

Message

A Fast Called By God

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- **Leviticus 10:1-3**
 - Our Approach Matters To God
- **Hebrews 12:25-29**
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- **Leviticus 23:26-32**
 - **Afflict Yourselves**
 - **Present An Offering By Fire**
 - **Do No Work**
 - **Day of Atonement**
 - **To Make An Atonement For You Before The Lord**



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Meanings of The Words

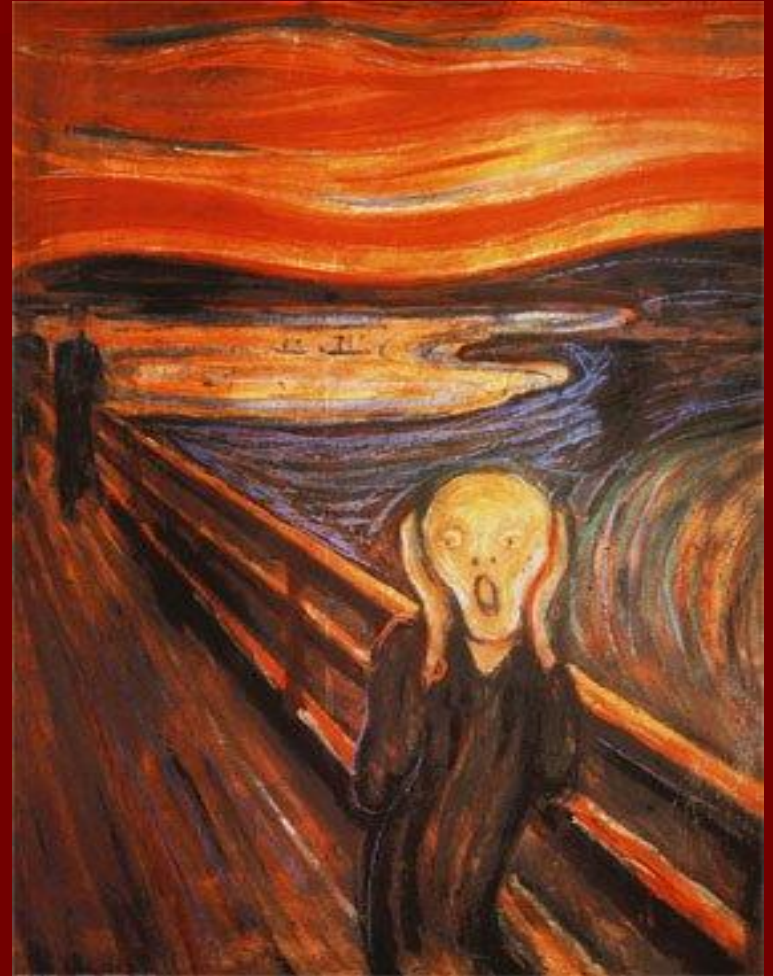
- **Yom = day**
- **Kippuar = pardon or condone**
- **Day of Atonement = Day of Covering**

Collective and Personal
At One Ment = Reconciliation

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■ Affliction Of Our Soul

The word “afflict” originates from the Hebrew term *anah*, which means to “abase or humble.”



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■ Humbling The Self & Fasting

- Psalm 35:13
- Psalm 69:10
- Esther 4:16
- Joel 2:12

The word “humbled” in this verse originated from the same word, *anah*, which was also translated “afflict” or “afflicted.”

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- **Leviticus 16:1-2; 16**
 - Not of our own choosing
 - God gives the Instruction / Rules; We do not determine the Instruction / Rules
 - The Temple is required to be clean



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- **Philippians 2:5-8**
 - Humbled Himself and Became Obedient to death
- **Matthew 6:16-18**
 - Instruction on How To Fast



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❖ **We Fast Because God Says So**

■ **Leviticus 23:26-32**

– **Commands Of How To Keep The Day of Atonement**

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❖ Some Battles Require Fasting and Prayer

■ Ephesians 2:1-6

- We struggle with Satan and Our Sin**
- We were dead by reason of our sins**
Ephesians 6:12

■ Matthew 17:14-21

- The Great Power of God required to overcome the Power of Satan**

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■ Isaiah 58:1-11

- There Are Right Ways and Wrong Ways To Fast**
- God Wants Us to Fast for Mercy**
- God Wants Us to Fast for Humility**
- God Wants Us to Fast for Reconciliation**

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■ Jonah 3:1-10

- Repentant Hearts**
- Seeking God's Integrity / Righteousness**
- God Responses With Mercy**

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Why Fast On The Day of Atonement?

- **To Know and Feel What We Are In Comparison to God**
- **Remind Us How Much We Need God**
- **God Is Life Inherent; He Is Self-Sustaining**
- **Our Weakness Becomes Apparent Through Sin – The Strength of God's Word Is Missing**
- **Outward Sign Of Our Seriousness In Repentance**
- **We are commanded by God**

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❖ Conclusion Of The Matter

- **Make Certain That We Do Not Offer
“Strange Fire” Before God**

- **1 Peter 1:13-16**

- **“Be Holy, for I Am Holy”**