

AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH

9/25/23

- Today – We are observing the Day of Atonement
 - Today – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Title – “Author and Finisher of Our Faith”
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- Beginning scripture – Hebrews 12:2

Heb. 12:2 Jesus [Yeshua, Christ, the Son of God] – the author & finisher of our faith

- Let’s notice Leviticus 16

Lev. 16:2 Lord to Moses – tell Aaron your brother not to come at just any time into the Holy Place inside the veil (before the mercy seat which is on the ark) – lest you die – for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat

29 statute forever – you shall afflict your souls and do no work at all

30 on that day, the priest shall make atonement for you – to cleanse you (that you may be clean from all your sins before the Lord)

31 it is a sabbath of solemn rest for you – and you shall afflict your souls

32 and the priest (who is anointed and consecrated to minister as a priest in his father’s place) shall make atonement, and put on the linen clothes (the holy garments)

33 then, he shall make atonement for –

- he shall make atonement for the Holy Sanctuary

- and he shall make atonement for the tabernacle of meeting and for the altar

- and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people

34 this shall be an everlasting statute for you – to make atonement for the children of Israel – for all their sins, once a year

- The Day of Atonement is NOT a “physical” statute forever

There is presently no physical temple

There is no need for a physical temple

There is presently no physical priesthood

There is no need for a physical priesthood

There is presently no ritualistic cleansing

There is no need for a ritualistic cleansing

There is no yearly sacrifice

There is no need for an annual sacrifice

Notice – the tabernacle and priesthood were connected

Exodus 25-27 (tabernacle) – Exodus 28-30 (priesthood)
Hebrews 2-8 (priesthood) – Hebrews 9 (tabernacle)

- Matt. 27:50 the Son of God died
 51 the veil of the temple was torn in two – from top to bottom
Heb. 2:17 He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest
Heb. 3:1 consider the Apostle and High Priest
Heb. 4:14-16 High Priest
Heb. 5:10 called by God as High Priest
Heb. 6:20 the Son of God – having become High Priest forever
Heb. 7:11 if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood, what further need was
 there for another priest to rise (after the order of Melchizedek, to
 replace the order of Aaron)?
- Heb. 8:1 we have a High Priest
 2 a Minister of the sanctuary – of the true tabernacle
Heb. 9:7 previously – the physical high priest went behind the veil of the Day of
 Atonement
 11 Christ came as High Priest
 14 Christ was the Sacrifice
- Since the Day of Atonement is NOT a physical statute forever, how do
 you
 observe it?
 The 2 common behaviors are – (1) not working and (2) fasting
 - At this time, let me make a few brief comments about fasting
 Please turn to Matthew 9:14-15 – (as turning, here are some reminders)
 - 9/28/20 – sermon – Day of Atonement
 - 9/16/21 – sermon – Day of Atonement
 - 9/18/21 – article – “Among Friends”
 - 9/23/23 – same article – “Edifying the Body”
 - 3 Situations for Fasting
 1. After – after a sin
 2. During – during a trial
 3. Before – before an event
- Matt. 9:14-15 when the groom is taken away, then they will fast
- Conclusion – let us end where we started
- Hebrews 12:1 let us lay aside every weight and the sin which son easily ensnares us – let
 us run with endurance the race that is set before us
 2 looking unto the Son of God – the author and finisher of our faith –
 who
 for joy that was set before Him, endured the cross – despising the
 shame – and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God