



Revival Watch 10/12/2024 (REPENTANCE)

Yom Kippur – "The Day of Atonement"

Begins Oct 11, 2024 at sundown; ends at nightfall on Oct 12, 2024.

Traditionally our brothers and sisters of the Jewi-6sh faith spend this day in fasting and prayer including specific prayers of repentance.

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The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.
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Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob. **Psalms 24:3-6***

This week's prayer focus will follow this thought as we search our own hearts and repent for our personal sins and shortcomings. To repent for our sins as a body and finally our sins as a country.

What did He promise in the much repeated verse ***II Chronicles 7:14-16?***

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

Repentance is among the first steps to having our prayers heard and answered.

- *Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, **Acts 3:19***
- *From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." **Matthew 4:17***
- *And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **Acts 2:38***
- *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:9***
- *Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. **Proverbs 28:13***
- *Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. **Revelation 3:19***
- *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous, so that He will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:9***

If we consider these and the other verses mentioned above, scripture is quite clear on the importance of repentance. Let us then consider some examples of prayers of repentance.

- *So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed: “Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, 5we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. 6We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land. “Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame—the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you. We and our kings, our princes and our ancestors are covered with shame, Lord, because we have sinned against you. The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him; **Daniel 9:3-9***
- *Then, at the evening sacrifice, I rose from my self-abasement, with my tunic and cloak torn, and fell on my knees with my hands spread out to the Lord my God and prayed: “I am too ashamed and disgraced, my God, to lift up my face to you, because our sins are higher than our heads and our guilt has reached to the heavens. From the days of our ancestors until now, our guilt has been great. Because of our sins, we and our kings and our priests have been subjected to the sword and captivity, to pillage and humiliation at the hand of foreign kings, as it is today. “But now, for a brief moment, the Lord our God has been gracious in leaving us a remnant and giving us a firm place in his sanctuary, and so our God gives light to our eyes and a little relief in our bondage. **Ezra 9:5-8***
- *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.*

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;

so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.

Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God,

you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

May it please you to prosper Zion, to build up the walls of Jerusalem.

Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous, in burnt offerings offered whole;

*then bulls will be offered on your altar. **Psalm 61***

Personal Sin -

- Search your heart and ask the Lord to do thw same and reveal all known and unknown sin.
 - *Search me, God, and know my heart; Put me to the test and know my anxious thoughts; [24] And see if there is any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.*
- **Psalms 139:23-24**
- SPECIFIC SINS YOU MAY NEED TO REPENT FROM
 - Idolatry - Not that we actually worship something other than Him, but we prioritize other things above Him.
 - Sexual immorality - Pornography, Lust, Adultery
 - Hate - Hate the sin, love the sinners.
 - Wrong and Hurtful Words
 - Disobedience and Rebellion
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Sins Of the Body (Church)

- Apathy
- Complacence
- Compromise
- False Religion
- Judgemental
- Lack of Love and Compassion
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Sins of our Country

- Idolatry
- Witchcraft
- Sexual Immorality
- Abortion
- Rebellion
- Hate for one another
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