

Bible Project Video

Sacrifice and Atonement: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/sacrifice-and-atonement/>

Week 10

March 9 - March 15, 2026

BIBLE STUDY COMPANION GUIDE

Main Sermon Passage

Leviticus 16:1-16

Study Passages of the Week

Leviticus 19–27; Psalm 26

Theme or Focus

Leviticus 16 stands at the center of the book and describes the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), Israel's most sacred annual observance. On this day, the high priest entered the Holy of Holies to make atonement for himself, the priesthood, and the entire nation. Through sacrifice and the symbolic sending away of the scapegoat, God provided a way for sin to be covered and removed so that His holy presence could remain among His people. Leviticus 19–27 expand on covenant faithfulness in daily life. After the Day of Atonement instructions, the focus shifts back to practical holiness, justice, Sabbath rhythms, appointed feasts, blessings for obedience, and consequences for covenant unfaithfulness. Atonement is not a ritual, it restores relationship and calls God's people into renewed obedience.

Psalm 26 complements this theme as a prayer of integrity and trust. The psalmist appeals to God's mercy and steadfast love, asking to walk in faithfulness. Together, these passages show us that atonement restores communion with God and leads to a life shaped by gratitude, obedience, and trust.

Memory Verse

Leviticus 16:30: “Because on this day atonement will be made for you, to cleanse you. Then, before the LORD, you will be clean from all your sins.”

How does restored relationship with God shape everyday obedience?

How does Psalm 26 express trust and integrity in response to God’s mercy?

Fill in the Blanks

The Day of _____ was observed once a year for the cleansing of the people. Leviticus 16

The high priest entered the Most _____ Place to make atonement.

One goat was sacrificed, and the other was sent into the _____.

Leviticus 23 outlines the appointed _____ of the LORD.

In Psalm 26, the psalmist asks to walk in God’s _____.

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Reflection & Discussion

What is revealed about the seriousness of approaching a holy God?

What is the significance of the two goats in the Day of Atonement ritual?

How does atonement make continued covenant relationship possible for Israel?