



Yom Kippur Communion Service

During our last weeks “7th Day Sabbath” broadcast we spoke about what Yom Kippur also known as “The Day of Atonement” was and was not about. We spoke about why it's important for every Christian to remember and why out of all of our Fathers appointments... this one is one that we should not forget.

We spoke about how atonement was facilitated before our Messiah came and how it's facilitated today after his coming. And we spoke about the sacrifices, for both the people of Israel and Arron and the High Priests.

We spoke about how our Messiah took the place of the “scape goat” that the High Priest sent out into the wilderness that carried the sins of Israel upon it's head, and we spoke about the actual commandment of Yom Kippur and what it does and dose not command us to do.

We spoke about sin and how it was a cancer in the world today, and we spoke about how our Messiah came to surgically remove that cancer once and for all.

We spoke about all of the secrets of men and how they would eventually all be drug out of the darkness and into the daylight in the end.

We spoke about how important it is to enter in through the narrow door, and that the atonement that our Messiah offers will soon be taken off of the table for those who have not already made their decision to follow him, and to walk in his ways.

But today I want to go a little further. Today I want us to understand why atonement is so important, and how to truly be afflicted as we are commanded to be this very day.

Today I want to talk about the most powerful weapon on the planet, and how to use it.

Today I don't want to talk about fasting, or Jewish rituals, or the man made, traditions of men.. but rather the truth of Gods Word and why it's important, and why so many of those who profess to know God.. will never know God.

Lets begin with going back and reading the commandment concerning Yom Kippur.. (The Day

of Atonement).

Lev 23:26 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

Lev 23:27 "Now on the tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. It shall be for you a time of holy convocation, and you shall afflict yourselves and present a food offering to the LORD.

Lev 23:28 And you shall not do any work on that very day, for it is a Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before the LORD your God.

Lev 23:29 For whoever is not afflicted on that very day shall be cut off from his people.

Lev 23:30 And whoever does any work on that very day, that person I will destroy from among his people.

Lev 23:31 You shall not do any work. It is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwelling places.

Lev 23:32 It shall be to you a Sabbath of solemn rest, and you shall afflict yourselves. On the ninth day of the month beginning at evening, from evening to evening shall you keep your Sabbath."

The first thing that I want us to notice is that the scripture does not command us to fast does it? No where in the scripture are we commanded to fast, so does that mean that you can't fast? No, it certainly does not mean that you can't fast.. but it's important for us to know that we are not commanded to fast.

With that being said I would not condemn anyone who chooses to fast, but I will say this. If we are fasting because we have been told by men that this is what we must do.. then our fast is null and void. We are like a noisy gong or a clanging symbol or a barking dog.. and empty vessle. And further more.. it should be clear.. that this day goes far beyond the stomach my friends.

The idea that you have to fast comes from Judaism, and the traditions, and the rituals, and the myths of men, it does not come from the scripture itself and it's important for us to make note of this because this is one of the most common misconceptions of Yom Kippur.

To many people believe as the Jews believe, and that by fasting they can earn some kind of stature before our Father in Heaven... but let us remember what it is that the Apostle Paul has already made known concerning the works of Judaism:

Rom 9:30 What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith;

Rom 9:31 but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law.

*Rom 9:32 Why? **Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works.** They have stumbled over the stumbling stone,*

Rom 9:33 as it is written, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of

offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

And so it is today my friends that Judaism still thinks that it can pursue the law as if it were based on works, and to this day they still stumble over the stumbling stone, because most of them do not even know who their own Messiah is, and those that do are all too willing to put their man made, man created, man fabricated, traditions, and rituals, and myths before the truth of what God's original, unadulterated, holy Word really says.

Once again... let's revisit the commandment of Yom Kippur:

Lev 16:29 "And it shall be a statute to you forever that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict yourselves and shall do no work, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you.

Lev 16:30 For on this day shall atonement be made for you to cleanse you. You shall be clean before the LORD from all your sins.

Lev 16:31 It is a Sabbath of solemn rest to you, and you shall afflict yourselves; it is a statute forever.

Many Jewish Rabbi's will proudly proclaim that Yom Kippur is a day of fasting, but in reality it is not a day of fasting, but rather it is a day of the affliction of the heart.

