

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

September 9, 2026

Leviticus 16:11-19

Introduction:

1. Leviticus 16 is the chapter that focuses on the Day of Atonement.
2. **Leviticus 16.11:** Almost verbatim of verse 6. However, this represents the action while verse 6 provided the summation.
3. In our text, we read about the direction of the tabernacle cleansing.

I. PURIFICATION OF THE PRIESTS

- A. Personal sin offering for Aaron.
 1. **Leviticus 16.11:** *“the bull of the sin offering”* (cf. Lev. 16.3,5; 4.3-12)
 2. **Leviticus 16.11:** *“which is for himself.”* Repeated for emphasis.
 - a) Notice the order. This was to be his first offering. (Lev. 9.7; Heb. 7.27)
 - b) Why? **Hebrews 5.2:** *“since he himself is also subject to weakness”*
- B. The protective screen of incense.
 1. **Leviticus 16.12:** *“Then he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from the altar...”* (cf. Lev. 6.12,13; 10.1; Ex. 30.34-38)
 2. **Leviticus 16.13:** The cloud of incense protected the high priest from death.
- C. The propitiation by blood.
 1. **Leviticus 16.14:** Sprinkled on the mercy seat. (cf. 2 Kings 9.33; Ex. 27.12-15)
 2. **Leviticus 16.14:** Sprinkled before the mercy seat seven times.

II. PARDON OF THE PEOPLE

- A. The sacrifice for the nation of Israel.
 1. **Leviticus 16.15:** *“the sin offering which is for the people”* (Lev. 16.7,8)
 2. What was to be done with the blood? (v. 15)
- B. The cleansing of the Most Holy Place.
 1. **Leviticus 16.16:** *“So he shall make atonement for the Holy Place”*
 2. Why? *“...because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all their sins”* (cf. Heb. 9.7; 1 Cor. 3.16,16; 6.19,20)
 3. **Leviticus 16.17:** This must be done by the high priest alone.

III. PURGATION OF THE PLACE

- A. The cleansing of the altar.
 1. **Leviticus 16.18:** *“And he shall go out to the altar that is before the LORD, and make atonement for it”* Which altar? (Ex. 30.1,10)
 2. **Leviticus 16.18:** *“the blood of the bull and some of the blood of the goat”*
- B. The purpose of the blood.
 1. **Leviticus 16.19:** *“cleanse it, and consecrate it”* (cf. Ex. 29.36,37)
 2. It was cleansed of impurities and then set apart for service. (cf. 1 Cor. 6.11)