



**Scripture Reading: Hebrews 8**

**The Good News of Yom Kippur**

# Fundamental belief: 24

## Christ's Ministry in the Heavenly Sanctuary

- ▶ There is a sanctuary in heaven, the true tabernacle that the Lord set up and not humans.
- ▶ In it Christ ministers on our behalf, making available to believers the benefits of His atoning sacrifice offered once for all on the cross.
- ▶ At His ascension, He was inaugurated as our great High Priest and, began His intercessory ministry, which was typified by the work of the high priest in the holy place of the earthly sanctuary.

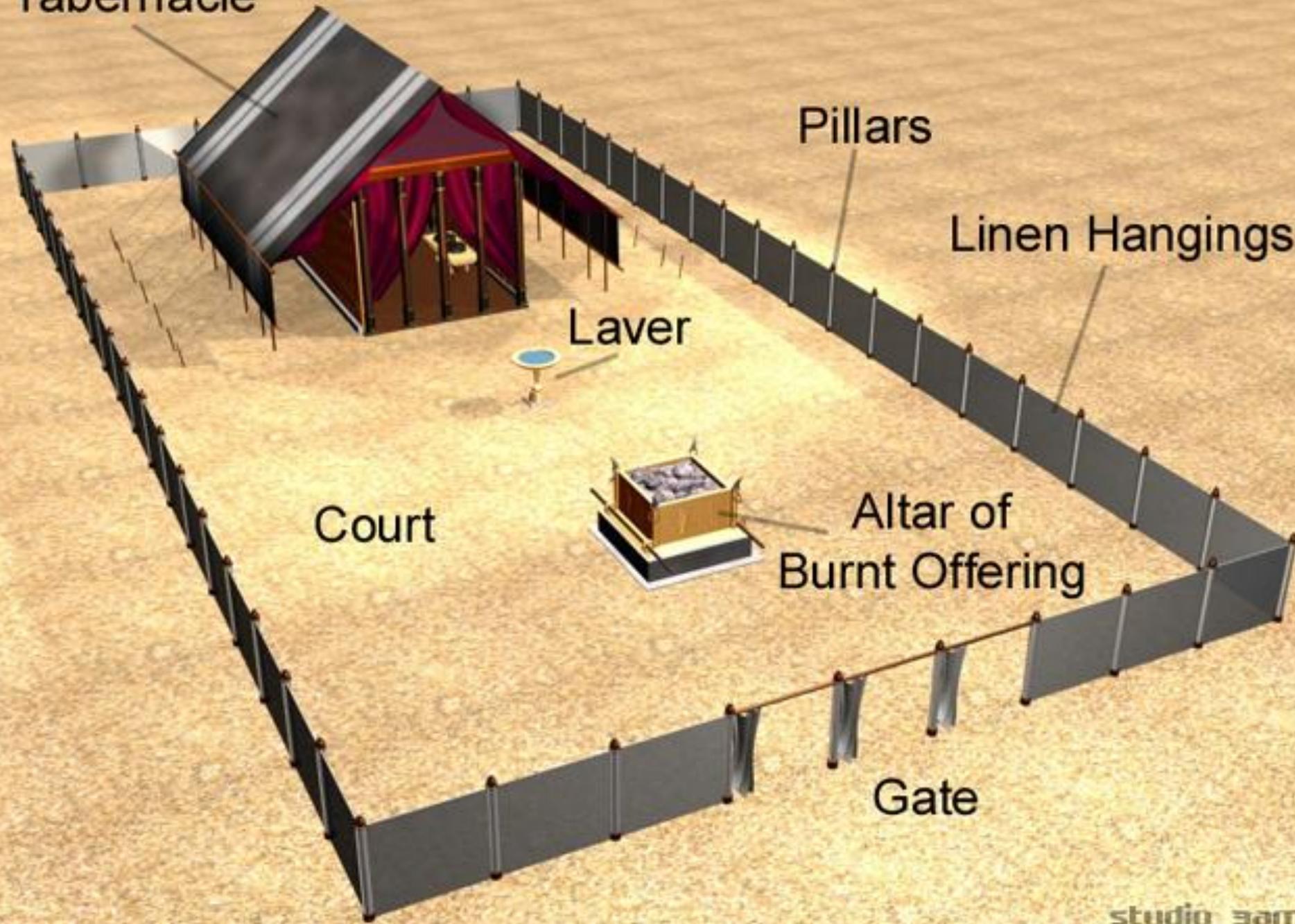
# The Heavenly Sanctuary

The **correct** understanding of the ministration in the heavenly sanctuary is the foundation of our faith. {Evangelism P221}

**Exodus 25:8 And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.**



Tabernacle



Pillars

Linen Hangings

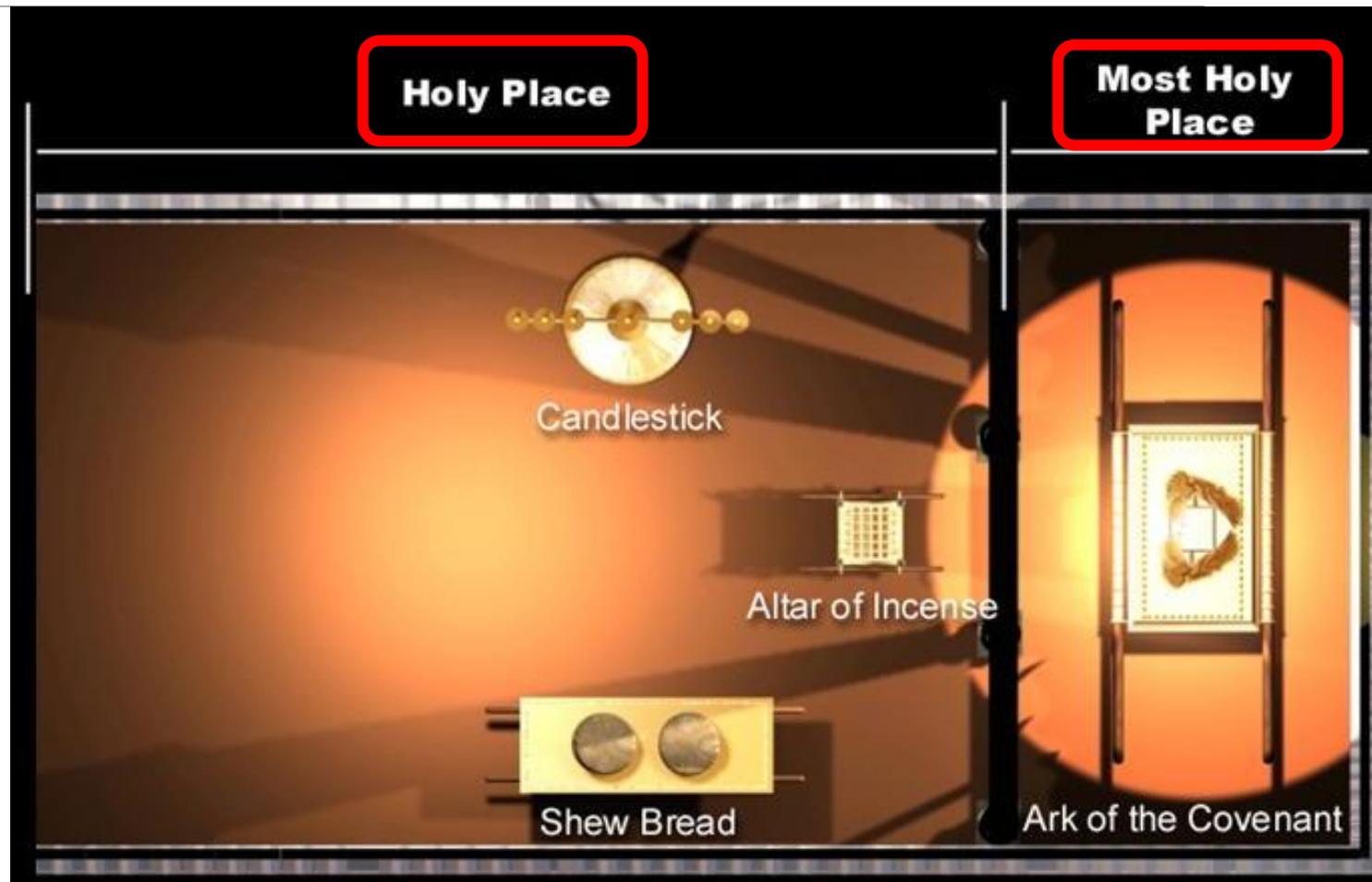
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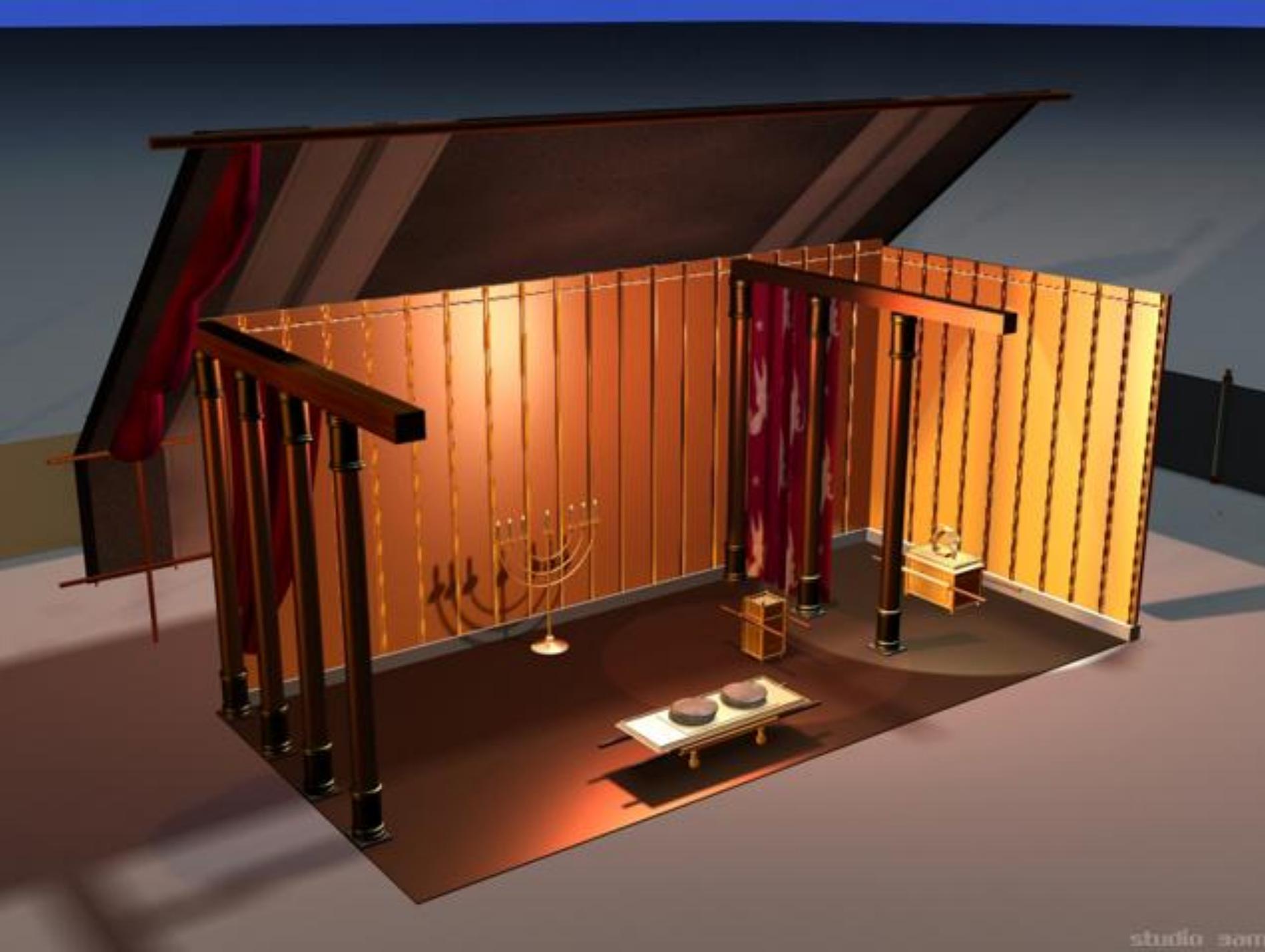
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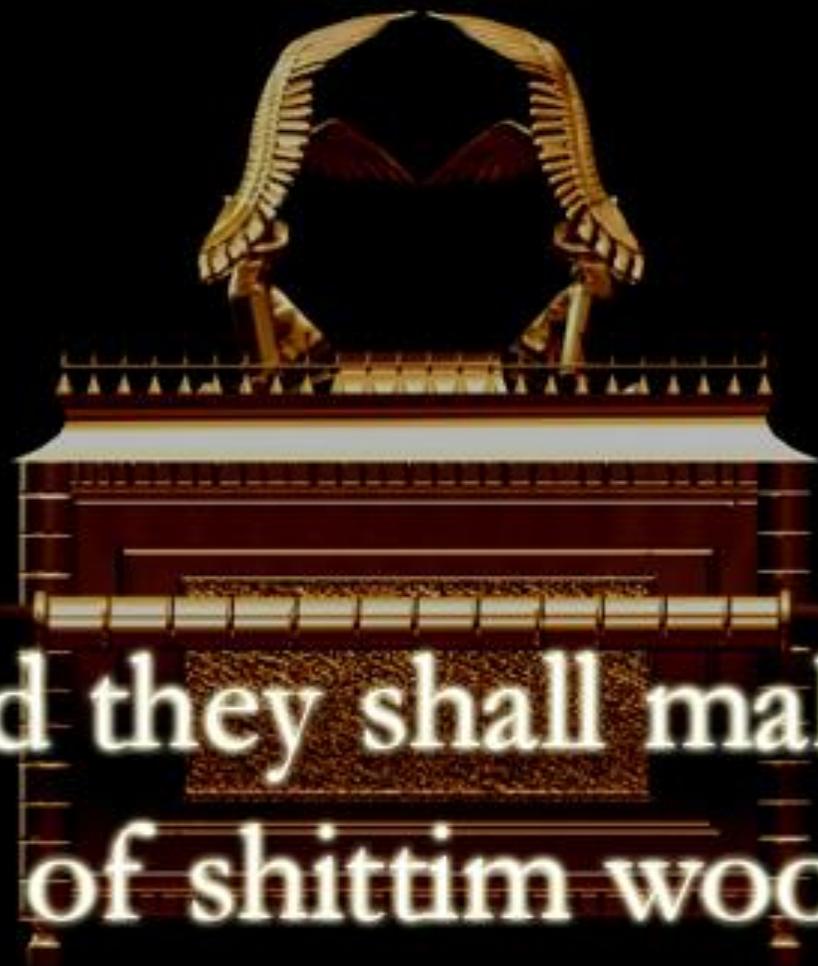
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# The Sanctuary

