a chance to respond to Jesus I mean if you're in this place and you have not chosen to make Jesus your King you're not ready for this day I want to give you an opportunity to do that it's not hard like I said living for Jesus that takes effort we're called to sacrifice we're called to do those kind of things we're called to live our lead lives in a way that lines up with Scripture we are absolutely that takes effort. But choosing Jesus is the simplest thing he's done all the work already all we have to do is accept it and believe it and we're done and if you've

never done that this morning we're going to give you an opportunity to do that and following that I want to pray good and we pray this way last week we're going to pray this way next week we're going to pray this way the week after next week is missions in the week after that we're live and we're around in this thing out if you're in this place and you just need more of Jesus you need boldness you need you need those kind of things because you have a desire to see people come to Jesus I'm going to have you stand up. We want to pray with you because you're not called to do this alone God is there with us so I'm going to ask you not about your heads and close your eyes and if you're in here and you've never chosen Jesus this this church thing is pretty new to you. But you know this morning God's been deal with your heart. And you know you need him I just want you to raise your hand and I want to pray with you I'm not going to a lot of weight long here but if there's somebody here you've never chosen Jesus in this morning you're ready to make that decision on for a few I see your hand right there. Is there anybody else and here we're going to give it just another moment you've not chosen Jesus in this morning you're ready right here's what we're going to do you can look at me again I'm going to pray I don't know where you guys are all at so I want to pray I'm going to ask you raise your hand pray after me all right I just want to guide you through this if you're in here and you've chosen Jesus I'd like you repeat after me to as well so it's not just want to cry out all right if you're in here and you have not chosen Jesus and you're not ready to yet you don't need to worry about praying after me right now I want you to know this is the most important decision you could ever make and we pray for you to receive Jesus it is such an amazing important thing but if you're not ready if you're not there I don't you don't need to feel guilty and to pray and after me as as a matter of fact personally I would prefer you not promise something to Jesus that you don't me OK so you don't you don't have to do that you can just sit there and just be quiet and that's that's OK We don't want to force you to do something you're not ready to do. But if you really want to raise your hand. Or you've chosen Jesus and you're like you repeat after me all right let's pray Jesus I've been trying. But I can't be good enough thank you for dying for me. I believe you. I believe you are all that can save me I'm a sinner. And I need you to forgive me thank you Jesus. Amen. That is one of the most exciting things and I get to do is pastor and I want you to know that we are so excited for you as a church as a pastoral team it's such an amazing thing that you just did if you have questions about what to do next I want you to ask the person that brought you if they don't know any more than you come and talk to me OK and I would love to have conversations with you about next steps about what to do next if you're in here and you're not ready to choose Jesus because you don't know you feel like I just don't feel like I know when I'll come and talk to me would love to have a conversation with you it is such an important thing so we're going to in this service Craig if you can just turn on a little bit of music here we're going to in this service in this way. This is a big job our vision is not small at this church. Our the vision to reach the community itself is a huge huge vision but our vision isn't just for Grand Rapids and Coltrane and Cohasset and both and all these little towns around here that's huge but our vision encompasses reaching the last all around this world. And I want you to hear it's too big for you. It's too big for me. It's not too big for Jesus. It's not too big for the Holy Spirit It's huge. It could be overwhelming if we just thought well I better have a good idea. But when we realize that Jesus is behind it nothing is impossible so. If you're in this place and you are serious about sharing your faith. And you just know all. And I need help. What you stand. I want to pray with you as a church I want you to know I'm I'm I'm feeling guys I'm pretty busy with all this already stuff but I'm by the stance and it's not because I'm a pastor it's because I need help OK not like physically right now I need help share my faith. If you're serious about this and you just say and I want to do this. And I need. To empower me. There's nothing shameful with admitting that that is exactly why we have the Holy Spirit that's exactly why the Apostles were done on the day of Pentecost they prayed to receive over and over and over again. One phrase. For someone around you standing up for and. You'll need to walk very far OK. People up all over the place. Jesus you're awesome. I thank you for the truth of your words I thank you for the reality. The skin to this stuff blind God but for over two thousand. In the years old four thousand years now you've been telling us what was coming. We're still not ready yet I'm ready personally I know many

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people in this room are ready personally but we're not ready yet because people in our town don't know these we don't know when you're coming back so help us to be active now. And not wait send your Holy Spirit. And Power us. God I pray that you put names and faces and are mine. I will still pray and help us to go. Your good. Thank you for all you've done. And I think you for all you're going to do. You love. A man. This and I want you to go with Jesus and I want you to go with intentionality you can help us sign up for the funeral stuff in the back that's awesome. If not we're done have a great day.