

The Plan of Atonement Exodus 30:11-16

Atonement: reconciliation after a wrong doing, the punishment due the offender for the crime committed is cancelled, the guilt is removed from the offender. Atonement brings reconciliation, satisfaction, and peace. Atonement settles the argument.

Atonement: first mention in Ex 29:33, 36 (twice), 37. Then Ex 30:10 and the text passage (3 times).

Atonement is a matter of reconciliation unto *God*

Mankind and God are surely at odds or no atonement required. If God is requiring an atonement, God must regard that man has wronged him. No wrongdoing, the idea of atonement is mute.

Trust me and even better, trust the Bible. Man has wronged God. Father Adam started the transgression. Man has been transgressing for 6000 years.

Cain slew able. The flood. The tower of Babel. There is sin on the moon- man has been there. Are you a sinner, the old-time evangelist asked? Sin is universal. There is sin everywhere. Even the earth is tainted by sin. The first heaven, where the birds fly, is tainted by sin. The second heaven, where the stars and moon are located, is tainted by sin.

All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Sin is breaking the law of God. Your *neighbor* is not in charge of defining sin. Your know-it-all *boss* is not in charge of defining sin. Your *mother-in-law* does not define sin. If we could rid the world of something called The Holy Bible, we would still sin in the eyes of God, but man would have no knowledge of sin. As bad as it sounds, sin is a “God thing.” **SIN IS THE BREAKING OF GOD’S LAWS.”**

Atonement is, therefore, a matter relating to God and man’s relationship. Atonement is required by God in response to man’s disobedience toward God’s will and ways. God.

By the way, God is HOLY. Sinless. Pure. Undeified. Just plain old perfect.

God chose *man* to tell men that God has a problem with men vs 11

“Moses, go tell the people there is a problem between me and them.” God spoke to *Moses, a man*, and gave him the atonement plan. Moses was, then, responsible to tell the people of God’s requirements regarding an atonement.

Men do not believe they have wronged God because they do not believe God is Holy, and they do not believe they have any obligation to him. Folk will run over you to get to work on time because of their obligation to their employer. Folk will stay up all night to complete a tax return the night before the deadline because of an obligation to the U.S. government. We work two jobs, if necessary, to meet our commitment to the mortgage company. Yet, we do not feel we owe God a simple prayer of forgiveness. Every knee shall bow. Every tongue shall confess. If you are a living person, you and God have a conflict that needs to be resolved. I could not care less what Buddha think, what Allah thinks, what matters is what God thinks!

- Noah.

- The prophets told Israel if once, a thousand time, that God and the Hebrew people had a conflict between them that needed to be resolved.

- John the Baptist

- God sent Jesus to tell men there is an issue hanging over your head that must be resolved.

- Preachers today preach all have sinned, repent or perish. Avoid hell. Get right with God.

I worry about paying the bills on time. That is a small issue. I worry about income and expenses. That is a small issue. I am concerned about health, as we all are. That is a small issue. I am concerned about the price of fuel. That is a drop in the ocean. What matters is that there is a holy God who has dominion over men who have transgressed against God and a resolution is needed.

Every man requires a ransom for his own soul verse 12

When I think of ransom, I think of being held against my wishes. When I think of ransom, I think of being in trouble. In the time of ransom, there needs to be plan to set the hostage free.

Every man a ransom. Do black people need rescuing? Do Caucasian folks need a ransom? What about the rich? What about the poor? What about kings and leaders and common citizens? No human being is excused from the requirement to be reconciled unto God.

Individual. We cannot be saved for one-another. Parents cannot be saved for their children.

What if no atonement vs 12

What if man a chooses to ignore the requirement to reconcile with God? Then, there shall be a plague. Cancer is awful. Heart conditions are awful. Starvation is awful. I know of no disease worse than sin.

What if a man chooses to listen to the Bible? To the preacher? To the Christian witness? “Sir, mam, you are a hostage to sin, but, good news, there is a plan for getting free.” “I do not want to hear it. Go away. Leave me alone.”

A plague is awful:

The Bubonic plague, called Black Death, started in the 1300's and lingering in Europe for many years killing as many as 50 million people. In the summer of 1665, Black Death killed 15% of London's population.

I read yesterday about the 5 greatest plagues in history. I was startled at the statistics. Yet, the greatest plagues in mankind's 6000-year history was not even mentioned, that is, the plague of SIN. Black Death can't hold Sin Plague a light, so to speak. It is still spreading as evil men and seducers wax worse and worse deceiving and being deceived.

Sin Plague quarantines it's victims in hell....help us dear God.

The plan for atonement verse 13-15

There can never be reconciliation without a payment. The quarrel cannot end unless there is restitution. The conflict will not just go away- it will get worse. First a fever, then a sore, then dizziness, then swelling.

The price of atonement was half a shekel. Moses did not determine the price of atonement. Remember, God is speaking to Moses and giving him instructions. “Moses, tell every man to bring one-half shekel as a ransom for his soul.”

Nothing else was acceptable. There was not alternate method of payment. There was no substitute for the half shekel. One could not bring an ox or lamb or turtledove, only one-half shekel.

All paid the same. The rich, though the Scripture acknowledges he may have more to give, was only required to pay one-half shekel. What about the poor? The poor paid one-half shekel. What about a really poor man? He paid one-half shekel.

The resolution of the problem of sin between a man and God is non-negotiable. The price is set. The price is fixed. It does not fluctuate.

God set the price of reconciliation for the sin problem. He required his Son give his life in one of the most awful, atrocious manners in which anyone could die. His Son was nailed to a rugged cross. “Lord, let me die for my sin.” “No,” God would say, “unacceptable. My son’s death as a lamb led to the slaughter is all I will accept.”

Could Jesus have been stoned? No, Father God said crucify him. Could Jesus have fainted and been revived? No, his life was given. Could Jesus have shed a portion, perhaps half of his blood? No, he must shed it all.

