

MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

...."This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful [take heed] to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB

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THE BLOOD COVENANT

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“ATONEMENT”

* The First Covenant had law, which we call the Mosaic Law, the priesthood, sacrifices, and the ordinances.

When the law was broken (as it had to be because Israel was spiritually dead) the priesthood was ordered to make an atonement, or a covering, for them.

They did not have Eternal Life. That could not come until Jesus came and redeemed us. He said, “I am come that ye might have life, and have it abundantly.”

You remember that receiving Eternal Life is the greatest event in any human being’s experience.

On the great day of Atonement we see two remarkable things that take place.

First, surrounded by great precautions, the high priest carries the blood of an innocent animal into the holy of holies and sprinkles it upon the mercy seat that covers the broken law.

Now Israel is blood covered for one year.

Lev. 17:11 tells us that the blood is given as a covering, or atonement, by reason of the life that is in it.

It is the life of an innocent animal typically spread over spiritually dead Israel.

The next fact is the scapegoat. Aaron lays the sins of Israel upon the head of the scapegoat which is led away into the wilderness to be devoured by wild beasts.

For a year, they are free, blood covered, and their sins are borne away.