



Understanding God's Appointed Times

...a 7-part study...part 3

Yom Kippur – Day of Atonement



Sept 22, 2024
Module 5, Room 1

Before we start...

- *Thanks to **Barry Hoover** for teaching for me last week. I enjoyed his lesson, and the class participation was great. Thanks to all who came and supported him*
- *Thanks also to **Carroll Springer** who was all prepared to teach today but has come down with a severe cold and did not want to bring it here to all of us, so I am teaching today. Carroll has a prepared lesson all ready, and I want to thank him for always being ready to cover for me.*
- *I would also ask each of you to consider being willing to teach for me when I need coverage. It would be a great help to me, but also get you comfortable sharing in front of a group. You need the work, and I need the help*
 - *A win-win for all*

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *Sept 1, 2024 - Appointed Times – What and Why*
 - ✓ *Sept 3, 2024. - Manor Lake (starting again...)*
- ✓ *Sept 8, 2024. - Feast of Trumpets (Yom Teruah/Rosh HaShana)*
- ✓ *Sept 15, 2024 – Barry Hoover Teaching*
- ✓ *Sept 22, 2024 – Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)*
- *Sept 29, 2024 – Festival of Tabernacles (Sukkot)*
 - *Oct 1, 2024 – Manor Lake – Daniel Ch 1*

Quick Update .../CYMI

Middle East

- *It is hard to keep up with what is going on. Much is happening and **I believe we are about to see Israel move ground forces into Lebanon with tanks***
 - *Pagers / Radios explode – Much higher casualties than admitted. Thousands of Hezbollah fighters were injured, Hundreds permanently disabled, and several dozen killed including high - ranking leaders*
 - *In parallel, Israel is bombing Lebanon, Damascus, and Syria with more than 100 sorties each day*
 - *Hundreds of rocket launchers, terrorists, and warehouses for rockets and munitions were bombed with more than 70 raids per hour yesterday*
 - *Hezbollah is in disarray , and Israel is softening them up for the ground offensive, but has given them 48 hours to vacate beyond the Litani river and away from the Israel border*

US/World

- *Russia has threatened that if offensive weapons by the US and NATO are permitted to be used against Russia, it is a declaration of war on Russia by NATO*
- *Meddling in US elections by Russia, Iran, and others is very active. (Cyber, disinformation, terrorist activities)*
- *China is continuing, along with Russia to try and sow chaos in America...streets... Elections... and stretch military so Taiwan is more vulnerable. China stirring pot in China Sea.*
- *The US is setting up Missile batteries in the Aleutian Islands to counter Russian/ Chinese efforts*
- ***Let not your hearts be troubled. God is still on His throne and in control of it all***

THAT BEING SAID, I EXPECT THE DAYS AHEAD TO BE TURBULENT...

Israel Under Attack



Thoughts about our current study...

- *All of these Sacred Assemblies have other verses that further explain the procedures to follow. We will discuss this more when we do each of the Festival discussions, but we will not focus on process but on meaning.*
- *These sacred assemblies were meant to be a “**Divine drama**” or **recreate the past blessings of the Lord to make sure the generations to come knew what the Lord had done for them.** It is no different than the “ordinance” of the Lord’s Supper which is a part of the Passover Feast that Jesus celebrated in the final days of His life before the cross*
- *These Sacred Assemblies were serious business to the Jews. Some are viewed as “holidays” today, but their purpose and intent were for solemn reflection and understanding.*
- *My prayer is that each of us will see these Jewish Feasts as an opportunity to better understand the deeper meaning and the projected fulfillment, and perhaps be a way to encourage our Jewish friends to come to the Lord while they can.*

Key Verses - *The Appointed Festivals*

*Lev 23 The Lord said to Moses, ² “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘These are my appointed festivals, the appointed **festivals** of the Lord, which you are to proclaim as **sacred assemblies**.*

...skip to v 23

The Festival of Trumpets

*²³ The Lord said to Moses, ²⁴ “Say to the Israelites: ‘On the **first day of the seventh month** you are to have a day of sabbath rest, a sacred assembly commemorated with trumpet blasts.²⁵ Do no regular work, but present a food offering to the Lord.’”*

The Day of Atonement

*²⁶ The Lord said to Moses, ²⁷ “**The tenth day of this seventh month** is the **Day of Atonement**. Hold a sacred assembly **and deny yourselves (or fast)**, and present a food offering to the Lord.²⁸ Do not do any work on that day, because it is the **Day of Atonement**, when **atonement is made for you before the Lord your God**. ²⁹ Those who do not deny themselves on that day must be cut off from their people. ³⁰ I will destroy from among their people anyone who does any work on that day. ³¹ You shall **do no work at all**. This is to be **a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live**. ³² It is a day of sabbath rest for you, and you must deny yourselves. **From the evening of the ninth day of the month until the following evening, you are to observe your sabbath.**”*

