The Day of Atonement

Leviticus 16



"The holiness of God is traumatic to unholy people"

RC Sproul



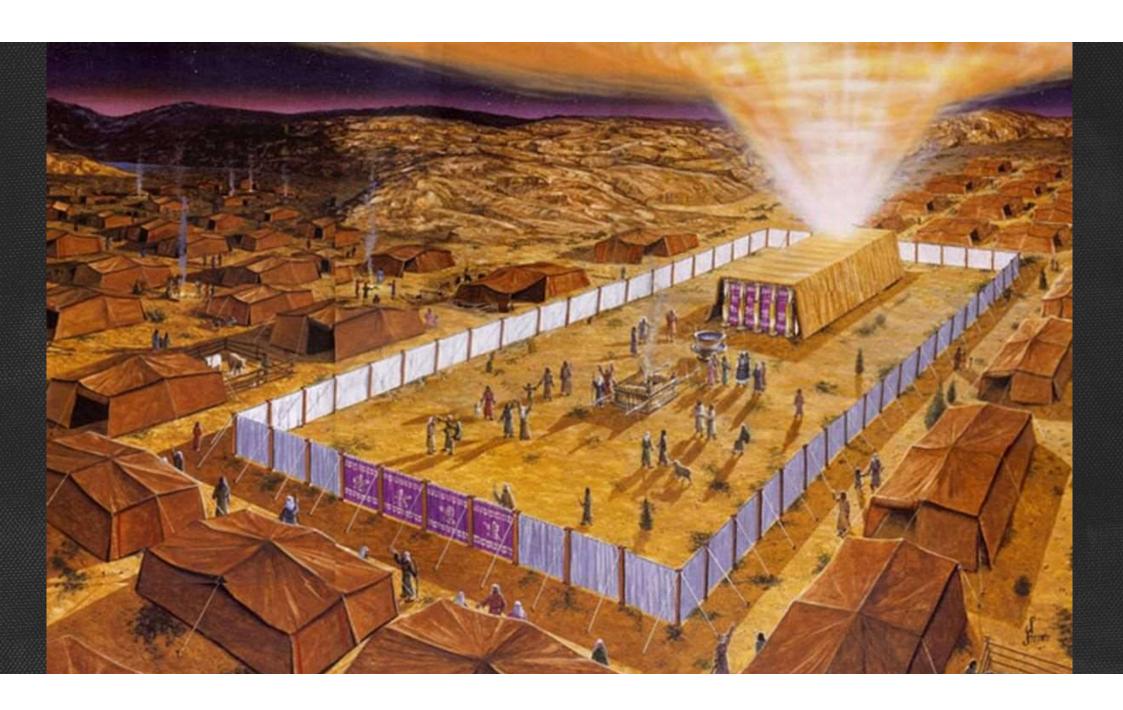
Holiness of God + unholiness

= DEATH









Holiness of God + unholiness + ATONEMENT

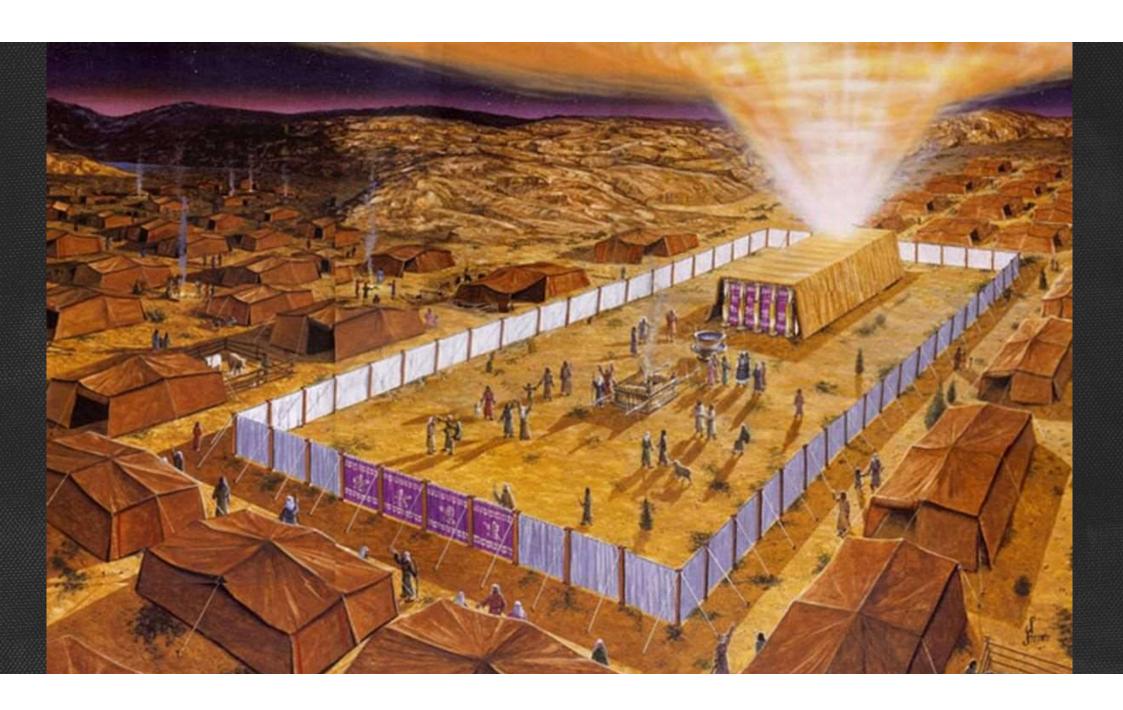


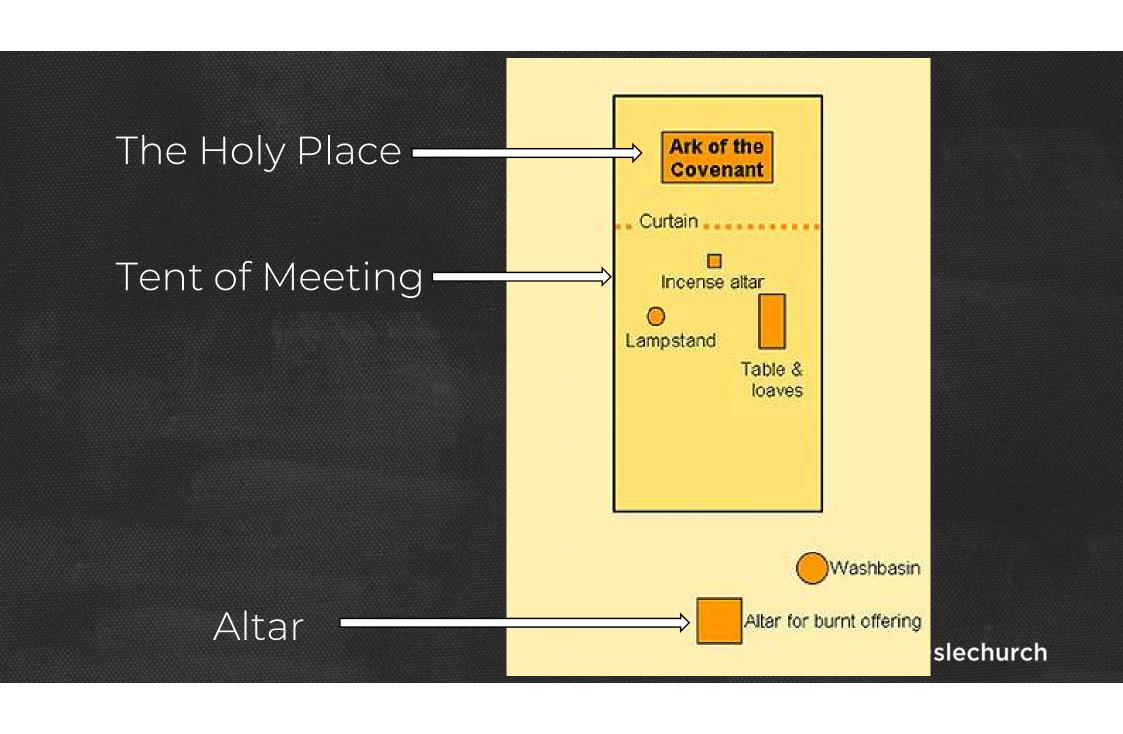




Aaron and household (Priest) Bull – Sin Offering Ram – Burnt Offering Special linen (servant) clothes People Goat #1 – Sin Offering Goat #2 – 'of Azazel' (aka Scapegoat) Ram – Burnt Offering







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Psalm 103:8-12



¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.



¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Hebrews 9:11-14



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For Discussion (choose one or more of these to discuss)

- 1. Consider your attitudes towards church in the past year/s. What has been your thinking and attitude towards it?
- 2. Union with Christ is not just about personal salvation, but about being together in Christ. How has this truth impacted you today?
- 3. Can you love Christ and not love the church? Why/why not?
- 4. What can you be doing more/less of to express this togetherness and unity we have in Christ?