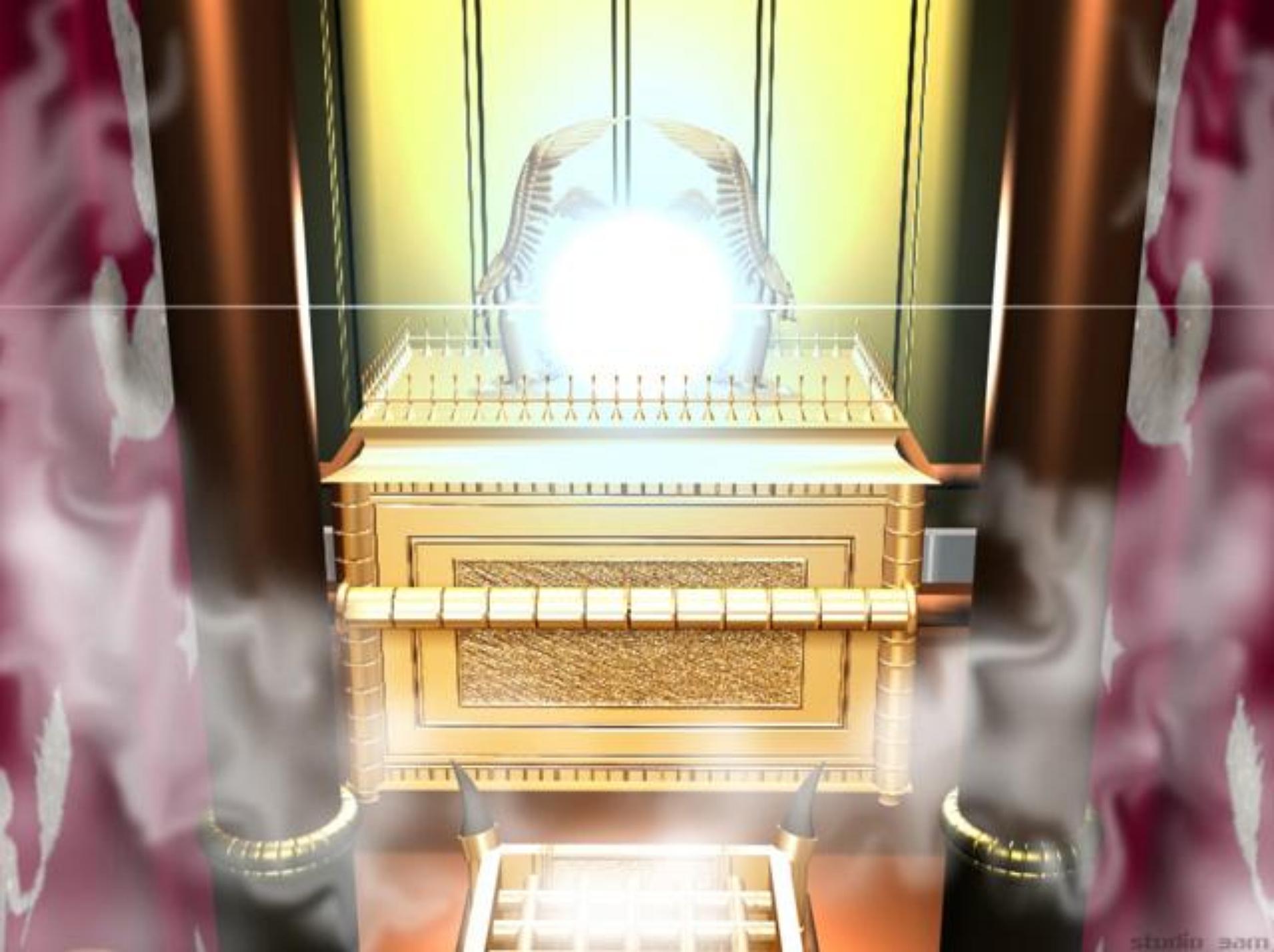






"And they shall make an  
ark of shittim wood.."

*Exodus 25:10*

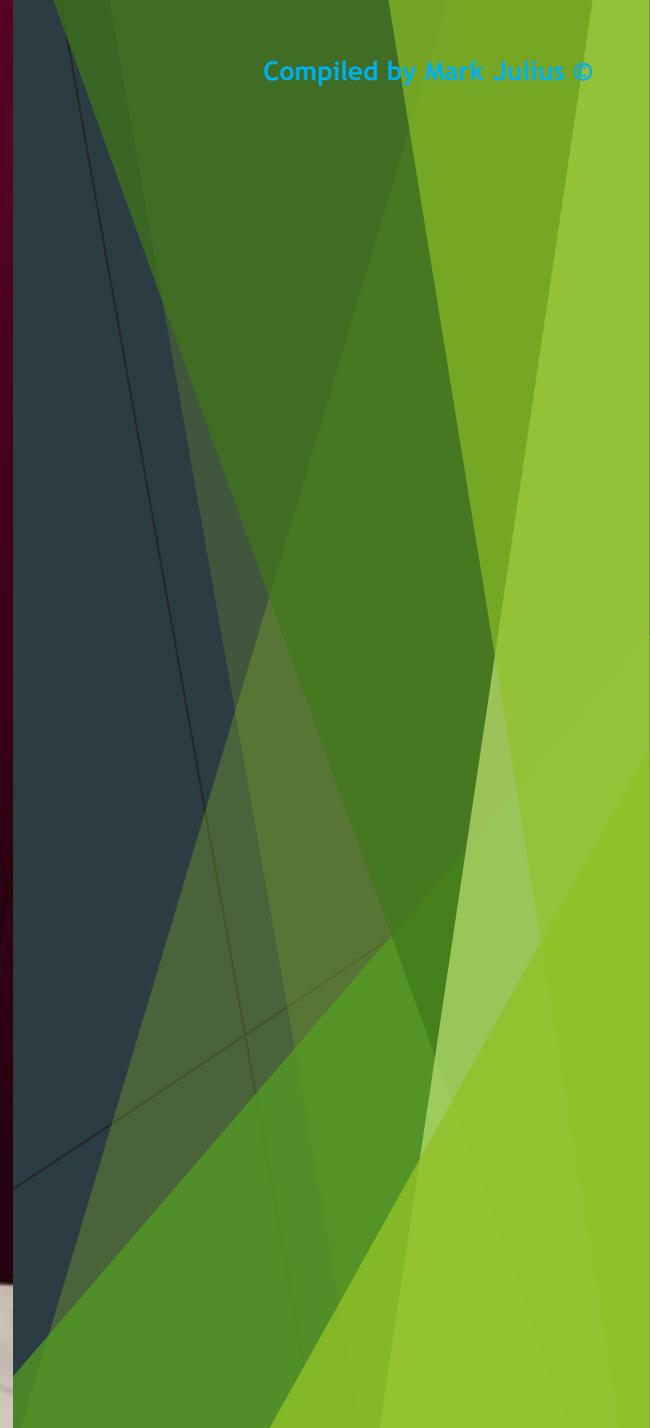






# High Priest Applies Blood to Altar

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# Steps in the Banishment of Sin