Housekeeping – Placement – Purpose – Dates in 2024

Overview: The Feasts and Focuses		
The Promise of Each Season		
Shabbat	Sabbath	Rest, Remembrance, and Restoration
Pesach	Passover	Redemption
Chag HaMotzi	Unleavened Bread	Holy Walk with God
Reshit Katzir	First Fruits	Resurrection
Shavu'ot / Weeks	Pentecost	Revelation, and the Gift of the Torah and the Spirit
Rosh Hashanah / Yom Teruah	New Year/ Trumpets	Repentance, Restoration, and returning and regathering to God
Yom Kippur	Day of Atonement	Reparation and Redemption/ forgiveness from Sin - the Fullness of Redemption
Sukkot	Tabernacles	Shelter in the Wilderness and Provision
Chanukah	Hannukah	Festival of Light - Rededication ourselves to God
Purim	Purim	Rejoicing and realizing that God is in control even though his hand is hidden

Apr 30, 2024	<u>Passover - Final Day</u>
Jun 11, 2024	<u>Shavuot (1st day)</u>
Jun 13, 2024	<u>Shavuot</u>
Oct 02, 2024	<u>Rosh HaShana Starts</u>
Oct 04, 2024	<u>Rosh HaShana Ends</u>
Oct 12, 2024	<u>Yom Kippur</u>
Oct 16, 2024	<u>Sukkot Starts</u>
Oct 23, 2024	<u>Sukkot Ends</u>
Dec 25, 2024	<u>Hanukkah Starts</u>

Last time we discussed Rosh HaShana

Key points to remember:

- *It is the beginning of a new year for the Jews and is intended to begin the 10 days of Awe leading up to the Day of Atonement. **New beginnings***
- *It is a time to **repair relationships, ask for forgiveness from God** and others that you have wronged*
- *It is a time **for regathering back with the Lord***
- *Observant Jews are **thankful that God has given them the Law and selected them as His Chosen people** through the selection of Isaac and Jacob and **allowed them to have their sins forgiven and stand before God.***
- ***Recommitments** are given to the Lord in a humble and thankful way to walk with Him*
- *This is for **Personal Repentance and Forgiveness***

Today, we look at the Day of Atonement

- After the 10 days of Awe, the observant Jews have prayed for their **personal** forgiveness, sought to mend relationships, and make right those things in their lives that are not right in God's sight.
- The Day of Atonement extends this personal forgiveness to the Nation of Israel. The High Priest would go into the Holy of Holies with sacrifices for himself (so he could enter the Holy of Holies and meet God) and plead the case for the Nation. **Corporate Forgiveness for another year**
- To understand this day and its meaning, we must take a close look at what the words mean and the definition and practice of the Jews

Definitions

atonement /ə-tōn'mənt/

noun

1. *To make amends or reparation made for an injury or wrong; expiation.*
2. *An individual's reconciliation with God by means of repentance and confession of one's transgressions.*
3. *The reconciliation of God and humans brought about by the redemptive life and death of Jesus.*

reparations /rěp"ə-rā'shən/

- Plural form of **reparation**

noun

1. *The act or process of making **amends** for a wrong.*
2. *Something done or money paid to make amends or compensate for a wrong.*
3. *Compensation or remuneration, as for damage or economic loss, required from a nation defeated in war. **Specific people and events that are identifiable***

Rabbi Jason Sobel Story About Forgiveness

Karl Menninger (psychiatrist) stated that Forgiveness is one of the most critical needs for humanity. He also stated that if he could get patients in psychiatric wards to believe their sins were forgiven, 75% could go home.

