

2. What does this story teach me about myself?

3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?

4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?

5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 5 • Session 4

WORSHIP AT THE TABERNACLE

Leviticus 16; 19; 26

WHY DO WE NEED TO BE SAVED? PEOPLE ARE SINFUL AND CANNOT SAVE THEMSELVES.

The Israelites worshiped God at the tabernacle. God gave them specific instructions for how to worship Him on a special day each year called the Day of Atonement. On this day, the high priest, Aaron, would present animal sacrifices to the Lord for the sins of all the people.

Before he could go to the mercy seat, in the most holy place, Aaron had to prepare himself. After Aaron bathed in water and put on the special clothes, he was to sacrifice a bull as an offering to God for his sin and sprinkle its blood on the mercy seat. Then he would take one goat and sacrifice it for the sins of all the people.

After sprinkling the blood of this goat in the most holy place, Aaron would take another goat and confess all the Israelites' sin over it. Then the goat would be sent into the wilderness. This was to be a picture of how God has removed the sin of the Israelite people.

He gave the Israelites many commands to show them what was right and what was wrong. If the Israelites followed all the rules God gave, then they would be holy just as God is holy.

God told them that if they would keep all of His commandments, then they would be blessed. God knew His people would not obey Him, and there would be consequences for their sin. When His people confessed their sin, He would remember the promises He made and be their God forever.

Christ Connection: God instructed the Israelites to sacrifice animals to demonstrate the forgiveness and removal of sin. God gave His one and only Son, Jesus, as the perfect and final sacrifice for sin. Anyone who trusts in Jesus is forgiven of their sins and made clean forever.



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