Yom Kippur
Reflecting our ***Covering*** in **Messiah**

A. It's a ***Covering*** that was **Costly**

"For the **life** of the **flesh** is in ***the blood***, and I have given it to you
on the **altar** to make **atonement** for your **souls**;
for it is **the blood** by **reason of the life** that makes **atonement**."
(Leviticus 17:11)

…conduct yourselves in **fear** during the time of your stay *on earth*;
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 1:17a-19)

Be on **guard** for yourselves and for all the flock,
among which the **Holy Spirit** has made you overseers,
to **shepherd** the **church of God** which **He**
purchased with His *own blood*. (Acts 20:28)

B. It's a ***Covering*** that Is **Eternal**

But when **Messiah** appeared *as* a **high priest** of the **good things** to come,
He *entered* through the ***greater*** and more ***perfect* tabernacle,**
not made with **hands**, that is to say, **not** of **this creation**;

and **not** through the **blood** of **goats** and **calves**,
but through ***His own blood***, **He** entered the **holy place *once* for all**,
having obtained **eternal redemption**. (Hebrews 9:11-12)

And every **priest** stands **daily** ministering and offering
time* after *time the **same sacrifices** which
can **never take away sins**; but **He,**
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)

C. It's a ***Covering*** that **clothes us** with "**Garments of Salvation**"

"…for **He** has ***clothed me*** with the **garments of salvation**," (Isaiah 61:10)

1. A **"*Garment*"** of **Forgiveness**

"How **blessed** is **he** whose **transgression** is **forgiven**,
whose **sin is covered**! (Psalm 32:1)

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

2. A ***"Garment"*** of **Cleansing**

And according to the **Law**, one may almost say,
all things are **cleansed** with **blood**, and
without the shedding of **blood** there is **no forgiveness**.
(Hebrews 9:22, Lev. 17:11)

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

Or do you not know that the **unrighteous**
will **not inherit** the **kingdom of God**?..

Such were **some of *you***; but **you were washed**,
but ***you*** were **sanctified**, but ***you*** were **justified**
in the **name** of the **Lord Jesus the Messiah**
and in the **Spirit** of **our God**. (I Corinthians 6:9a, 11)

3. A ***"Garment"*** that **provides Propitiation**

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)

…And if anyone **sins**, **we** have an **Advocate** with the **Father,**
Jesus the Messiah the **righteous**;
and **He (Messiah) Himself** is the **propitiation** for **our sins**;
and not for **ours only**, but also for ***those*** *of* the **whole world**. (I John 2:1-2)

4. A **"*Garment*"** of **Righteousness**

" **He** has **wrapped me** with a ***robe* of righteousness**,.." (Isaiah 61:10)

He 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)

5. A ***"Garment"*** of **Reconciliation**

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

For if while **we were *enemies* we** were **reconciled to God**
through the **death of His Son**, much more,
having been **reconciled**, we shall be **saved** by **His life**. (Romans 5:10)

D. It's a ***Covering*** of **Beauty**, the ***adornment*** of **Heaven**

I will **rejoice greatly** in **the LORD**, my soul will ***exult*** in **my God**;
for He has **clothed me** with the ***garments*** **of salvation**,
He has **wrapped me** with a ***robe*** **of righteousness**,

as a **bridegroom** decks himself with a **garland,**
and a **bride** adorns herself with **jewels.** (Isaiah 61:10)

Let us **rejoice** and **be glad** and give the **glory to Him,**
for the ***marriage*** of the **Lamb** has come
and **His bride** has made herself **ready**.

It was given to her to **clothe** herself in **fine linen, bright *and* clean**;
for the **fine linen** is the **righteous acts of the saints**.
(Revelation 19:7-8)

A Sincere ***Question*** for **My People**— Do **we Jews** really have a **"Covering"** for our **Sin** on this, our "**Day of Atonement**?"

Observations→

1. As **Jews**, ***we*** need to be **honest** and **acknowledge** that since the **temple** was destroyed (70 A.D.), and the **priesthood scattered**, we have not had a **true Torah based** "**Day of Atonement"** for almost **2,000 years**.

2. As **Jews, *we*** need to realize that though we may ***repent***, say our ***prayers*****,** and do ***good deeds***, these things can **never** be a **substitute** for the **Torah required Yom Kippur sacrifices** for the **atonement** and the "**covering**" of **sins and trespasses**.

3. ***We*** need to face the **reality** of our **hopeless condition** as **sinners**, and need to understand, that if all **we** have to "**clothe**" ourselves with is the **"shmattah"** of our own **self-righteousness**, we will **never** be able to **stand** in the **presence** of a **holy God**.

For **all of us** have become like one who is **unclean,**
and all our **righteous deeds** are like a **filthy garment**;…(Isaiah 64:6)

4. As **Jews**, it is **essential** for ***us*** to **receive** the **eternal atonement provided by God** for us ***through*** **His Messiah**, the **Lamb of God** who **takes away** the **sins of the world**.

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)

…but now **once** at the **consummation** of the ages
He has been **manifested** to **put away sin** by the **sacrifice of *Himself*.**
(Hebrews 9:26b)

…and **He Himself (Messiah)** is the **propitiation** for our **sins**;
and not for ours only, but also for *those of* the **whole world**.
(I John 2:2)

Closing Exhortation

As **Believers** (**Jew** and **Gentile**) May the **remembrance** of the incredible **"cost"** of our **atonement, provoke us** to **walk** and **live** our **lives** in **greater *love*** and ***service*** to our **God and Savior.**

For if the ***blood*** of **goats** and **bulls** and the **ashes of a heifer** sprinkling
those who have been defiled **sanctify** for the **cleansing** of the **flesh**,

how much ***more*** will the **blood of Messiah**,
who through the **eternal Spirit** offered **Himself** without blemish *to God*,
cleanse your conscience from **dead works** to **serve the living God**?
(Hebrews 9:13-14)