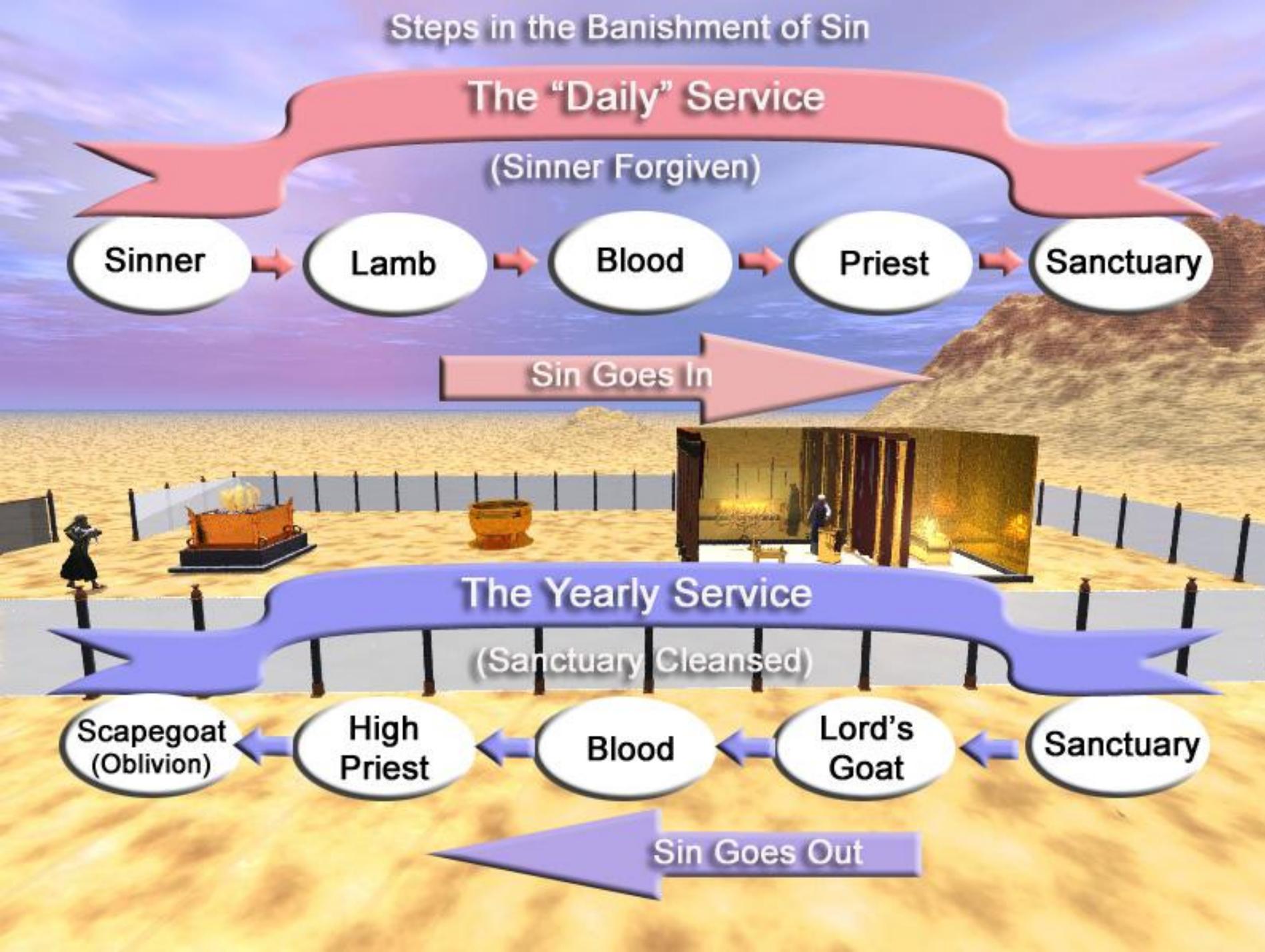
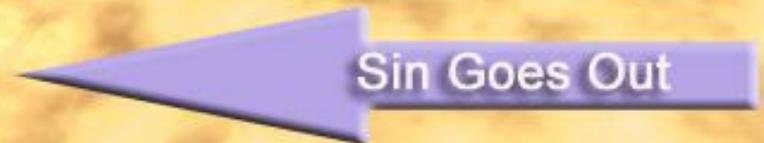
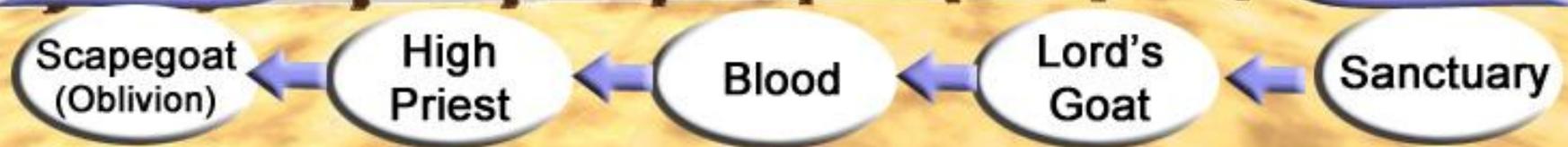
## The "Daily" Service

(Sinner Forgiven)



## The Yearly Service

(Sanctuary Cleansed)



# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ Daniel 7:10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: **the judgment was set, and the books were opened.**

# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ "Fear God, and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment is come" (Rev. 14:6, 7).
- ▶ "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil"? (Eccl. 12:14).
- ▶ "Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the judgment" (Ps. 1:5)?

**Are these passages good news,  
or do they have an unsettling  
effect?**

# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

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# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ Do we need to shudder at the mention of the investigative judgment?
- ▶ The very thought that our names are coming up in the heavenly court, with all our sins brought before God and the onlooking universe.....
- ▶ **Will we ever make it?**



# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ However the Bible give us the following verses of Scripture:
- ▶ Psalms 82:8 **Arise, O God, judge the earth:** for thou shalt inherit all nations.
- ▶ Psalms 96:11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.
- ▶ 12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice
- ▶ 13 Before the LORD: **for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth:** he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.



# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ How could David pray such a prayer?
- ▶ With his record of heinous sins--adultery, murder, lying, to name a few.
- ▶ Did he not understand the sinfulness of sin, the seriousness of the judgment?
- ▶ **But David understood!**

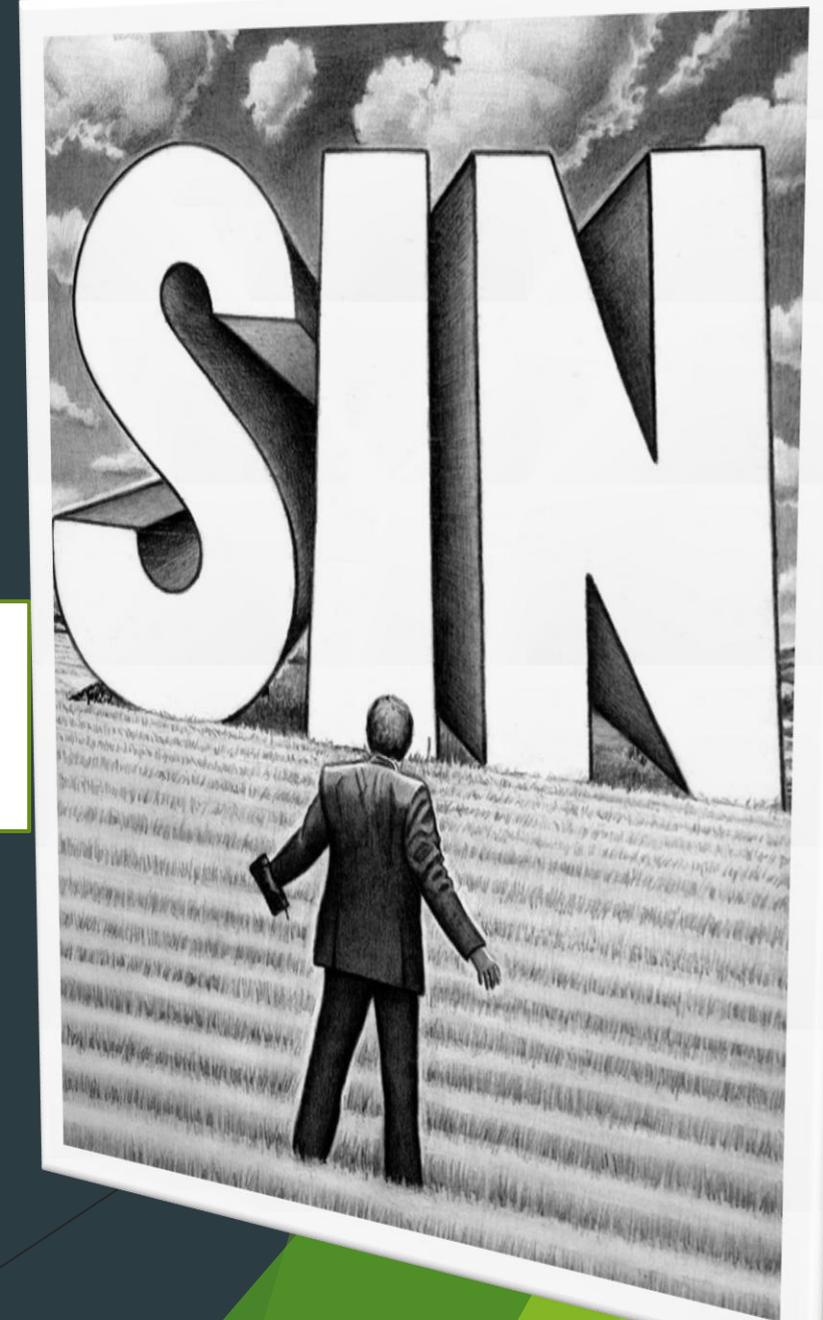
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- ▶ Psalms 51:3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.
- ▶ 4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: **that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.**