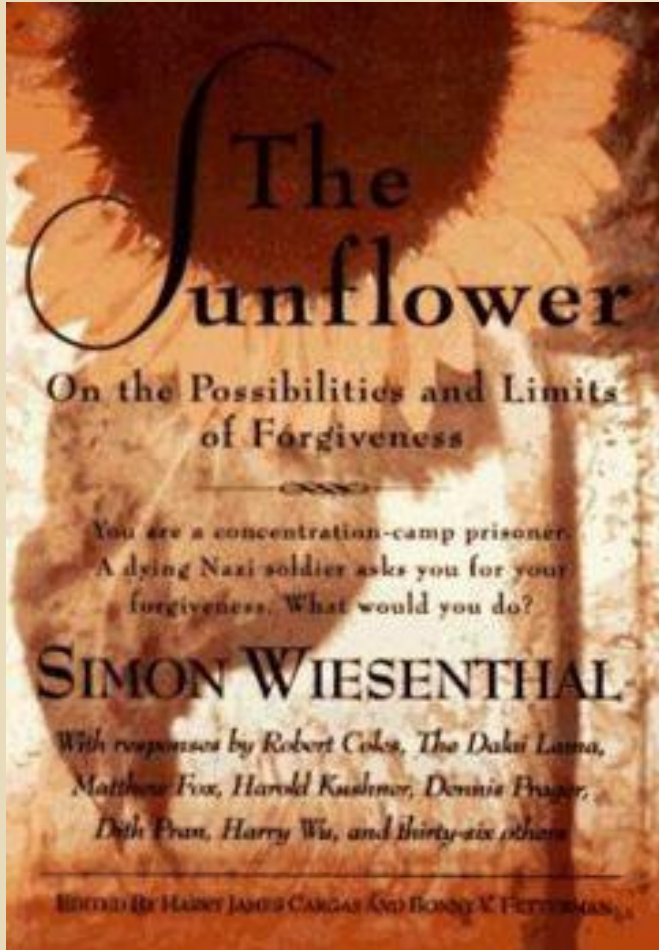
>I don't know if the quotes or percentages are true, but forgiveness, both for ourselves and others is an unbelievably powerful force.

Forgiveness is a primal need. God made us for connectedness and relationships.

- *Unforgiveness towards others, ourselves, and even to God bears the bitter fruit of disconnection and separation.*
- *Whether physically, emotionally, or spiritually...separation and disconnectedness is the earthy prison of hell. For Hell ...eternally it is separation from God and everything that accompanies God in Heaven.*
- *Loneliness is a major problem in today's world. Without God, and Godly friends who love us, how could we survive?*

Simon Wiesenthal – A Haunting Story...

Famous Austrian Jew – Holocaust Survivor – Nazi Hunter - Author



A Holocaust survivor's surprising and thought-provoking study of forgiveness, justice, compassion, and human responsibility, featuring contributions from the Dalai Lama, Harry Wu, Cynthia Ozick, Primo Levi, and more. You are a prisoner in a concentration camp. A dying Nazi soldier asks for your forgiveness. What would you do?

While imprisoned in a Nazi concentration camp, Simon Wiesenthal was taken one day from his work detail to the bedside of a dying member of the SS. Haunted by the crimes in which he had participated, the soldier wanted to confess to--and obtain absolution from--a Jew.

Faced with the choice between compassion and justice, silence and truth, Wiesenthal said nothing.

But even years after the war had ended, he wondered: Had he done the right thing?

What would you have done in his place? In this important book, fifty-three distinguished men and women respond to Wiesenthal's questions.

Some thoughts...

I have not read this book, but I wonder if there are any Christians who have answered his questions. Certainly, Wiesenthal could not give absolution to the Nazi, but he could have pointed him to the one who could. *As Christians, we have the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit to see things from Christ's POV and not just our own anger and experience.* **My point here is to say that the lack of a spirit of forgiveness causes deep internal pain for those who cannot or will not forgive.**

We all can probably tell of people in our families who have been eaten up by a lack of forgiveness to themselves, loved ones, and even to God Himself

Forgiveness in the OT and NT

Lev 17:11 ¹¹ *For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.*

- *Animal sacrifice was the OT way to cover your sin before God. There no forgiveness of Sin without shedding of blood.*

Hebrews 9:22 NIV

²² *In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.*

- *Yom Kippur was the corporate playing out of an animal sacrifice that was intended to set aside the sin of the Nation.*

How did it work?

- High Priest selected 2 male Goats. Same size, unblemished
- One for sacrifice on the Altar to cleanse the priest and make a request to the Lord to cleanse the nation
- One goat sacrificed and blood sprinkled all over the Ark/Mercy seat and in the temple altar area.
- Second goat was brought into the Temple, and the priest laid his hands on his head, symbolically transferring all the Nations Sin to the goat (the Scapegoat) ,then he was to be taken outside the city to the wilderness area and released.
- In the Oral Torah (Mishnah) they added a crimson red wool thread to the Scapegoat, and tied another in the temple (sometimes handed them out). There was a person sent with the Scapegoat to throw it off a cliff to its death. Then they would check the thread.
- When the Scapegoat was “accepted” by God to cleanse the nation, the thread was turned white.