The Day of Atonement is about nothing but the heart my friends. It is about the love of God our Father, and the love that his son had for us... a love that fueled the power that he had to overcome sin. The Day of Atonement is about the love of God and nothing else. Listen to what Paul tells us in 1st Corinthians chapter 13:

1Co 13:1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

1Co 13:2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

1Co 13:3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

1Co 13:4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant

1Co 13:5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;

1Co 13:6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

1Co 13:7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1Co 13:8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

1Co 13:9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part,

1Co 13:10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

1Co 13:11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.

1Co 13:12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

1Co 13:13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love... I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal, a barking dog, an empty vessel. I want us to understand what fuels atonement. What was it that fueled our Messiah to do what he did for us? Why did he do it, and why was it just in the eyes of our Father.

I want us to understand why it is that our Father wants us to afflict ourselves. Lets go back and re-visit Romans chapter 5:

Rom 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom 5:2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Rom 5:3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,

Rom 5:4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

Rom 5:5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Rom 5:6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Affliction produces endurance, endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame why? Because God's love.. has been poured out into our hearts through his Son Yahshua Hamashiach and his Ruach Hakodesh who has been given to us to lead us.. and to guide us.. and to help us to remember all that was spoken of, not only by Yahshua.. but also by the Prophets who came proclaiming the very Word of God our Father.

What if I sell all that I have and give it all to the poor? Most Christians would proudly proclaim that anyone who did that would be a real saint.. but is that true?

Whats important to understand is why would a person sell everything that he owns and give it to the poor. Did he do it out of guilt.. did he do it out of prestige.. did he do it to be somebody in his local church or community.. did he do it to get rid of his junk... or did he do it out of love?

Because I tell you the truth my friends if we sell all that we own and give it all to the poor, and we do not have love for the poor in our hearts... then we've sold it all for nothing. We are a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.. a barking dog.. and empty vessel.

Let me ask you a trick question if you will... with out love.. can you be afflicted? If you do not have the love of our Messiah, and you do not understand why he did what he has done for you...

how then is it possible that you could possibly be afflicted?

Being afflicted is a matter of the heart, not the stomach my friends. I want us to consider what being afflicted means, and what it meant to our Messiah. Remember the Words that he spoke just before he died on the cross: "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?".. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?".

This statement from our Messiah puzzles most professing Christians today, who know nothing of what their Messiah came to proclaim or the "New Covenant" that he came to establish through his very blood.

Remember back when we were studying the book of Acts, and I told you that as much as 45 percent of the New Testament was nothing more than quotes from the Old Testament? Once again if we look back into our Fathers Tanach and his Torah we can always find the true meaning of what is written in the Brit Hadahsha or the New Testament.

What did our Messiah mean when he said "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"?

Did he really think that God had forsaken him.. or was there something more that he was trying to tell those who refused to believe who he was?

Lets go back to the "Old Testament" and see if we can better understand why he spoke those perplexing words:

Psa 22:1 To the choirmaster: according to The Doe of the Dawn. A Psalm of David. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

Psa 22:2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

Psa 22:3 Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

Psa 22:4 In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

Psa 22:5 To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

Psa 22:6 But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

Psa 22:7 All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

Psa 22:8 "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

Psa 22:9 Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

Psa 22:10 On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God.

Psa 22:11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

Psa 22:12 Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

Psa 22:13 they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

Psa 22:14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

Psa 22:15 my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

Psa 22:16 For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—

Psa 22:17 I can count all my bones— they stare and gloat over me;

Psa 22:18 they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

Psa 22:19 But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

Psa 22:20 Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog!

Psa 22:21 Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

Psa 22:22 I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

Psa 22:23 You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

Psa 22:24 For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.

Psa 22:25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

Psa 22:26 The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!

Psa 22:27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

Psa 22:28 For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

Psa 22:29 All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

Psa 22:30 Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

Psa 22:31 they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

"Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?".. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ... you see when our Messiah spoke these very words he was prophesying to those who knew their scriptures. He was once again proclaiming who he truly was according to what had already been written. And you can bet that those Pharisees and Scribes that were standing before him knew full well what he was conveying to them.

And here again we find affliction, even for our Messiah. He was afflicted for our transgressions. He who knew no sin was made sin:

2Co 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Listen to how Isaiah prophesied about him and what he had to say about our Messiah back in the Old Testament before he was even born:

Isa 53:1 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

Isa 53:2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.

Isa 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isa 53:4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Isa 53:5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isa 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

Isa 53:8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

Isa 53:9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Isa 53:10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

Isa 53:11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Isa 53:12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

He was oppressed, and he was what?.... “**afflicted**”... yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.... says Isaiah 53:7.

