

What stopped the plague? What appeased His wrath? Aaron took a censer and stood between the Jews and the advancing plague. This action is described as making atonement for the nation (16:46-47). Wrath was appeased, and this is described as atonement.

In Numbers 25, the Jews were committing fornication with the Midianite women. God's anger again sent a plague and killed 24,000 Jews. What stopped the plague? Phinehas, the grandson of Aaron, took a javelin and thrust it through the bodies of a Jewish man and a Midianite women who publically were fornicating. God said, "Phinehas...has turned back my wrath from the children of Israel because He was zealous with My zeal among them...because he was zealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel" (25:11-13). If you want to understand atonement, read this story and the previous one to see what atonement means.

Atonement Always Connected with God's Anger

Atonement always involves sin which results in God's wrath against sin and actions being done to assuage His wrath. If there is no atonement, His wrath will surely come.

Sins Not "Rolled Forward" in the Old Testament

The concept that sins were "rolled forward" (think of a giant snowball getting larger every year) on the Day of Atonement does not portray what actually happened. Every year on that day God remembered the sins of Israel, and if atonement was not made His wrath was sent. Nations came against Israel when atonement was not made. When it was made, His anger was appeased, and God blessed that nation. God remembered their sins every year.

Because of Christ's sacrifice atonement is ours. He does not remember our sins. "Their sins will I remember no more" (Jer. 31:34). Thank God for our atonement!

Order of Service

Opening Remarks	Holton George
Song Leader	Don Petrosky, Jr.
<i>Song</i>	
<i>Song</i>	
Prayer	Clay Bond
<i>Song</i>	
Communion	Don Petrosky, Sr. Dylan Petrosky
<i>Song</i>	
<i>Song</i>	
Sermon	Clay Bond
<i>Song</i>	
Offering	
Closing Remarks	Holton George
<i>Song</i>	
Dismissal Prayer	Russell Haydon

Upcoming Events

- Please check the sign-up sheet for Wednesday evening devotionals.
- February 28 – March 1st Southwest Church of Christ will host the Arise Workshop. Additional information is on the bulletin board.

Wednesday Devotional

Feb 19th Dylan
Feb 26th Ray

...Prayer List...

Gaye Kyle, Casey Jo Engle, Reta George, Nan Phillips, Mr. & Mrs. Snyder (cancer), Wendell Harrison, Sharon Petrosky, Tom & Marilyn Barr
Remember our college students who are away at school: Jarrett & Luke
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Shut-Ins: Robbi George, Melvin & Shirley Wright

Attendance: Sunday AM: 33 PM: 27 Wednesday: 34 Contribution: \$5566.29