

Renewal of Forgiveness

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Luke 24:46-47 - Different words for forgive in Hebrew. **Salach-Pardon, Nasah-Lift and bear up, Kaphar, purge, purify and cover.** (Wayikra 16:29). (Wayiqra 23:27). "It is a Shabbat of Shabbat for you and you shall afflict yourselves" (32). "On the tenth day of the seventh month...afflict yourselves" (Bamidbar 29:7).

The believer still needs to repent just like the unsaved. That's one reason Yom Kippur is eternal! We believe that YHWH, in His exceeding kindness, will receive our repentance favorably, like a pleasing fragrance, excusing our sins by Yahshua's blood as He has promised: **"On this day you shall have all your sins atoned** (Wayikra 16:30), so that you will be cleansed. Before YHWH **you will be cleansed of all your sins.** [First John](#) 1:8-9, Acts 5:31, Acts 13:38, Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 1:14.

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'

The day of Yom Kippur itself has great powers to cleanse us of our sins. 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.

In the same way that the mikvah purifies one who enters it, so does YHWH purify all redeemed Yisrael. The way through which YHWH purifies us is by giving us Yom Kippur, the one day of the year that atones for us, the Day of Atonement. This day is similar to a mikvah a day s.a.tan cannot deceive you.

"If a [person](#) says, 'I will sin **because** Yom Kippur will atone,' Yom Kippur will not atone" (Yoma 85b). **Therefore, Yom Kippur does not atone in such a case.** From here we learn that a person must be wise and honest, and must be especially careful **not to repeat his misdeeds**, so that Yom Kippur can act as a covering, leading to the palace of repentance, healing him, and allowing him to ascend in holiness. **Any sin repented of on Yom Kippur CANNOT BE REPEATED!** This being so, if, on the day after Yom Kippur, a person returns to his foolish and hurtful ways, failing to grasp that he must fulfill his words and repent by forsaking the sin - if this happens he will without a doubt end up in the same category as the liars and crooks, **and will be seen as lacking faith. The Hebrews see lack of performance as a lack of faith unlike the Greeks who see confessions and mental agreement as faith!**

Even Yom Kippur is limited in its power of atonement. 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. Matthew 6:12, Matthew 6:14, 15, Matthew 9:6, 18:21-22, 18:35, Mark 11:25 Mark 11:26, Luke 6:37, Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:13.

On Yom Kippur, Man is Born Again!

On Yom Kippur we are born anew. We emerge from this great day like a newborn baby, pure and clean of any defect. Yochanan 3:1-10. **THIS WAS A Yom Kippur MESSAGE TO NICK AT NITE!**

Let us consider the difference between the first set of Tablets given to Moses, which did not last, and the second set, which were given on Yom Kippur, and did last.

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 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 Torah, the emphasis is one of fasting. **It is not a fast of repentance, but rather a cessation in order to reach a higher level of spirituality and purity**. It is the acceptance of the Torah in a world and in a person that has been newly created.

We arrive at the second set of tablets after we recognize already our weaknesses, and we stood before them as if impoverished. Even after receiving them, the people were totally absorbed in efforts to repent, to return to YHWH, **and to build the Sanctuary**. This is the feeling of Yom Kippur - a day which we meet not with greatness and valor but in submission and fasting. Not through the power of our actions, but through our thirst to be as close as possible to the YHWH. **This day (Yom Kippur) Yisrael was born again! Then it was up to the individual Yisraelite to stay in that calling!**

Close-Did Yahshua fulfill the requirements of Yom Kippur on earth? No! But he finished it in heaven. Ivrim 9:11-15. Yom Kippur was performed in heaven one time not annually, while Pesach was performed on earth.