

YOM KIPPUR

Celebrating our Eternal “Covering”

Introduction

From the **beginning**, when **sin entered** the world through Adam, **God** began to **provide** a “**covering**” for **man** to *protect* them from **His immediate** and **righteous judgment** upon their **disobedience**.

Looking briefly at **biblical history** we can see that **God** *continually* “**covered**” **His people** from impending **judgment**.

God “covered” Adam and Eve in Eden,

God “covered Noah and his family,

God “covered” Israel in Egypt,

God “covered” the sins of the Jewish nation

through **provisions** in **His law**, and in the **fullness of time**,

God would send **His Son, His Messiah**, to provide **redemption**, and an “**eternal covering**” for **sin** for **all** who would **receive this gift**.

We have an Eternal “Covering”— But *Someone* paid a Costly Price

- A. *Someone*, because of **His great love** for **humanity**, **gave His only begotten Son** that **men** might be **saved**.

“For **God so loved** the world, that **He gave His only begotten Son**, that **whoever believes** in Him shall **not perish**, but have **eternal life**.”

For **God** did **not send** the **Son** into the world to **judge** the world, but that the world might be **saved through Him**.” (John 3:16)

- B. *Someone* had to **voluntarily “humble Himself”** to **become a man** (a *kinsman*) in order to **redeem** a **condemned humanity**.

And the **Word became flesh**, and **dwelt among us**,...(John 1:14a)

Being found in **appearance as a man**, **He (Messiah) humbled Himself** by becoming **obedient** to the point of **death**, even **death on a cross**. (Philippians 2:8)

For you know the **grace** of our **Lord Jesus the Messiah**, that though **He was rich**, yet for your sake **He became poor**, so that **you** through **His poverty** might **become rich**. (II Corinthians 8:9)

- C. *Someone* had to **suffer death** in our place, as a **substitute**, in order for us to be made **free** from the *condemnation* of **sin and death**. (Romans 5:18, 8:2)

Therefore, since the **children** share in **flesh and blood**,
He (Jesus) Himself likewise also **partook** of the **same**, that **through death**
He might render **powerless him** who had the **power of death**,
that is, **the devil**, and might **free** those who through **fear of death**
were subject to **slavery** all their lives. (Hebrews 2:14-14)

...and **He Himself (Jesus) bore our sins** in **His body** on the **cross**,
so that we might **die to sin** and **live to righteousness**;
for by **His wounds you were healed**. (II Peter 2:24)

For **Messiah** also **died for sins once for all**, **the just** for **the unjust**,
so that **He** might **bring us to God**...(I Peter 3:18a)

- D. *Someone* had to **pay the purchase price** of **redemption** which was the **shedding of His blood** (**His life**) for the **forgiveness of sins**.

...knowing that **you** were **not redeemed** with **perishable things**
like silver or gold...but with **precious blood**, as of a **lamb unblemished**
and **spotless**, **the blood of Messiah**. (I Peter 1:18-19)

In Him (Jesus) we have **redemption** through **His blood**,
the **forgiveness** of our **trespasses**,
according to the **riches** of **His grace** (Ephesians 1:7)

- E. *Someone* had to be a **permanent propitiation** (**satisfaction**) for our **sins**. (I John 2:1-2)

In this is **love**, **not** that **we loved God**, but that **He loved us**
and **sent His Son** *to be* the **propitiation** for our **sins**. (I John 4:10)

- F. *Someone* had to become the **final atonement offering** for our **sins**.

1. By becoming our **final sin offering** for our **sins**

Every **priest** stands **daily ministering** and **offering time** after **time**
the **same sacrifices**, which can **never take away sins**;
but **He (Jesus)**, having offered **one sacrifice for sins for all time**,
SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,..

For by **one offering** **He** has **perfected** for **all time**
those who are **sanctified**. (Hebrews 10:11-12, 14)

2. By becoming our **final “scapegoat” offering**—**bearing** and **removing our sins**

As far as the **east** is from the **west**,
So far has **He removed our transgressions *from us***. (Psalm 103:12)

The next day **he (John)** saw **Jesus** coming to him and said,
“Behold, the **Lamb of God** who **takes away** the **sin** of the **world!** (John 1:29)

He (God) made **Him (Messiah)** who knew **no sin** to **be sin** on **our behalf**,
so that **we** might **become** the **righteousness of God** ***in Him***. (II Corinthians 5:21)

G. *Someone* had to **purify** and **cleanse us** from **our sins**.

And according to the **Law**, *one may* almost say,
all things are **cleansed with blood**,
and without ***shedding of blood*** there is ***no forgiveness***. (Hebrew 9:22)

;.but if we **walk** in the **Light** as **He Himself** is in the **Light**,
we have ***fellowship*** with **one another**,
and the **blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us** from **all sin**. (I John 1:7)

H. *Someone* had to **take upon Himself** the ***shame*** of the **cross**, and the **curse** of the **Law**.

Messiah redeemed **us** from the **curse of the Law**,
having **become a curse for us**—for it is written,
“**CURSED** IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A **TREE**”—Galatians 3:13)

Someone had to **cancel the “debt”** *we owed* – our “**list**” of **transgressions** committed according to **the Law**.

When **you were *dead*** in **your transgressions** and the **uncircumcision**
of your **flesh**, **He made you alive together *with Him***,
having **forgiven us** all our **transgressions**,

having **canceled out** the **certificate of debt** consisting of **decrees**
against us, which was ***hostile to us***; and **He** has **taken it out** of the way,
having **nailed it to the cross**. (Colossians 2:13-14)

I. *Someone* had to **make peace**, and **reconcile** a **holy God** with a **sinful**
humanity.

For it was the ***Father’s*** **good pleasure** for all the **fullness** to **dwell in Him**,
and ***through Him*** to **reconcile** **all things to Himself**,
having **made peace** ***through*** the **blood of His cross**; ***through Him***,
I say, whether things on **earth** or things in **heaven**. (Colossians 1:19-20)

J. *Someone* needed to be “**worthy**” to **unseal** the **book** that would
bring ***judgment*** upon **sin**, and **redemption** for **man**.

And I (John) saw a **strong angel** proclaiming with a **loud voice**,
“**Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?**”

And **no one** in **heaven** or on the **earth** or under the **earth**
was **able** to **open the book** or to **look** into it.

Then I *began* to **weep greatly** because **no one** was **found worthy**
to **open the book** or to **look** into it; and one of the **elders** said to me,

“**Stop weeping**; behold, the **Lion** that is from the **tribe of Judah**,
the **Root of David**, has **overcome**
so as to **open the book** and **its seven seals**”
And I saw...a **Lamb** standing, as if **slain**,...

And **He came** and **took the book** out of the **right hand**
of **Him** who **sat on the throne**.

And they sang a **new song**, saying,

“**Worthy** are **You** to **take the book** and to **break its seals**;
for **You were slain**, and **purchased for God** with **Your blood**
men from **every tribe** and **tongue** and **people** and **nation**.

“**You** have made **them** to be a **kingdom** and **priests** to **our God**;
and **they** will **reign** upon the **earth**.” (Revelation 5:2-5, 6a, 7, 9-10)

Closing Challenge