

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

September 2, 2026

Leviticus 16:1-10

Introduction:

1. Briefly wrapping up chapter 15, two points of interest.
 - a) A man lying with a woman during her impurity. (Lev. 15.24; 18.19; 20.18)
 - b) Uncleanness transfers from the unclean to the clean. (Lev. 15.25-27; Mark 5.27-29)
2. Chapter 16 establishes the Day of Atonement. (Yom Kipper; Lev. 23.27,28))
 - a) **Leviticus 15.31:** The tabernacle in the midst of uncleanness. (cf. Num. 1.53; 2.2)
 - b) **Leviticus 16.16:** *"So he shall make atonement for the Holy Place"*
3. Leviticus 16.1-10: On whose terms does man come into the presence of God?

I. WHAT AARON CANNOT DO

- A. The consequence of unauthorized access to God.
 1. **Leviticus 16.1:** *"Now the LORD spoke...after the death of the two sons"*
 2. **Leviticus 16.1:** Drawing near without authority caused their death.
- B. The command of authorized access to God.
 1. **Leviticus 16.2:** *"the LORD said to Moses: 'Tell Aaron your brother...'"*
 2. **Leviticus 16.2:** The conditions for authorized access to God. (Lev. 23.27,28; 26.33; Heb. 9.3,7; Ex. 40.34,35; 1 Kings 8.10,11)
- C. Access to God is granted exclusively through Christ. (Heb. 10.19-22)

II. WHAT AARON MUST DO

- A. Aaron must come with two sacrifices.
 1. **Leviticus 16.3:** *"with the blood of a young bull as a sin offering"*
 2. **Leviticus 16.3:** *"and of a ram as a burnt offering."*
 3. **Leviticus 16.4:** *"And he shall take from the congregation"*
- B. Aaron must come with proper attire.
 1. **Leviticus 16.4:** Four linen garments. (cf. Ex. 28.1,2,39-43)
 2. **Leviticus 16.4:** *"These are holy garments"* An expression of holiness and humility. (1 Pet. 5.5)
 3. **Leviticus 16.4:** *"Therefore he shall wash his body in water, and put them on."* Literally, he shall immerse himself. (cf. Heb. 6.2; Mark 7.4; Heb. 9.10)

III. WHAT AARON MUST OFFER

- A. Offerings made for himself.
 1. **Leviticus 16.6:** *"Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering which is for himself"* (v. 3; Heb. 5.2,3; 10.1)
 2. **Leviticus 16.6:** *"and for his house."* Not just his family, but his tribe.
- B. Offerings made for the nation. (Lev. 16.7-10; cf. Prov.16.33)
- C. Jesus offered Himself to make us perfect. (Heb. 7.26-28; 9.28; Isa. 53.6)