The Mercy and Patience of the Lord

Leviticus 16:29-31

Big Idea: the Lord Is Patient and Merciful Towards his People

A.) "a statute forever"

B.) *"afflict your souls..."*

C.) "...do no work at all..."

D.)"... you may be clean from all your sins before the Lord"

C.) sabbath of solemn rest

B.) afflict your souls..."

A.) "a statute forever."

Read Verse 30.

1.) The Day of Atonement <u>Assured</u> God's People of his Patience, Mercy, and Forgiveness

A.) This was a Timely and Precious Reminder

Leviticus 16:1,"*Now the Lord spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron...*"

B.) The Lord Gave Israel the Day of Atonement<u>Because</u> of their Uncleanness, Not in <u>Case</u> of It.

Leviticus 16:16, "...because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all their sins;..." Lamentations <u>3:22-23</u>

C.) The Lord's Patience and Mercy Have Been Revealed Every Day That <u>Sinful</u> People Have Continued to Enjoy the Gift of <u>Life</u> While Deserving the Penalty of <u>Death</u>

2 Peter 3:9

2.) The Day of Atonement Is a <u>Demonstration</u> of What the Lord <u>Revealed</u> About Himself in Exodus 34.

Exodus 34:6-7

Exodus 34:7 keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin...

Leviticus 16:21"...confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins..." (v. 21)

Exodus 33:19

3.) God Exercises Mercy and <u>Judgment</u> According to his Good, Perfect, and Pleasing Will for his Own Glory.

A.) Mercy is <u>Underserved</u> Forgiveness.

"...by no means clearing the guilty..." Exodus 34:7

Leviticus 16:30, "...that you may be clean from all your sins before the Lord."

4.) At the Cross of Jesus Christ, "You <u>May</u> Be Clean From All Your Sins Before the Lord, Became You <u>Are</u> Clean Before the Lord From All Your Sins.

"...the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:7)

I John I:9

Exodus 34:6-7, "...merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, **7** keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."