

## Day of Atonement | Preparing, Observing, Discipling

**I. The Old Testament Day of Atonement**

- Leviticus 16:1-34, 23:26-32, 25:9
- **The Day of Atonement reminds us that there is a cost for sin.** (Romans 3:23)
- **The Fall of Man reminds us that we're all sinners because we're all in Adam.** (Romans 5:12; I John 1:8-10)
- **Therefore, the Day of Atonement simultaneously reminds us of our need as well as points us toward a glorious Anticipation.**

**II. Preparing**

- I recommend you and your disciples take time to prepare your hearts and Celebration Walls by reading, studying, meditating on, and posting the verses I'm going to share in today's notes and include on the Day of Atonement page at [CelebrationOfGod.com](http://CelebrationOfGod.com).
- And we should remember to purposefully do this before we actually enter the Day of Atonement.

**III. Observing**

- Read the passages together and discuss them.
- Hang a veil over your Celebration Wall. For those who have not yet put their faith in Christ, it will be a stark reminder to them of their eternal state — separated from God in the Lake of Fire. And for those who are born again, it reminds us that our daily sins — though they don't undo our salvation — do displease the Lord. They also hurt those against whom we've sinned, and they hurt us because they make it easier to sin more in the future.

**IV. Anticipation**

- One passage from Hebrews in particular should be a huge blessing as you, your family, your church, and your other disciples look forward to celebrating God's plan for undoing the curse of sin.
- Use this time to look forward to Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and Consummation.

**V. Discipleship**

- Don't forget to invite others to experience this observation with you.
- It's not enough to have a Celebration Wall or even put things on it. You need to interact with it. You need to read the passages, talk about them, and try to apply them to your lives.
- Also, we should remember that every Celebration of God is an amazing opportunity to help unbelievers see their need for God.
- Creation sets forth the glorious relationship God desires to have with His creation.
- The Day of Atonement highlights why we can't have a relationship with Him in and of ourselves and shows us our need for a perfect sacrifice to wash away our sins.
- How many people do you know who need that message today?
- Well, though they're not technically your disciples, they are people the Lord wants you to evangelize so that they can become disciples of God — so that they can for the first time ever celebrate God in a relationship with Him.
- And then you can sharpen each other as you both grow in your love for and conformity to Christ.