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The day of atonement

I am writing this essay so that every one that reads this would see that this year in Bible school influenced my life and brought many blessings. First, I'm going to write about how God cares for the Israelites and all people. Second, I will write about my personal lessons.

God's care for the people is revealed on the Day of Atonement. The purpose of the atonement is very important. The Israelites had to be sinless to live in God's presence. The Israelites had to sacrifice to God so that he could forgive them for their sins. Sacrifices were needed for the Israelites to be forgiven from their sins. To approach God we can't be on our own terms. What I mean is that we can't go to God and demand what we want, without thanking God. God isn't for us to get what we want like, but God helps us but doesn't always give what we want. He always provides our needs.

The high priest had to be pure and cleansed. He cleanses himself by a burnt offering. He had to be cleansed to enter the Holy of Holies so that he wouldn't die when he entered the Holy of Holies. Entering God's presence was a very serious matter. It was serious because the high priest could die and then they would need to find another high priest.

The process of atonement is very interesting. Forgiveness and cleansing comes from atonement. The High priest first offered himself a sin offering, this was done so that the high priest would be clean to enter the Holy of Holies if he was not clean he would immediately die because like I said we cannot approach God on our own terms. Before the high priest enters the holy of holies he needs to mediate for the people, he needs to focus on God for the people. The high priest needed to send out the scapegoat with all the Israelites sins, the high priest would put his right hand on the goat and put all the Israelites sins on the goat and send the goat out into the desert with all the sins of the Israelites. The high priest would need to offer burnt offerings because the Israelite people were sinners and needed for their sins to be forgiven. God needed to forgive all the sins of the Israelites.

My personal lessons are that God cares for me and that he knows my needs. This lesson taught me to not take not having to go through the atonement process to accept everything God has planned for me in my life. After this lesson I started to thank God for everything I have even the hard things in life. This lesson also taught me that we cannot approach God for our pleasure.

This year bible school influenced my life and I started to treat my brothers and parents better. I can't wait till next year when I go to Jr high and learn even more about God and His word. Thank you Andrey for teaching me this year and for the sermons you made.