The Ultimate Nature

The Nature of the Sons of God!

- And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray
 God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved
 blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- SpiritPneuma (New Testament Greek)
- SoulPsuche (The mind, the intellect)
- BodySoma (The flesh)

This study reveals an aspect of Gods plan of redemption for mankind and explains how the day of Atonement ceremony, Yom Kippurim, prefigures Gods final solution for mans "sin nature".

This study will focus in more detail than the previous studies on the Atonement ceremony, and its role as Gods method to restore man from "Enowsh" mortal man, to the Second "Adam" (Jesus Christ)Son of God.

In doing so we will briefly review some necessary foundations to understanding the atonement ceremony. This includes understanding what the "Sin Nature" truly means.

What mans "Fall" really meant". And Gods original intent for "Adam" Mankind, Son of God.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

The original creation of mankind(see the sonship series studies) was as a three part being. Made up of a Spirit covering, Soul and Body. In Genesis chapter one we see Gods creation from nothing, "ex nihilo" of the soul.

In Genesis 1:26 we are told we were created in "his image". What does this mean? The bible tells us that God is a spirit (John 4:24). Therefore if we were created in his image we must have been created as a soul-spirit. In fact all who were ever going to be born were created at the same time. This may come as a shock to many people but if we take the bible literally, then that is the conclusion.

Genesis 2:1 ¶Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

The scripture plainly says that on the seventh day God "**ended**" his creative work (God will resume after the millennium, the symbolic "seventh day" when he creates a "new heaven and a new earth"). So if we don't take that literally it means that God is still creating new human souls every time a baby is born! In fact genesis 5 makes it plain that as souls, men and women were created the same day!

Creating.....

Gen 1.1 In the beginning God created...

Gen 1:21 And God created great whales...

Gen 1:27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

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Ge 5:2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

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Genesis chapter 2 describes the second phase of mans creation when God took a soul, created out of nothing, and placed it in a body that he had "formed". And God breathed the breath of life and man became a "living soul", That is why chapter 1 has the word "Bara", which refers to creation out of nothing of the soul or spirit of man, while chapter 2 refers to a body being **formed**, referring to the shaping of pre-existing matter and uses the word "yatsar", formed.

Forming.....

- Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground...
- Gen 2:8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

Job 33:6 Behold, I *am* according to thy wish in God's stead: I also am formed out of the clay.

Ecclesiastes 12:7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit(soul) shall return unto God who gave it.

This scripture clearly show that at death, the "Soul" or Spirit of man, returns to God. If it "returns" this means it was first sent i.e. the soul/spirit preexisted the formation of the body, and will continue to exist at the bodies death! The concept that the soul or spirit was created before the flesh is also hinted at in the following scripture

Jeremiah 1:4 ¶Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 5 <u>Before I formed thee [formed the flesh]</u> in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

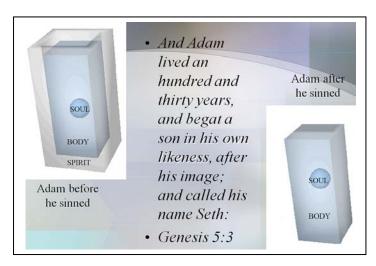
The Fall

As originally created, man was intended to rule. He was Gods greatest creation, the only being explicitly created in his image (see the sons of God study for more on this). A three part being comprised of a spirit covering, body, and soul, a son of God (Luke 3:38). Man was given dominion over the earth, and everything of a physical nature that was upon it.

Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Because of obeying Lucifer, man lost dominion over all of the physical creation. He lost dominion over the animals, they became wild, he lost control over nature, and finally and most importantly he lost dominion over his own body, the flesh. Paul the apostle writing in the epistle to the Romans explains the mechanism by which this loss occurred.

Romans 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?



After man had disobeyed God, death came into the world. Because the flesh now was under the dominion of Satan, God decided to allow the body to die and eventually return to the dust. So that all Lucifer would end up with as his prize would be dust.

Genesis 3:14 ¶And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

Ar-bi-trar-y Adj.

