

# SERMON NOTES

## SHADOWS

### Shadows:

*A Glimpse of a Scapegoat!*

March 17, 2024

Colossians 2:17 **These are a shadow** of the things that were to come; **the reality, however, is found in Christ.**

### Three things Leviticus teaches us that we don't want to forget:

1. God is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - *Leviticus 19:1-2 The Lord said to Moses, 2 "Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: 'Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy.*
2. Sin is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - *Leviticus 4:22-24 " 'When a leader sins unintentionally and does what is forbidden in any of the commands of the Lord his God, he is guilty. 23 When he is made aware of the sin he committed, he must bring as his offering a male goat without defect. 24 He is to lay his hand on the goat's head and slaughter it at the place where the burnt offering is slaughtered before the Lord. It is a sin offering.*
3. God's people are to be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - *Leviticus 18:29 " 'Everyone who does any of these detestable things—such persons must be cut off from their people. 30 Keep my requirements and do not follow any of the detestable customs that were practiced before you came and do not defile yourselves with them. I am the Lord your God.'* "

**The Great Day of Atonement: God \_\_\_\_\_ what sin \_\_\_\_\_.**

**SCAPEGOAT:** One that is made to bear the \_\_\_\_\_ of others.

*Leviticus 16:20 "When Aaron has finished making atonement for the Most Holy Place, the Tent of Meeting and the altar, he shall bring forward the live goat. 21 He is to lay both hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites—all their sins—and put them on the goat's head. He shall send the goat away into the desert in the care of a man appointed for the task. 22 The goat will carry on itself all their sins to a solitary place; and the man shall release it in the desert.*

## Why does it matter that Jesus is the scapegoat?

### 1. I have a place to \_\_\_\_\_ my sin!

#### a. I like to \_\_\_\_\_ others.

- *Genesis 3:11b-13 Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" 12 The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."*

#### b. God was willing to \_\_\_\_\_ his Son.

- *Isaiah 53:4-6 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten 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 upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and **the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.***

### 2. I have assurance my sin is \_\_\_\_\_!

- *Psalms 103:9 He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; 10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*
- *Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken.*

### 3. I can live as a \_\_\_\_\_, child of God!

- *2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*
- *1 Peter 2:9-12 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

11 Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. 12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

**Everyone Outreach Witness Idea:** Guilt is a challenging emotion to deal with. It leads us to question God's love for us and leads us to think that we can't be "good enough" to earn God's favor. Use the reality of Jesus as our Scapegoat to share the great news that ALL our sin was transferred to Jesus and he was led outside the city to die for each of us!

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**MY PERSONAL NOTES**

## **SERMON REFLECTIONS: Apply to My Life**

**The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:**

**The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:**

**The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:**

**My prayers today are:**

**Someone I would like to bless with today's message:**