



THE TWO GOATS



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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK ~ God commanded many different sacrifices in the Old Testament and all of them were opportunities for His people to look forward in faith to the coming of His Son to be their Savior. All the blood that was shed in the Old Testament times was meant to foreshadow the blood that Christ would shed upon the cross. As it says in Hebrews 9:22, without the shedding of blood, Christ's blood, there would be no final and complete forgiveness of sins.

On the Jewish calendar, something special would happen once a year known as "Yom Kippur" or "**The Day of Atonement**". It was a season marked by intense reflection and repentance when the High Priest was instructed to choose **two (2) goats that would be selected and presented before the Lord**. The casting of lots would determine each one's fate. **One would be designated "for the Lord" and sacrificed as a blood offering.** The high priest would enter the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle, bringing with him blood to make atonement for the people. **The other goat was known as "the Scapegoat"** and the high priest would lay his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it all the iniquities of the people, and in this way put all their sins on the goat. Then "the scapegoat" would be carried away into uninhabited land in the wilderness not to be heard from again. The goat would perish to its death in the barren hills outside of Jerusalem along with the transgressions of the people. **"And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all" Isaiah 53:6b.**

On the cross, Jesus represented both goats to accomplish our Day of Atonement. The ceremony has come to its reality and fulfillment in Christ. Both goats represented the work that Christ would do; the goat designated "for the Lord" and the goat designated as "the Scapegoat" are to be found in Jesus Christ. Christ performed both tasks: the offering of sin, and the carrying away of sin. Out of great love for us all, Jesus made himself a willing offering and carried away all our sin. **"And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more," Hebrews 10:17.**
~ God's blessings, protection, and favor to all this Easter season.



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We have so many who tell us how much they appreciate the help they receive month after month



And we appreciate all of our volunteers who come to help us with our distribution each month, many of whom are just like these vibrant, young "Saints" from the Mt. Juliet Christian Academy.

**Your faithful support each month
allows Joseph's Storehouse to:**

- ✓ **Feed 800 family households and 2,400 individuals**
- ✓ **Provide beverages, paper goods and personal hygiene items along with the good food**
- ✓ **Give individuals, church groups, student groups, civic clubs, family groups, employees and employers the opportunity to assist others**
- ✓ **Help students meet their TN Promise requirements**
- ✓ **Offer annointed prayers and words of encouragement to all who come to us for assistance**

Thank YOU for your continued faithful support. Without YOU it would not be possible for us to continue our mission of "Feeding the World One Soul At A Time."