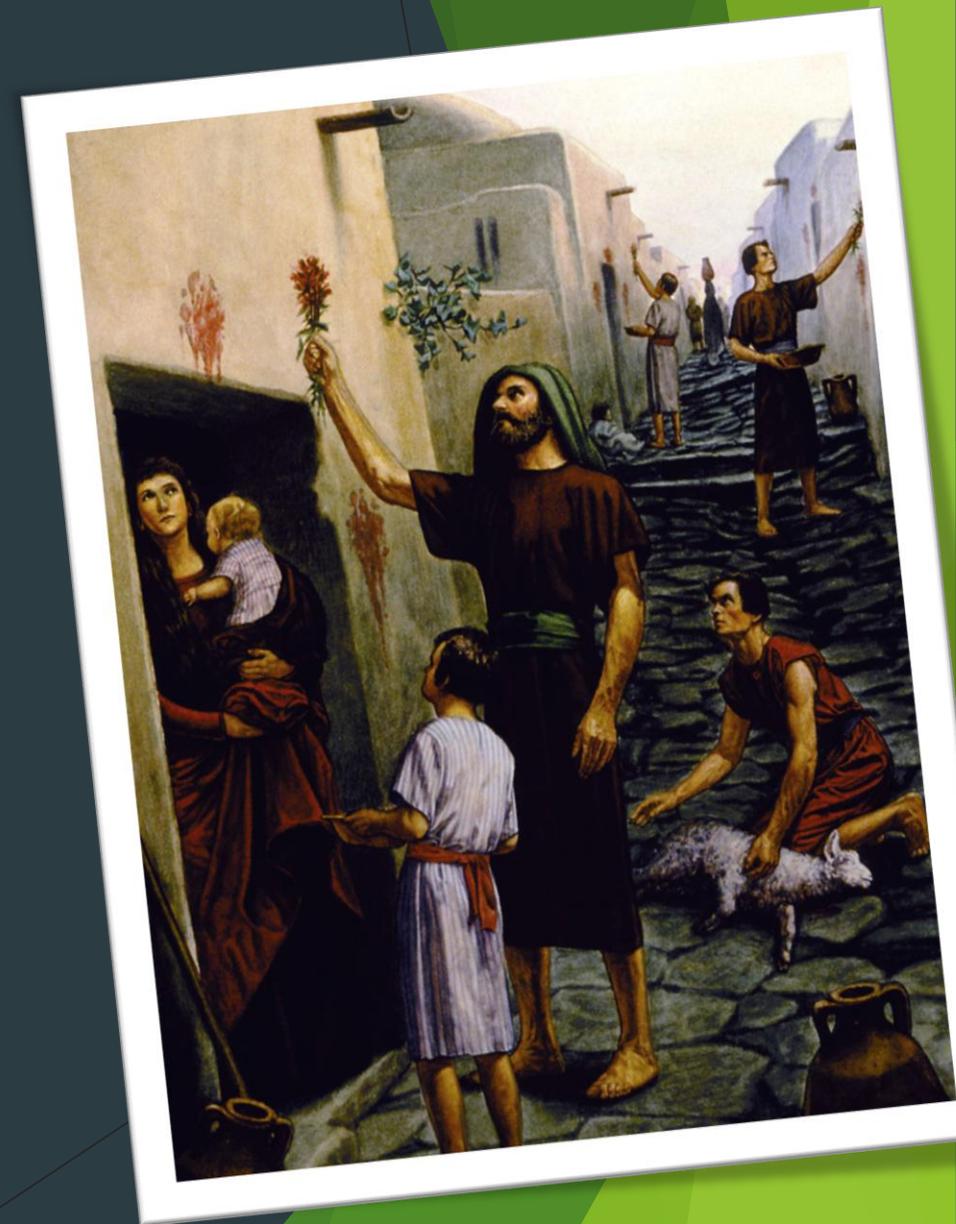
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- ▶ David comprehended the heinousness of his sin and the reality of the judgment.
- ▶ **But he also understood the message of righteousness by faith.**
- ▶ He recognized that, sinful though he was, his sins could be covered and cleansed by the blood of the Substitute.



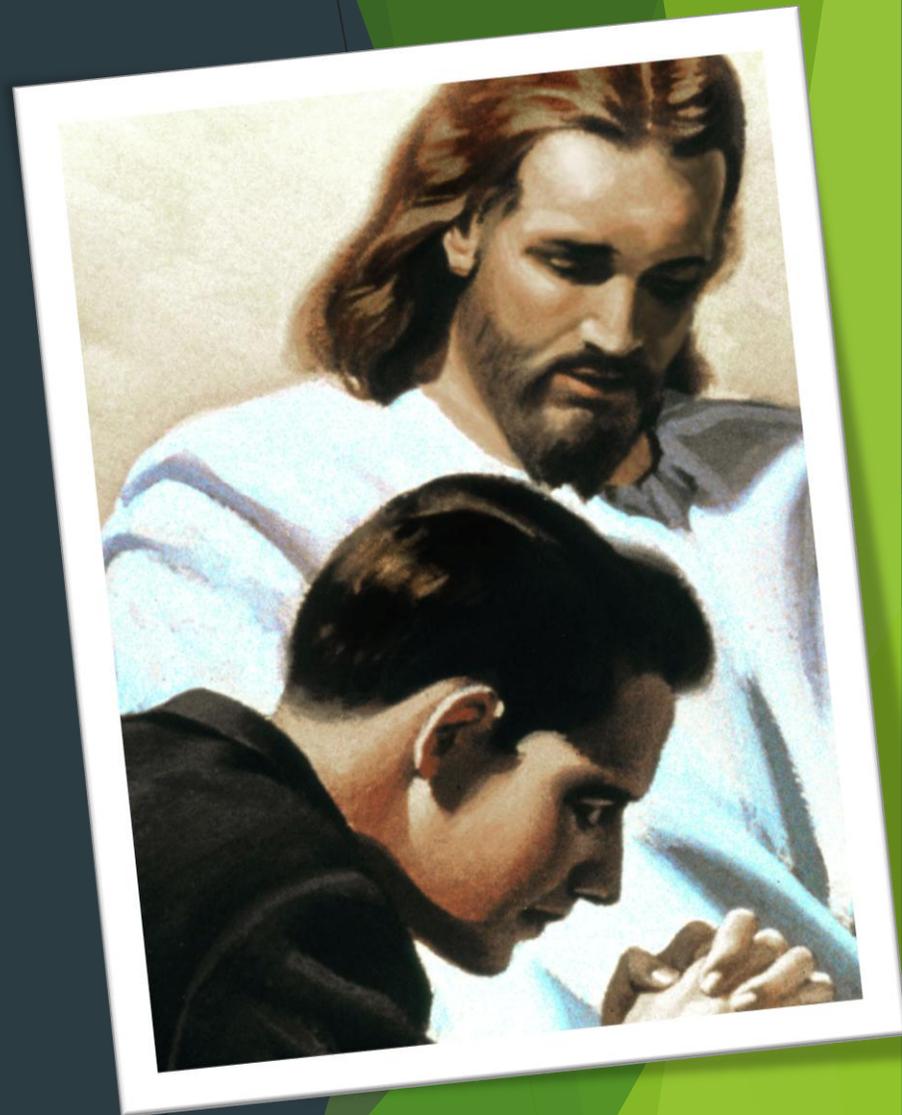
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- ▶ Psalms 51:7 **Purge** me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ▶ **Hyssop** – the agent used to apply the blood of the sacrifice



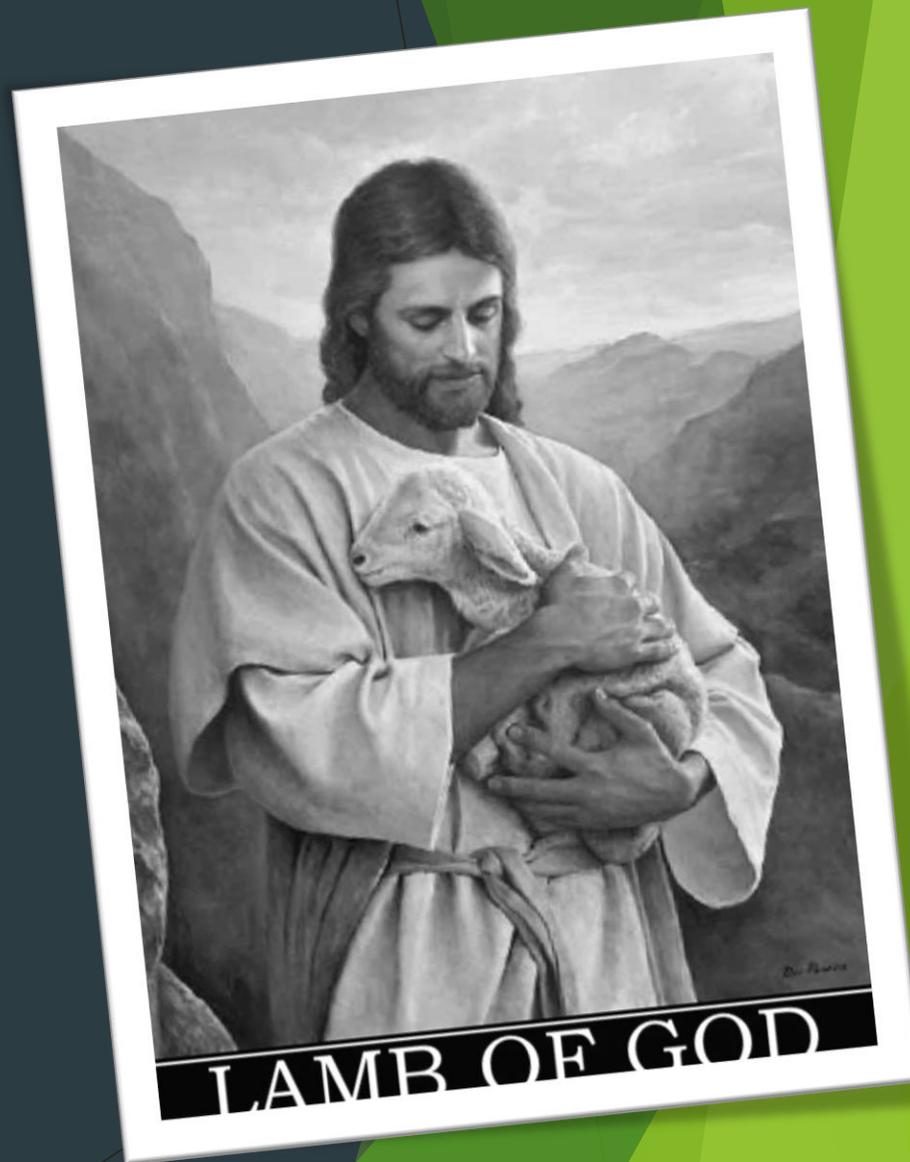
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- ▶ In joy he could cry out:
- ▶ **Blessed** is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered (Ps. 32:1).