We hear a lot about Reparations today

- *In the day of Atonement, the Jews and the High Priest seek to make amends with God for their actions, words, idolatry, and evil actions against Him.*
- *In a human sense we can make amends or reparations to people that have been “wronged” or damaged by us personally or our families.*
- *In a corporate or national sense, it is harder to consider because all of us have been wronged at one time or another by the Government, so unless there are specific damages that can be proven, they are usually not successful. We have laws that define these types of government wrong.*
- *In the Day of Atonement it is a set of things that the Nation would do to make amends to God, seeking his forgiveness and blessing for the future.*
- *One interesting fact: For Reparations or Amends to take place with God, there must be forgiveness, and a restoration of the relationship*
- *I’m not going to get off track on the current discussion regarding slaves in the US because it is a long time ago, and connections to anyone currently living cannot be made in a court of law, perhaps in a National conscience but where does it stop? Japanese interred the US in WW2. What about their relatives, how do you prove descent. Same for slaves*

For Christians, what does it mean?

- *It is an easy parallel to see Christ as the willing scapegoat to take all the sins of the world and provide complete atonement forever, not just a year...to those who believe. **Not just Paid for a Year but PAID IN FULL.***
- ***When the Messiah came the terms of forgiveness and absolution changed forever. We can be thankful on Yom Kippur that our sin is forever forgiven, and no animal sacrifice will ever be needed again***
- *The term “scapegoat” is in our vocabulary today and generally is ascribed to a person or organization that is blamed for everything that happens. **Certainly, the Jews are the group of people worldwide that have been blamed for all the ills of the world. This has caused persecution and severe antisemitism to be rampant today.***
- *It is also commonly applied to a technique of scapegoating organizations, political candidates, and even Christians in today’s world. This leads to violence, and rage, and acting out anger in society. **We see it every day.***

Two Stories of Biblical Reparations

- *When the **first Adam/Eve** took fruit from the tree, we essentially broke the perfectness of the world, but God put something back on the tree for us...Christ.*
 - *We broke it, and He fixed it **with the Cross***
- *As God mended our broken relationship to Him, **He calls us to be fixers, repairers, and restorers of the world.** This brokenness is repaired as more come to Him through repentance and forgiveness. This is the freedom we can help others to see and attain.*
 - *If we break a relationship, we are obligated to fix it. For reparation to occur, forgiveness must occur first.*

Then there is Moses...

Moses on Mt Sinai

- *Moses meets God on Mt Sinai. Moses travels up and down the mountain several times. Finally, God wrote the **Ten Commandments** on stone tablets and delivered them to Moses to bring them to the people.*
- *Remember when he came down, he saw the Golden Calf and threw down the tablets in anger and destroyed the calf. When he went back up the mountain to face God, He was told to cut stone tablets himself, and God would rewrite them, which they did.*
- *God could have been angry with Moses and punished him, but he made Moses join him in re-doing the tablets. **Moses came down the mountain with the 2nd set of tablets on Yom Kippur**, the day of Atonement and forgiveness.*
- *This was the day that Israel confessed their sin and asked for forgiveness.*

Rabbinic Understanding

- *In the Ark of the Covenant, the Jews believe that **both the old broken tablets and the new ones are in the Ark.** God placed the broken ones with the unbroken to **show the relationship and wholeness that comes from brokenness.***
- *If we look at where we have been broken, and where God has restored us, we will never forget about forgiveness and restoration. **God is a God of many “second” chances.***

One last thought...

- *God determined between Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur whose name would be written down in the Book of Life for **another year**.*
- *By remembering Yom Kippur, **we can remember and thank God for our name, and the names of our loved ones being written in the Lamb's Book of Life forever.***

In **Luke 10:20** Jesus says while His disciples are celebrating their new power

²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven. (in the Book of Life)”.

Since we know that fulfillment for the Jews for complete salvation and redemption comes during and after the Tribulation in the MK...

*Our prayers on Yom Kippur **express our faith, hope, and desire for Israel, and the Nations to experience full and final redemption.***

Next Week

Our next study will be Sukkot – Feast of Tabernacles

Pray for God to move in the US, protect Israel, and the leaders

- *Pray for First Redeemer Pastors, staff, teachers, and all who lead*
- *Pray for your family and friends inside and outside the church.*
*Pray for healing for those in grief and recovery, **Be thankful for answered prayer***
- *Be thankful that God has placed you **in this day and time** and commit your will ...to doing His Will.*
- *Praise Him for the blessings He continually bestows on us.*
- *Pray for each of us to take our role seriously in the coming storm*
- *Pray for those who don't know the Lord to come to Him*