

Prayer is so much more than doctrine, or a practice of our faith, or a repetitive ritual

Prayer connects the natural with the Divine, the natural with the supernatural

**Hebrews 10:19-23 (NIV)** <sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, **since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,** <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

**Matthew 18:19-20 (NKJV)** <sup>19</sup> Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

**Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)** Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

We tend to be more physically minded than we are spiritually minded!

**Leviticus 10:1-3 (NKJV)** <sup>1</sup> Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them. <sup>2</sup> So fire went out from the LORD and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. <sup>3</sup> And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke, saying: 'By those who come near Me **I must be regarded as holy**'; And before all the people I must be glorified.' " So Aaron held his peace.

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**Leviticus 16:1-5 (NKJV)** <sup>1</sup> Now the LORD spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered *profane fire* before the LORD, and died; <sup>2</sup> and the LORD said to Moses: "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at *just* any time into the Holy *Place* inside the veil, before the mercy seat which *is* on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat. <sup>3</sup> Thus Aaron shall come into the Holy *Place*: with *the blood of* a young bull as a sin offering, and *of* a ram as a burnt offering. <sup>4</sup> He shall put the holy linen tunic and the linen trousers on his body; he shall be girded with a linen sash, and with the linen turban he shall be attired. These *are* holy garments. Therefore he shall wash his body in water, and put them on. <sup>5</sup> And he shall take from the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats as a sin offering, and one ram as a burnt offering.

There is nothing more holy than God and His presence.

The Day of Atonement revealed:

1. The holiness of **God**
2. The sinfulness of **man**
3. The **breach** between God and man because of man's sinfulness

**John 14:6 (NKJV)** Jesus said to him, "**I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**"

Man's sinful flesh must be cleansed before putting on **anything holy**.

**Leviticus 16:20-22 (NKJV)** <sup>20</sup> "And when he has made an end of atoning for the **Holy Place**, the **tabernacle of meeting**, and the **altar**, he shall bring the live goat. <sup>21</sup> Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send *it* away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man. <sup>22</sup> The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to an uninhabited land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.

**Hebrews 9:11-12 (NIV)** When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but **he entered the Most Holy Place once for all** by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.

**Hebrews 10:12 (TLB)** But Christ gave Himself to God for our sins as one sacrifice for all time and **then sat down in the place of highest honor at God's right hand,**

**Hebrews 4:14-16 (NKJV)** <sup>14</sup> Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are, yet* without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.