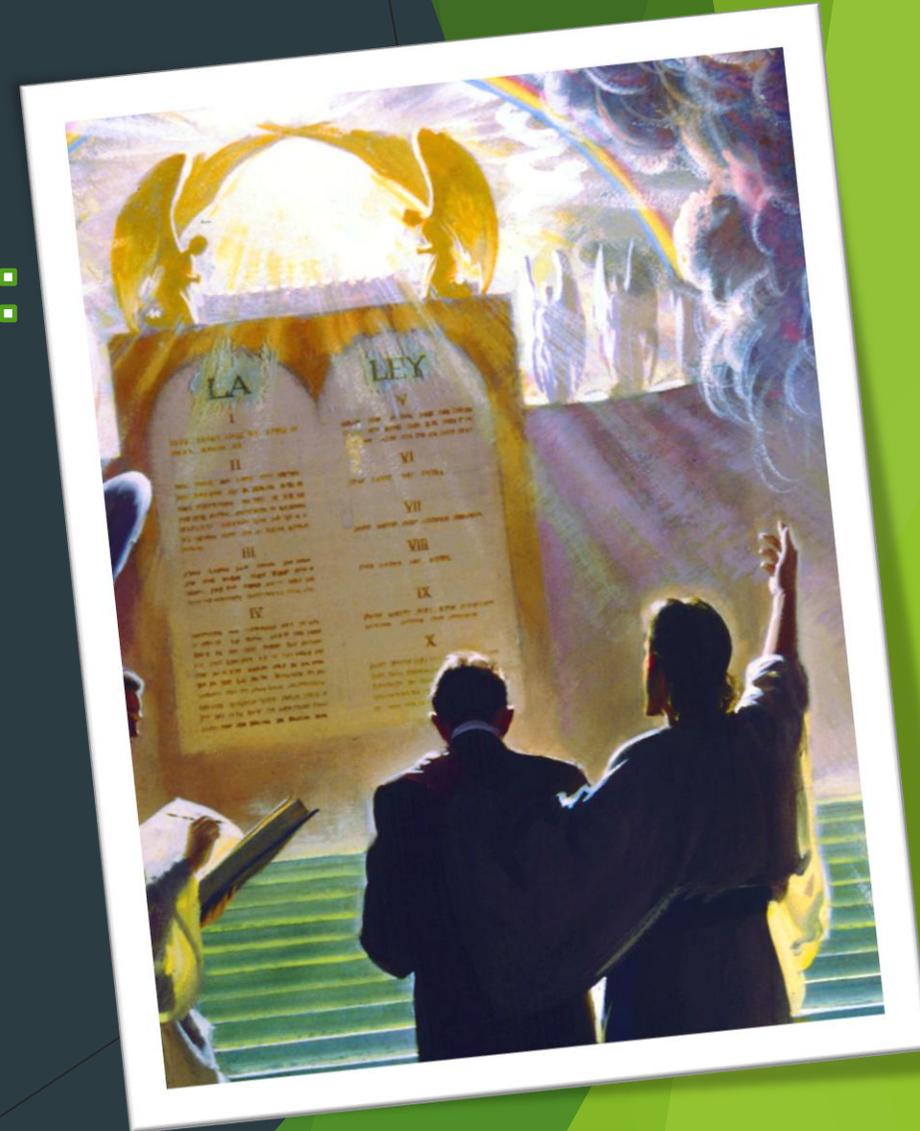
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- ▶ Scripture consistently upholds the seriousness of sin and the certainty of the judgment.
- ▶ But it also reveals that the **Lamb of God, our Substitute**, has been accepted in our place.
- ▶ As we receive Christ, we are covered with the robe of His righteousness.



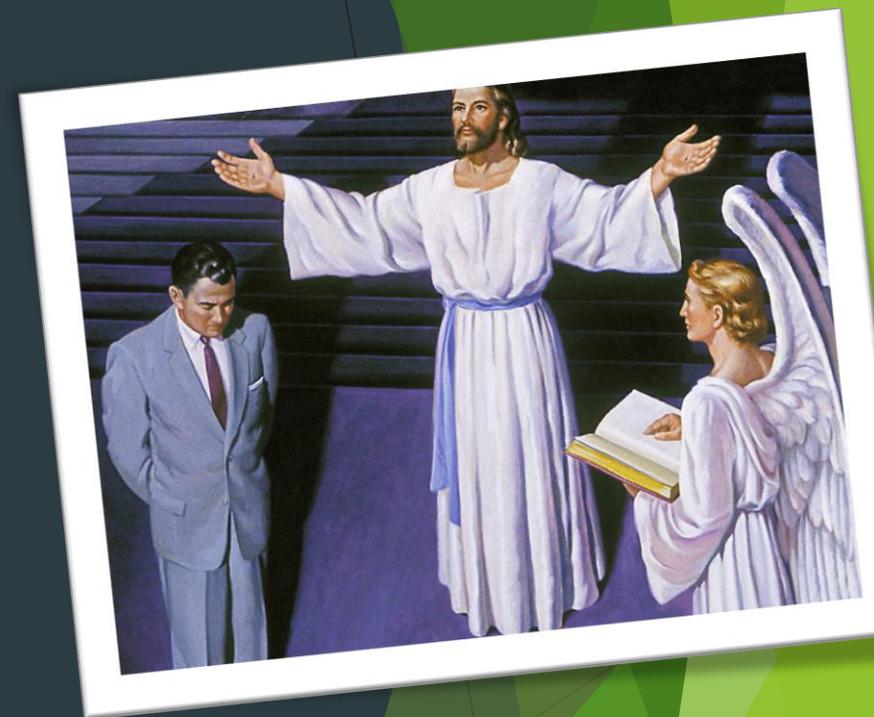
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- ▶ **God says to the great Accuser:**
- ▶ Zech. 3:2 The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan.



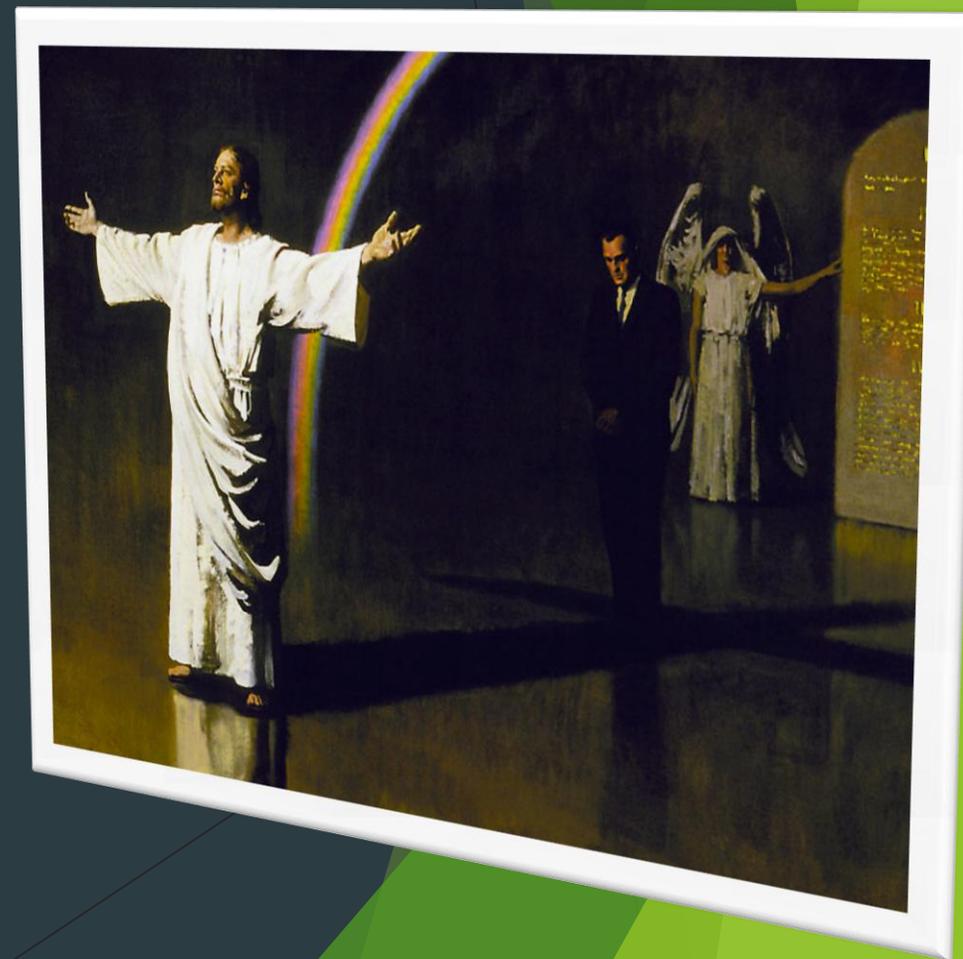
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- ▶ We are acquitted, pardoned, and cleansed.
- ▶ We no longer are "anxious about what Christ and God think of us, but about what God thinks of Christ, our Substitute."



# The Good News of Yom Kippur: Assurance of Vindication (Justification)

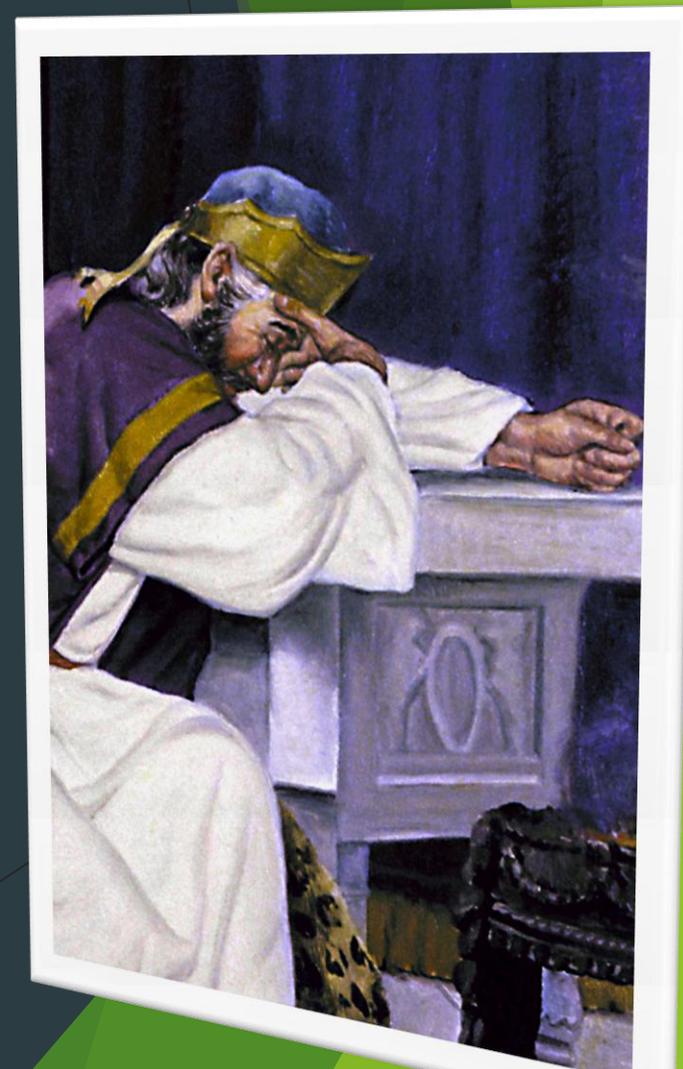
- ▶ When we belong to Christ, the tables are turned in the judgement.
- ▶ No longer do we stand there an accused defendant.
- ▶ Christ paid the full price for our acquittal.
- ▶ **Now we become the plaintiff**, calling for vindication (Justification) against the false charges of Satan.



# The Good News of Yom Kippur: Assurance of Vindication

## (Justification)

- ▶ Now, with David, we can long for and welcome the judgment. We can pray, ‘**Judge** [vindicate, RSV] me, O Lord my God, according to thy righteousness” (Ps. 35:24).



