Yom Kippur-Even After Yahshua?

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(Wayiqra/Lev. 23:27-29-32). EVERY YISRAELITE NOT JUST THE KOHEN HAGADOL MUST BE AFLICTED! Therefore every being needs to repent. "It is a Shabbat of Shabbats for youand you shall afflict yourselves" (32). "On the tenth day of the seventh month...afflict yourselves" (Bamidbar 29:7). Repent for the believer from what? Why afflict ourselves if Yahshua paid it all! We purify ourselves-The entire thrust of Yom Kippur is not to afflict oneself with pain but to purify oneself. Rabbi Akiva said 'Happy are you Yisrael, before whom do you become pure, and who purifies you? Your Father in heaven, as it says 'I will pour on you pure water and purify you' (Yechezkel 36:25) and it says 'YHWH is the mikvah of Yisrael' (Yirmeyahu 17:13), in the same way that the mikvah purifies the impure, so does YHWH purify Yisrael'

- 1. See Beresheeth 3:21-22-We remember and MOURN the fall in The Garden-Mattiyahu 5:4-We who mourn over mans' fall on Yom Kippur, shall be comforted with the Ruach! On Yom Kippur we remember the fall of Adam and Eve on Yom Kippur and the first blood sacrifice by YHWH for man on Yom Kippur, which is why YHWH marked this day when giving the Torah. Just think about what happened to Adam and Chawa. After Adam originally sinned in the Gan Eden, Adam does something really strange. He hides. Here is a man now hiding in the bushes that had "walked with YHWH in the cool of the day." Why would he be hiding? Adam sensed that he did something wrong and this disobedience brought about the emotion of fear. Now get this, Adam wasn't afraid of snakes. He wasn't even scared of a talking snake that had tempted him to sin. But, Adam was terrified of the consequences of his actions. Adam was hiding because he was scared to death, and of death! He was terrified! Adam, who once had a perfect, unhindered, relationship with YHWH was now hiding because of his sin. Each time they looked upon their "skin clothing" they were reminded of their fall and the consequences of sin. Yom Kippur reminds us that sin has consequences that YHWH will not always remove, so it is better for us to walk PURE without sin. If we judge ourselves, we will not be judged! Corintyah Alef/First Corinthians 11:31-32.
- 2. We mourn and remember that Torah is still being violated by us and those around us -Torah is still being violated and thus rebellion still sets in and thus the need for repentance from Torah breaking is ongoing. Sin is any act, thought, or word of rebellion that violates the will of YHWH as revealed in the Torah. If the Torah is still in effect, sadly so is rebellion! Yahshua's death did not remove all rebellion in our lives! (First Yochanan/John 3:4). To sin is to transgress or disobey the Torah. When we break a Torah commandment we also break our connection with YHWH. As we rebel we are unplugged from our power source. Through choosing our ways over His Words, we separate ourselves from close fellowship with Him. We must repent of that today!

We all sin everyday. It is impossible to tell what consequences we will face for each of our sins. When we violate the Torah through "little" sins or "big" sins we really don't know what the effects will be. As humans, we tend to categorize sins. One imagines that the punishment for stealing one dollar will be less than robbing a bank. But, the same Torah prohibition has been broken. We can't see which sin will bring about the big earthquakes in our lives. Yet, as we fear sin, we will in essence sin less. We will understand the results of our actions. Again, it is because of a lack of fear that we sin. What will happen if we eat a little pork, work on the Sabbath, fantasize about someone of the opposite sex, talk about our people, spend money

on the Shabbat, or disrespect our family? <u>Do we really want to find out? Do we really want our fellowship with Elohim to be disconnected? Our actions prove our answer. "I have set YHWH always before me: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved," Tehillim (Psalm) 16:8. To be interested in the results of our actions is to acknowledge that we do reap what we sow.</u>

