TRANSPARENCY AND JUSTICE

The Watergate scandal of 1970 exposed corruption, illegal spying, and coverups within President Richard Nixon’s administration. Investigative journalists’ persistent efforts to expose the scandal demonstrated the role a free press plays in holding those in power accountable, especially when there’s a lack of transparency surrounding their activities. The whole ordeal reinforced the importance of unbiased justice.

From the beginning, the great controversy has centered around the fairness of God’s leadership. Satan claimed to be able to form a government that would be more transparent than God’s, with laws that would be more just. These accusations had to be dealt with in a public and open manner, in no small part because they were made in a public and open manner. For the heavenly beings, Christ’s death silenced any doubts about God’s intentions; His goodness shone through and unmasked Satan’s falsehoods and lies. Christ’s death allows God to legally restore fallen humanity to its original sinless state and its special role in God’s kingdom while also providing justice for the harm sin has caused. That one monumental act of love demonstrated to the entire universe why God alone is worthy of being Judge over all.

God’s judgments during the end times will once again demonstrate His character of justice and mercy blended together. The onlooking universe will again acknowledge the fairness and goodness of God’s leadership. And as a judgment that is made “in favor of the saints” (Dan. 7:22), all who trust God can look forward to this judgment with assurance.
Write out Leviticus 16 from the translation of your choice. If you’re pressed for time, write out verses 29 and 30. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, or outline or mind-map the chapter.
Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

Circle repeated words/ phrases/ideas

Underline words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you

Draw Arrows to connect words/ phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?

Memorize your favorite verse. Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

How does the Day of Atonement illustrate the concept of justice for both the repentant and unrepentant?

Which sins have you not truly repented of? Why not pray right now and give them to Jesus?

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After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks overall seem to point to?

What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

In what way should understanding God’s judgment impact the way you live your daily life?

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What relationship do the following verses have with Leviticus 16?

The Day of Atonement:
- Leviticus 23:26–32
- Number 29:7–11
- Hebrews 9

The Judgment:
- Daniel 7:9, 10, 21, 22, 26, 27
- Daniel 8:13, 14
- 1 Corinthians 4:9
- 1 Corinthians 6:3
- Revelation 14:7
- Revelation 20

What other verses come to mind in connection with the primary passage?

Review your memorized verse from Leviticus 16.
What keeps you from totally trusting Jesus as a faithful High Priest and Savior?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

What is He saying to you personally through the text of the week?

Prayer Response:

Meditate on Leviticus 16 again and look for where Jesus is.

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Review the memory verse. How does it apply to your life this week?

After this week’s study of the passage, what are some personal applications you are convicted of in your life?

What are some practical applications you must make in your school, family, workplace, and church life?

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What makes the judgment essential for the conclusion of the great controversy?

Can you explain the three phases of the judgment?

How will the judgment provide closure to all created beings who have ever existed?

What does the high level of transparency in the judgment proceedings reveal about God?

In what ways is the judgment a promise to God’s people rather than a threat? In what ways can knowing about it bring peace of mind?

What kind of emotions do you think the Israelites felt on the Day of Atonement?

Do you think our church culture has emphasized the need for deep heart-searching and repentance too much or too little? Why?

What does it mean to you personally that Jesus is your High Priest?