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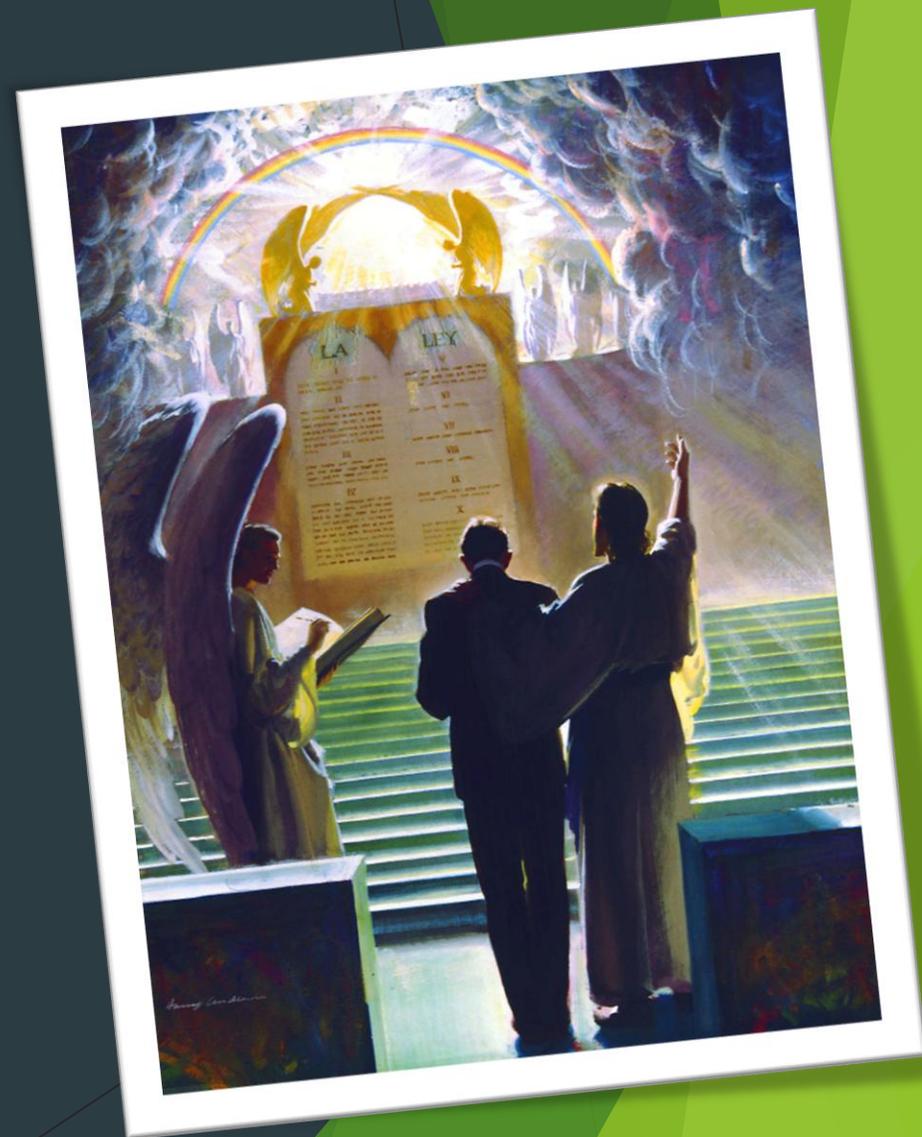
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- ▶ The outcome of this judgment is certain.
- ▶ It is "in favour of the saints of the Most High" (Dan. 7:22, NIV).



# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ Not only is Christ our Substitute, having paid the penalty for our sins with His blood.
- ▶ But He also is our **Advocate, our Lawyer** who never has lost a case that has been committed to Him.
- ▶ Eloquently and persuasively He pleads our case in the heavenly courts.



# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ "He [our Advocate] ever lives to make intercession for them" (Hebrews. 7:25).
- ▶ **For those in Christ, the heavenly courtroom is a friendly place.**



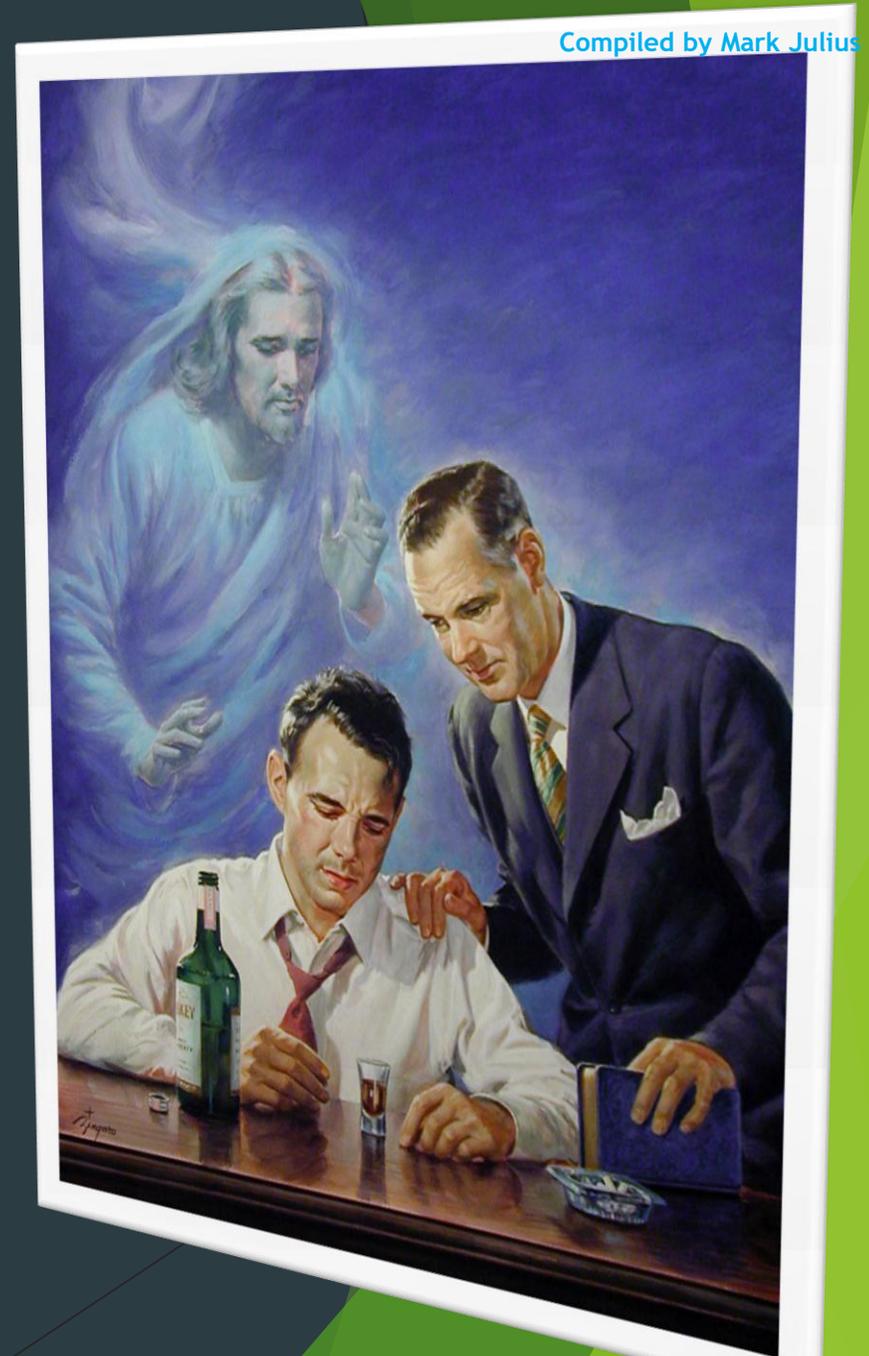
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- ▶ Our heavenly Lawyer stands beside them with his arm around them, as it were; He "does not excuse their sins, but shows their penitence and faith, and, claiming for them forgiveness, He lifts His wounded hands before the Father and the holy angels, saying, I know them by name.
- ▶ I have graven them upon the palms of My hands



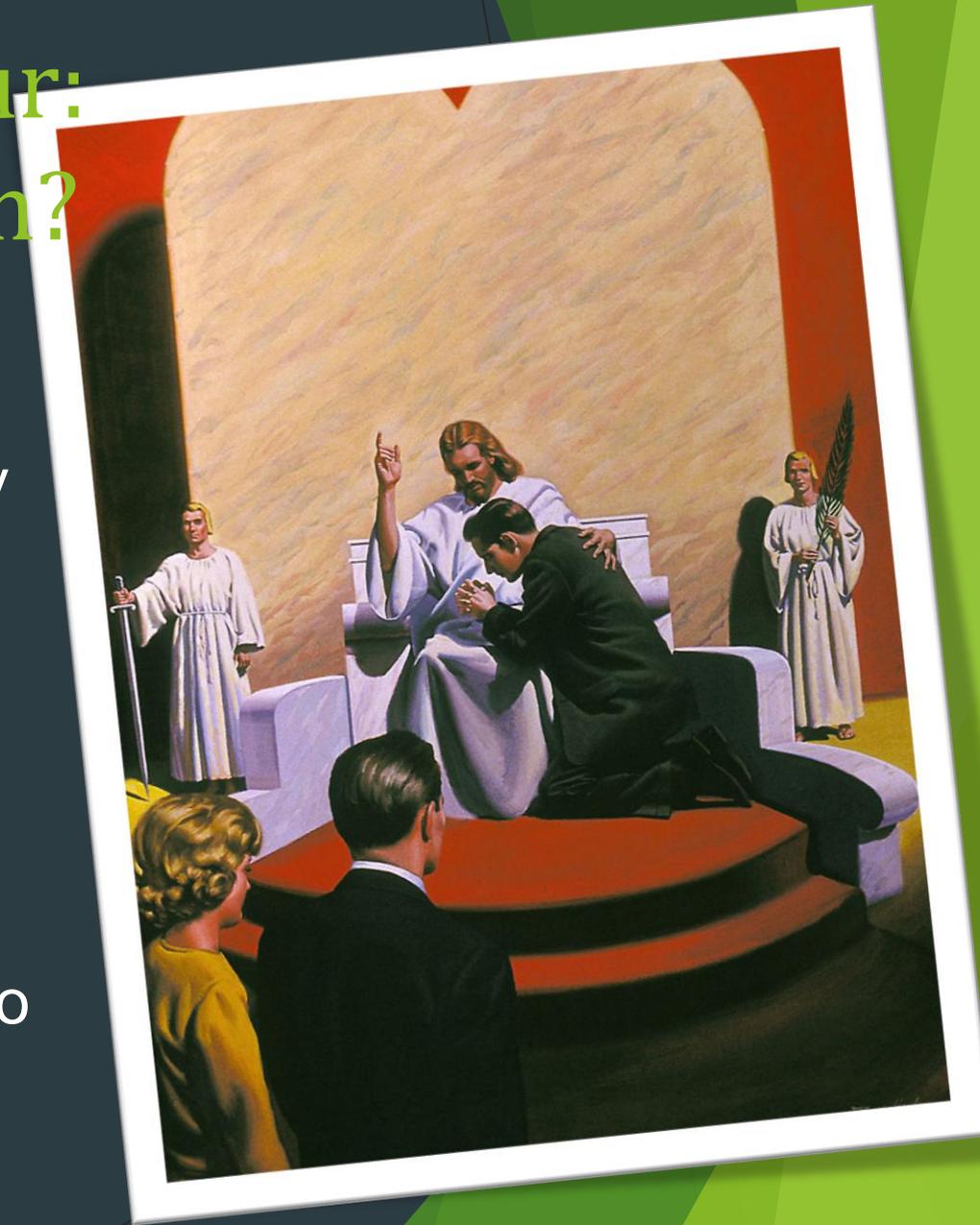
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- ▶ Not only is Christ our Substitute and Advocate, He is the star witness in our behalf!
- ▶ As the Faithful and True Witness (Rev 3:14), He brings evidence that vindicates us before the heavenly jury, and silences the false accusations of the adversary.



# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ To top it all off, as if that is not enough good news, consider that in this heavenly court Christ also is our Judge.
- ▶ This Judge has never made a mistake, and He is on our side. He is not a stern, harsh magistrate seeking to damn all He can, but a loving, gracious God seeking to save all He can.



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- ▶ With tender pleading He urges us to accept the provisions of the court in order to exonerate us:
- ▶ **Ezekiel 18:30** Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.



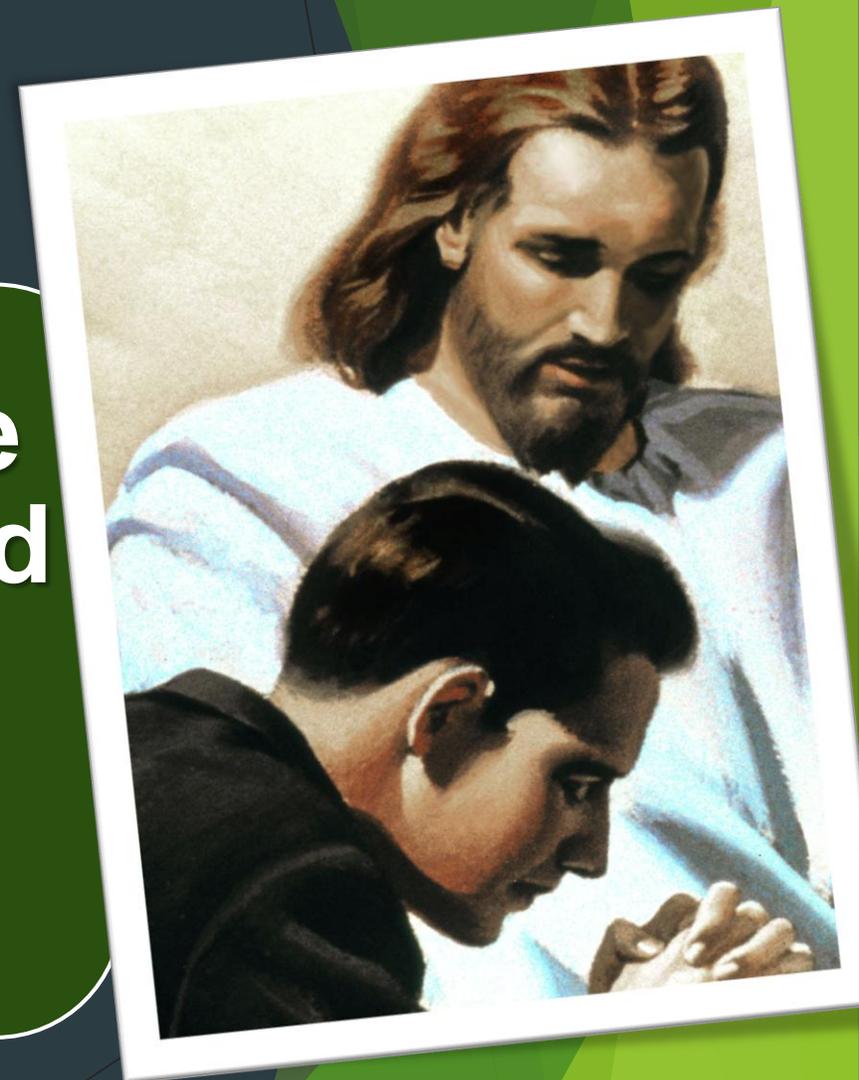
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- ▶ 31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?
- ▶ 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.



# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

**With Christ as our Substitute and Surety, our Advocate and Mediator, our Witness, Friend, and Judge, what better news can we ask for?**



# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ Thus the investigative judgement reveals to the universe the saint's standing before God.
- ▶ It does not put the salvation of God's people in jeopardy.



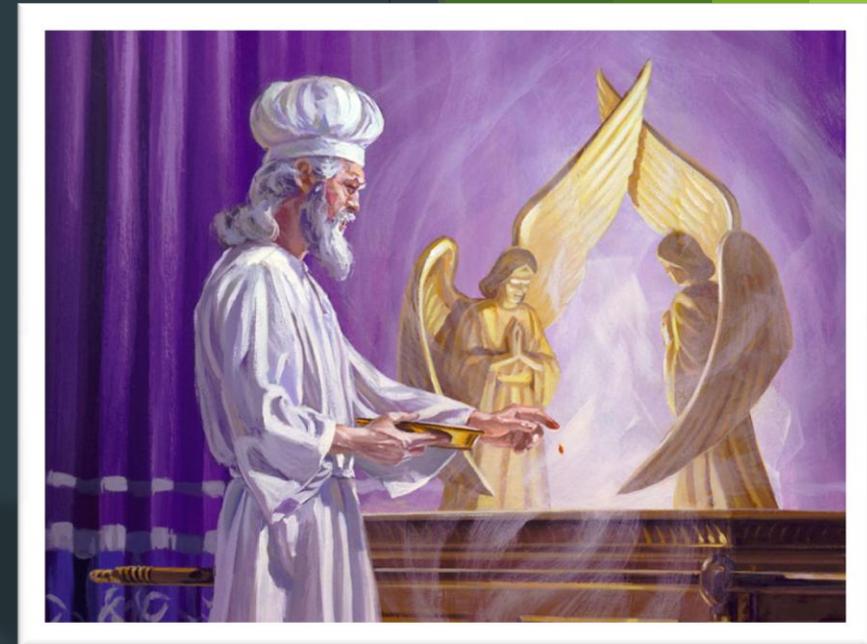
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- ▶ Yom Kippur was the holiest day of the year, during which the holiest person in Israel (the high priest) went into the holiest place on earth (the Most Holy Place) to perform the holiest work of all (the cleansing of the sanctuary, the final work of atonement.)



# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ We as spiritual Israel live in the anti-typical day of the Day of Atonement.
- ▶ Like literal Israel, according to Leviticus 16 and 23, five very important activities had to be done on the Day of Atonement:



# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

1. Gather at the sanctuary for a holy convocation (Lev 23:27)
2. Identify with the ritual of the priest as he presents an offering by fire (Lev 23:27)
3. Refrain from work (Lev 16:29; 23:38,30,31)
4. Engage in affliction of the soul (Lev 16:29,31; 23:27,29,32)
5. Undergo a work of cleansing (Lev 16:30)



# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ Our first responsibility is come to the sanctuary.
- ▶ As ancient Israel gathered at the sanctuary on Yom Kippur for a holy convocation, antitypical Israel has the privilege of coming by faith to the heavenly sanctuary.
- ▶ Here is a call to turn away from ourselves to Jesus, to focus upon Him and His work in our behalf.



**Gather at the sanctuary for a holy convocation (Lev 23:27)**

# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

**God's people are now to have their eyes fixed on the heavenly sanctuary; where the final ministration of our great High Priest in the work of the judgment is going forward, where He is interceding for His people** *Life Sketches p. 278*

Gather at the sanctuary for a holy convocation (Lev 23:27)

# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ Secondly, we are to identify with the priest's offering by fire.
- ▶ Jesus is our offering and sacrifice.
- ▶ We are to focus upon our Substitute, who “so immortalized Calvary that though He liveth unto God, He dies continually to sin” Selected

Messages, Bk. 1, p. 343



Identify with the ritual of the priest as he presents an offering by fire (Lev 23:27)

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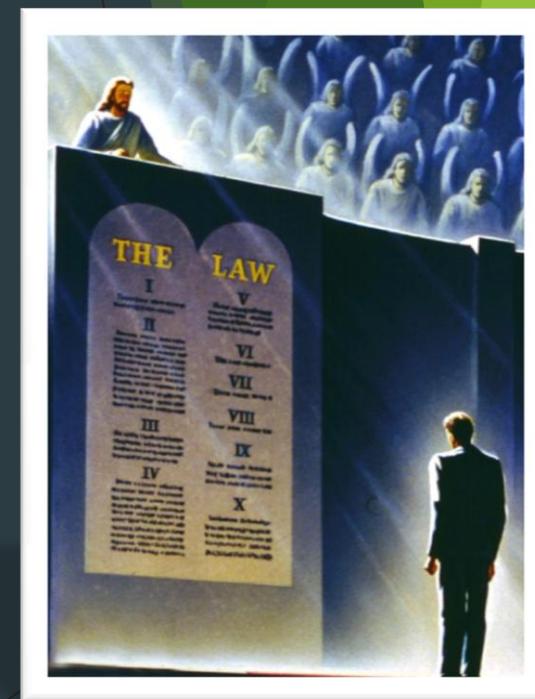
- ▶ Only in Christ's substitutionary sacrifice is found the basis of our assurance and joy in the judgement.



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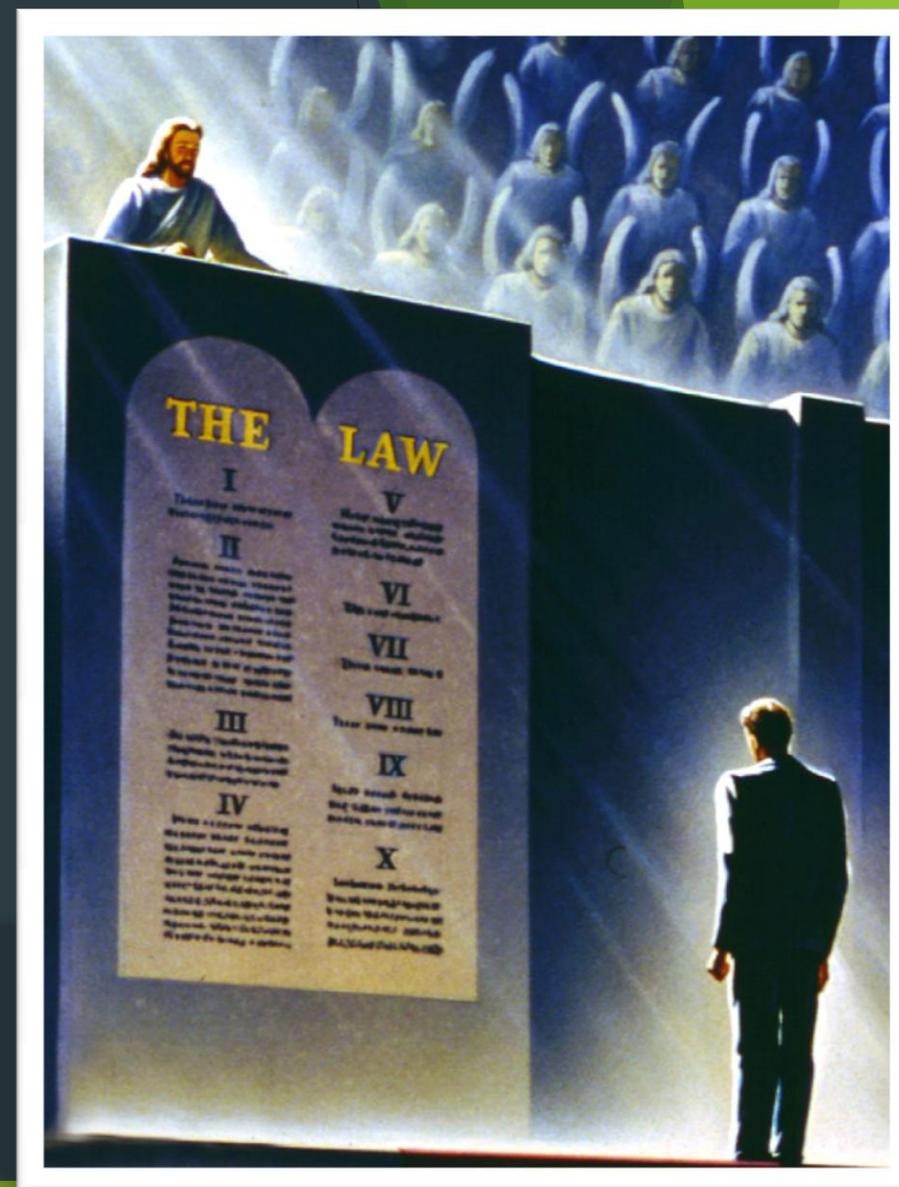
- ▶ Thirdly, we are to observe a “**Sabbath of solemn rest**”.
- ▶ This does not mean no work.
- ▶ An attitude of “Sabbath rest” should pervade our lives with the emphasis upon justification by faith, laying the glory of man in the dust, and experiencing the rest of grace, ceasing from our own works.