- Matthew 6:12, Matthew 6:14, 15-We mourn and remember that sin between men can only be forgiven between men. Wouldn't it be wonderful if Yahshua did this for us also! And thus we remember that even Yom Kippur is limited in its power of atonement, in human relations. Sad but true! Yahshua taught us this! How so? If another individual was affected by the sin, then Yom Kippur is ineffective as a means to atonement. Only when one has asked and received forgiveness from his fellow can he approach YHWH for atonement. This is what Yahshua taught us, as do the modern rabbis! For sins between man and YHWH, Yom Kippur atones if that sin is forsaken, but for sins between man and man, Yom Kippur does not atone until one asks for forgiveness from his fellow. Also Yom Kippur expiates sins committed by man against YHWH if the wrongdoer repents. However, transgressions committed by a person against his fellow man are not expiated until the offender requests forgiveness - for how is it possible to request forgiveness from YHWH, if we human beings do not sincerely forgive one another. Yisraelites therefore have made a practice of forgiving each other on Yom Kippur. In this manner, we are able to stand in prayer with a clear conscience before YHWH, pure and clean like YHWH's ministering angels. Mattiyahu/Matthew 9:6, 18:21-22, 18:35, Yochanan-Moshe/Mark 11:25 Yochanan-Moshe/Mark 11:26, Luka/Luke 6:37, Ephsiyah/Ephesians 4:32, Qolesavah/Colossians 3:13.
- 4. We remember this is the best day to repent, as it is the only day that s.a.tan cannot hinder us. The numerical value of the letters "Satan" adds up to 364. There are three hundred and sixty four days of the solar year that the Satan uses power against us. However there is one day in the year that the Satan is powerless against us, that is the day of Yom Kippur.
- 5. We remember the Renewed Covenant of Torah given on Sinai a second time. Torah was received twice! Shavuot and Yom Kippur! When s.a.tan could not enter the camp.... Eating and Drinking-Shemot 32:6-If one receives Torah without possessing humility there is a chance that after receiving it he will forget that a great yoke rests upon him to exert himself on behalf of the Torah, to grow and develop in Torah. At the time of the receiving of the first tablets, the children of Yisrael were busy eating and drinking. This is an expression of a feeling of perfection and clarity of understanding, which took hold of them when they received the tablets. After receiving the first set of tablets, the people felt as if they had reached an all-time high. Yet, from such a height it is possible only to descend. Hence, in their first serious test of faith, they fail terribly. No Eating and Drinking-Shemot 34:28-On Yom Kippur we received the tablets a second time and this required from us a new change or born again attitude. On Shavuot there is a mitzvah to eat and rejoice, whereas Yom Kippur, which is also the day of receiving the second tablets of Torah, the emphasis is one of fasting. It is not a fast of repentance alone, but rather a cessation in order to reach a higher level of spirituality and purity. On the second giving of Torah the blood sacrifices were given and explained fully and only then the Tabernacle was set up.
- 6. To Learn the Fear of YHWH-Yom Kippur is a time to be in awe and fear of YHWH! By the fear of YHWH men depart from evil Mishle/Proverbs 16: 6. Perhaps most importantly we reestablish the fear of YHWH on this day by realizing fear of YHWH keeps us from sin! Yom Kippur is the day Adam showed no fear of sin, and thus ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and forgot that there are consequences for actions. We recall that our sins will cause us harm, EVEN IF YHWH IN HIS LOVE HAS FORGIVEN US!

"The fear of YHWH, that is chochmah (wisdom); and to depart from evil is binah (understanding)," - Iyov / Job 28: 28

"The fear of YHWH is to hate evil: pride, and arrogance, and the evil halacha (way to walk) a, and the perverted mouth," - Mishle / Proverbs 8: 13

"The fear of YHWH is the beginning of chochmah (wisdom): a tov binah (understanding) have all those that do His mitzvoth (commandments)," - Tehillim / Psalms 111: 10

"By the fear of YHWH men depart from evil," - Mishle / Proverbs 16: 6

"Be not wise in your own eyes: fear YHWH, and depart from evil," Mishle / Proverbs 3: 8

"Should you not fear me?" declares YHWH. "Should you not tremble in my presence?" -- Yirmeyahu / Jeremiah 5: 22

The fear of YHWH is the beginning of a wisdom that cautions us not to sin! "Afterwards shall the children of Yisrael make teshuvah (repentance), and seek YHWH their Elohim, and Dawid their Melech; and shall come with fear to YHWH and His abundant tov in the latterdays," Hoshea (Hosea) 3:5. Selah.

Close- A look forward to the nations national Day of Atonement promised but yet to take place- Qolesayah/Colossians 2:16:17, Zacharyah, Zachariah 12:10-13:1, Romans/Romiyah 11:25-27, Danyel/Daniel 12:11-13