Notice what we're told in verses 10 and 11:

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makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

Isa 53:11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Are we not to walk as he walked? Are we not to do as he did? Are we not to follow after him and walk in his ways?

Today.. this Yom Kippur.. this Day of Atonement.. let our Father crush our souls in affliction, and put us to grief. Let our souls make an offering for guilt so that we may see our offspring, so that he may prolong our days, and so the will of Yahovah will prosper in our hands not because we have earned anything.. but because we love him.

Out of the anguish of our souls let us see and be satisfied, and let us be his servants, that he has made righteous because of what he has done for us.

It is affliction that brings us low, that crushes our hearts and souls, so that they can be rebuilt, and re-newed in the righteousness through what our Messiah has done.. and so it is that we once again move to remember him the way that he commanded us to remember him.

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Luk 22:15 And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

Luk 22:16 For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

Luk 22:17 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves.

Luk 22:18 For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

Luk 22:19 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Eat the bread here

Luk 22:20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Drink the cup here

It's important for every Christian to understand what our Messiah did and did not come to preach and teach. He did come to preach love.. but not a love that the world knows. Not a love

that comes from two soap opera stars fornicating between two sheets... not a love that comes from the marriage between two men or two women. That's called lust.

Not even a love that comes from a flood of emotions, or from a flowery poem written in the pail moon light. No... not the kind of love that the world knows.. but a kind of love where a man would not just lay down his life for the ones he loves... but even for his enemies also.

He came to preach and teach the kind of love that is not afraid to plant the seed of truth in the hearing of those who would have the eyes to see and the ears to hear.

He came to preach and teach the kind of love that knows no bounds, an everlasting love that reaches throughout the ages, and from the least of men to the greatest of men, a love that reaches as far as from the east to the west and through out the halls of time as we know it, a lasting love that lasts through out all of our generations and beyond.

He came to preach and teach humility, and affliction... grace, and obedience.. faith and trust, and honor and justice... long suffering, endurance, and forgiveness.

He did not come to preach and teach his own laws, and his own commandments.. and he did not come to preach and teach his own holidays, and his own precepts.

He came to preach and teach his Fathers laws, his Fathers commandments, his Fathers appointments, and his Fathers precepts. He came to set the example of who we should strive to be.

The next time that we see him he will not be here to deal with sin.. but to save those who are eagerly awaiting his arrival. Those who have oil in their lamps, and are ready, and those who have prepared and made ready for his return.

And make no mistake about it my friends there will be many standing there with no oil in their lamps who will think that he is there for them... but they will soon find out that he did not come for them.. and that he does not even know them.

The first will be last and the last will be first, and many will cry out and say "Lord, Lord, look have we not done many mighty works in your name, and haven't we cast out demons in your name.. and he will look directly at them and will say... "I never knew you.. depart from me you who are lawless and full of iniquity".

As we afflict ourselves this very day, and as we remember all that he has done... as we put ourselves in his shoes, and as we labor to walk in his ways... let us remember that out of faith.. hope.. and love.. the greatest of these is indeed love.

True love is not just words, and vain babble. True love is obedience to the things of our Father.

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

1Jn 5:4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

1Jn 5:5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

1Jn 2:3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

1Jn 2:4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,

1Jn 2:5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him:

1Jn 2:6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

And so it is this very day let us be afflicted... let us be crushed with grief, let our souls make an offering for guilt, and let us put away our vanity, and our prideful thinking, and remember where we came from and where it is that we are going.

And let our affliction bring us closer to the one who truly knows what love is so that we can become more like him in every way.. preaching and teaching the good news of his gospel message that frees mens souls from the bondage and the curses and the chains of our fallen and sinful state, and the deceptions that are all around us.

Let our affliction be the catalyst.. the fuel.. that stokes the fire of our faith, and let our feet be bronzed in the fire of affliction so that we may walk as he walked, so that just maybe... just maybe.. we might find that narrow path, and enter in through that straight gate.

And remember the race we run is not won by the swift.. but rather by those with the endurance to stand in the evil day, having put on the full armor of God knowing the truth of his Word through his Word and through his Ruach Hakodesh alone.

Let us pray for the discernment that we so desperately need in these days of deception, and today... let us seek the very face of God our Father... in the name of his son Yahshua Hamashiach... let it be so.