

The Final Act

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Scripture Focus: “This is to be a lasting ordinance for you: On the tenth day of the seventh month you must deny yourselves³⁰ and not do any work—whether native-born or a foreigner residing among you—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.³¹ It is a day of sabbath rest, and you must deny yourselves; it is a lasting ordinance.³² The priest who is anointed and ordained to succeed his father as high priest is to make atonement. He is to put on the sacred linen garments³³ and make atonement for the Most Holy Place, for the tent of meeting and the altar, and for the priests and all the members of the community. **Leviticus 16:29-33**



Yom Kippur is observed for a 25-hour period, beginning at sundown, by refraining from work that is prohibited on Shabbat, plus five additional prohibitions: 1) eating or drinking; 2) bathing; 3) anointing the body with oil; 4) wearing leather shoes; and 5) sexual relations.

Atonement God has designed a day, place and event to celebrate his desire to be in relationship with us. No matter what we have done, God wants us to know his LOVE and be in his family. The goal is to create a soul connection with God.

- **Leviticus 16:16** - In this way he will make atonement for the Most Holy Place because of the uncleanness and rebellion of the Israelites, whatever their sins have been. He is to do the same for the tent of meeting, which is among them in the midst of their uncleanness.
- **Leviticus 16:31** - ³¹It is a day of sabbath rest, and you must deny yourselves; it is a lasting ordinance.
- **Romans 8:16** - The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Action While prayer is not a hard thing to do it is something you must do. Knowing all of these facts and reading his word only becomes effective when used in reality. We do not just want to know God in theory we want to see God produce masterpieces as if directing our lives in a theater. Prayer works but you must work your prayer life.

- **James 2:26** For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.
- **1 Corinthians 15:58** Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

STORY: Young man was gifted his dream car. He spent days sitting in it marveling over how awesome it was. He did this while simultaneously complaining about not being able to get to work. Eventually his father asked him, “Why don’t you just drive your car?” His response. “It’s so nice I don’t want to put too many miles on it.” Moral of the story, put miles on your prayer life.

Alternatives In the middle of the Holy of Holies at the far end before the veil that separates us from the Holy place was a small altar of burning incense. This provided both smoke and smell, that changed that atmosphere and created a sweet aroma before God. It reminds us of the passion, perspective, and potency of our prayer and living for God.

Sweet-smelling smoke from incense represented the people's prayers ascending to God.

- **Hebrews 5:1- 4** Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. ³ This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. ⁴ And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.
- **Hebrews 4:6** - Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.



Images To Remind Us Of Prayer



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