Refrain from work (Lev 16:29; 23:38,30,31)

# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ And at the same time the “repairing of the breach” in the divine law by restoring the Sabbath truth through the Three Angels Messages.



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# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ The fourth activity of the congregation on Yom Kippur is afflicting of soul.
- ▶ The Hebrew word for "**afflict**" literally means "to abase, lower, humble and thus we here have another affirmation of justification by faith.

Engage in affliction of the soul (Lev 16:29,31; 23:27,29,32)

# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ In the time of the judgment we are to "lay the glory of man in the dust" by ceasing to trust our own works and looking unto our perfect Substitute.

Engage in affliction of the soul (Lev 16:29,31; 23:27,29,32)

# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ It is a time of solemnity, realizing the seriousness, the heinousness, of sin.
- ▶ There is a recognition that one cherished sin can neutralise the entire power of the gospel, and can make it possible for Satan to take control of the mind and life.
- ▶ A time for character building - **Sanctification**

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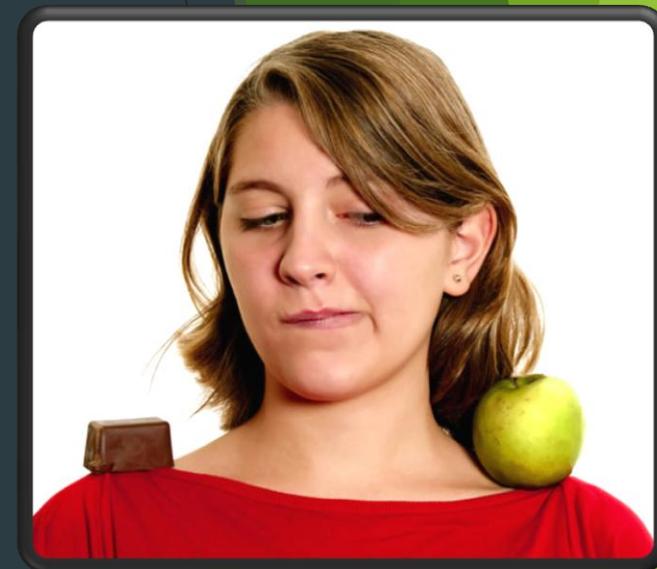
- ▶ For ancient Israel "the affliction of soul" was regarded as a call to fasting [ps. 35:13; Isa. 58:3, 5] and in the antitype we may see a parallel in the message of health reform.



Engage in affliction of the soul (Lev 16:29,31; 23:27,29,32)

## The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ God calls his end-time remnant to a life of true temperance, abstaining from everything hurtful and using judiciously that which is healthful.



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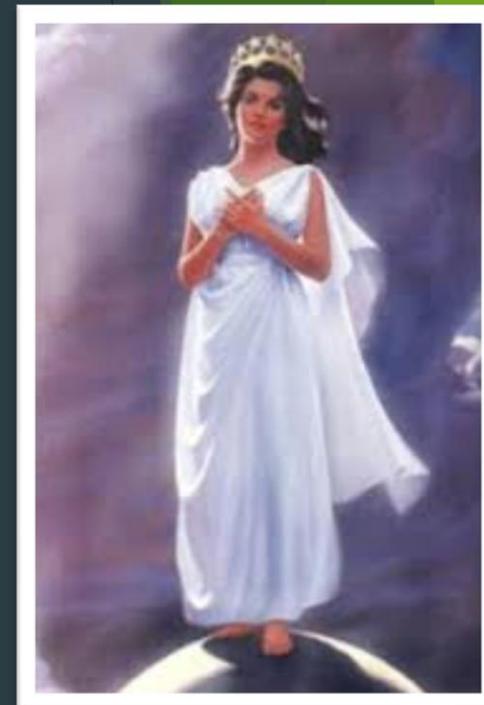
- ▶ In this posture of humbleness we read:
- ▶ Exodus 33:5 For the LORD had said unto Moses, Say unto the children of Israel, Ye are a stiffnecked people: I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee: therefore **now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee.**
- ▶ **6 And the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by the mount Horeb**



Engage in affliction of the soul (Lev 16:29,31; 23:27,29,32)

# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ The Day of Atonement posture provide further substantiation for the position regarding adornment, and in particular, the wearing of jewellery.



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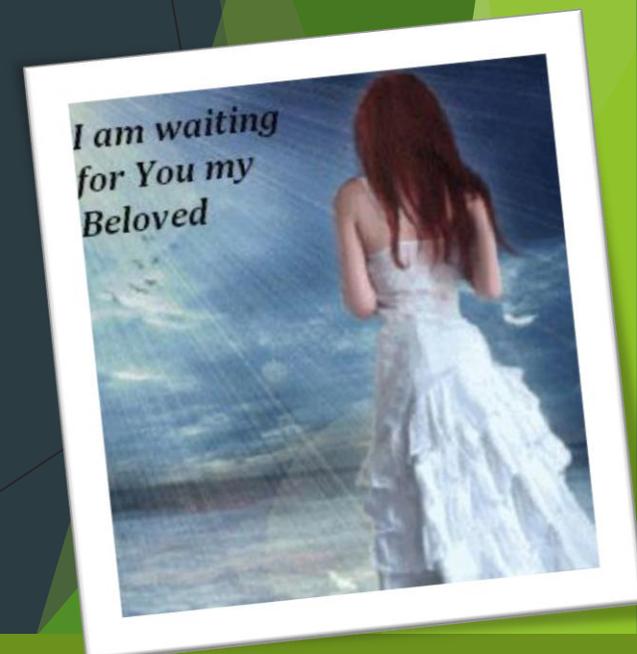
- ▶ The Bible is plain:
- ▶ Jewellery is beautiful, God made it and God loves it.
- ▶ Before sin arose in the universe Lucifer was decked with jewels; "every precious stone was ... [his] covering;" it was beautiful, splendid, and prepared by God (Eze. 28:13).



Engage in affliction of the soul (Lev 16:29,31; 23:27,29,32)

# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ In the Old Testament God likens His salvation to the ornaments of a bride (Isa. 49:18; 61:10).
- ▶ At the end of the millennium the holy city will descend, "prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (Rev. 21:2).



Engage in affliction of the soul (Lev 16:29,31; 23:27,29,32)

# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ A primary principle then is that jewellery is beautiful and approved by God.
- ▶ But to this must be added another principle.
- ▶ From the Old Testament record it appears that in a time of corporate investigative and/or executive judgment God regularly asks His people to remove their ornaments as an outward symbol of the special judgment setting.

Engage in affliction of the soul (Lev 16:29,31; 23:27,29,32)

# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ Jewish interpreters have recognized that the principle set forth in this passage applies to the Day of Atonement.
- ▶ Observant Jews still wear no ornaments of gold on Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Judgment par excellence

Engage in affliction of the soul (Lev 16:29,31; 23:27,29,32)

# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ Jewellery in ancient Israel, when mentioned favourably, is almost always connected with bridal ornaments.
- ▶ For example, in the allegory of Ezekiel 16 God marries Israel, and then adorns her with the bridal jewels (vss. 8-14),

Engage in affliction of the soul (Lev 16:29,31; 23:27,29,32)

## The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ Putting these principles together, is it possible that since 1844 Seventh day Adventists have the privilege of refraining from wearing jewellery as a special outward sign of the unique present truth that they are Laodicea, "people of the Judgment;" that they live in the time of the investigative judgment?

Engage in affliction of the soul (Lev 16:29,31; 23:27,29,32)

## The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ Is it possible that Adventists adopt this posture also because, although the church is spiritually espoused to Christ (Eph. 5; 2 Cor. 11:2), the wedding is not yet consummated (Rev, 19:7, 8)?

Engage in affliction of the soul (Lev 16:29,31; 23:27,29,32)

# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ Taking on the bridal ornaments before the wedding is the posture of Babylon the harlot (Rev. 17:4, 5) not the true church (Rev. 12:1).
- ▶ It is not that wearing jewellery is wrong, but we have the privilege of waiting to do so until the wedding feast, when Jesus Himself will adorn His bride with jewels.

Engage in affliction of the soul (Lev 16:29,31; 23:27,29,32)

# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ The fifth and final responsibility upon the congregation of Israel during the Day of Atonement was a work of cleansing.
- ▶ As the heavenly sanctuary is being cleansed there is a corresponding work of cleansing to be accomplished in the soul temple of each individual worshiper.

Undergo a work of cleansing (Lev 16:30)

# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ The Day of Atonement brings a call to holiness.
- ▶ But we must immediately add that even the life of holiness is rooted in justification by faith in the atoning blood of Christ.

Undergo a work of cleansing (Lev 16:30)

## The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ Only as we trust wholly in the merits of our Substitute and Surety can we truly obey God in spirit as well as in letter.

Undergo a work of cleansing (Lev 16:30)

# The Good News of Yom Kippur: How we are cleansed from sin?

- ▶ There is need of constant watchfulness, and of earnest, loving devotion; but these will come *naturally* when the soul is kept by the power of God through faith....
- ▶ God will accept every one that comes to Him trusting wholly in the merits of a crucified Saviour.
- ▶ Love springs up in the heart.... Duty becomes a delight, and sacrifice a pleasure.

Undergo a work of cleansing (Lev 16:30)