- 1.Determined by chance, whim, or impulse, and not by necessity, reason or principle:
- 2.Based on or subject to individual judgment or preference:
- 3. Established by a court or judge rather than by a specific law or statute:
- 4.Not limited by law, despotic:

The dust that the serpent was going to eat, was the body! That he now had dominion over. Instead of being immortal, as part of Gods original plan it would die, turn to dust! That's all Satan would end up with.

Surprising as it may seem, the death of the body/flesh was actually part of Gods plan to restore mankind to sonship.

Genesis 3:22 ¶And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest

he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

God is the most logical and **non-arbitrary** of beings. Meaning he never makes decisions on a whim, or by chance. Gods actions are all based upon the perfection of his attributes.

He is bound only by his nature, the consequence of this is that the creative acts (when God said "let there be") that God spoke into existence, could only act in a way that would ultimately increase perfection, so that by the end of the sixth day God could say "It was very good" (Genesis 1:31 more about this in an upcoming study "The Laws of perfection").

Some would say God created the laws, why could he not just change them? So that the consequences that the law demands would be Perfect In Justice Righteousness
Omniscience
Knows all that Can be Known Immittable
Perfect Holy Grace
Perfect In Love

lessened, or just not required. In other words why did Adam and subsequently mankind have to die? Why could he not do what happens at the end of the book of Revelation, fix creation by merely speaking perfection into existence again immediately after Adam sinned.

Send the second son(Jesus Christ) right then. And why did even Jesus have to suffer, Why crucifixion, why a blood atonement to satisfy the law? The full answers to these questions we will deal with in the next study "the Laws of perfection". But for now we can rest assured that because God is the most rational and logical of beings by definition, there were reasons that the Messiah could not come before the appointed time, and that the plan of salvation required the death of Jesus in just the manner that he died.

The proof of this is in the very words of Jesus. He said that anything that he asked the Father would be given him (john 11:42). Now by anything, its implied that "anything", means anything that was possible. Now we know, that there are very few impossibilities with God. In fact as previously stated God is only limited by his attributes, that must all operate in perfect harmony(Mercy, Justice, Love, Omnipotence, Omniscience, and many more that we cannot begin to understand). For example the bible states that it is impossible for God to lie.

Matthew 26:39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

"If it be possible". The fact that in the flesh, Jesus asked if it were possible to change the plan (not drink the cup), and yet he still had to go through the crucifixion, tells us something amazing! There was no other way possible! This means that the nature of this "impossibility" had to do with aspects of Gods own attributes (Since that is his only limitation). Gods attributes such as "perfect justice, mercy, love" etc must all be satisfied since

the spiritual perfection laws are a reflection of their creator. And just like the laws that proceed from God, Gods attributes are in perfect balance or conserved.

Although we may not be able to understand and comprehend the complete and total strategy of Gods plans and reasoning, What we can understand from what he has revealed of himself, is that by his very nature, God could not suddenly change his created laws, this would be the same as changing his word, changing his very nature!. And God cannot lie! Instead he devised a plan that would both satisfy his already given law/word and save the human sons that he loved.

Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

The spiritual law required death for each of us. If God had left it there, that would have been the end of it. Man would have died, and in so removing man from the universe, perfection would once again reign, as it did before man sinned. But because he loved us, he created a plan to satisfy the requirement of the spiritual law. Since it was originally "A son of God", who should have died completely, Spirit, body and soul. A son of God would die.

The Plan of redemption

The overall plan had to solve many problems. God had created untold numbers of human souls that he had planned to place into human bodies remember "be fruitful and multiply". These human bodies were going to be produced, because God had given man the ability and the command to procreate (the reproductive mechanism for the spirit covering and the body, but the soul was to come from God).

The sons and daughters born now would be incomplete, no longer a three part being, only a body and soul(no spirit covering which had died the very day that Adam and Eve sinned, remember they became naked), they would lack the dominion over their flesh since it now belonged to Satan, they would be sons of men, no longer sons of God and would further sin, break even more spiritual laws and because of the nature of the first sin, would carry the knowledge of sin, in other words guilt, since they now had the ability to recognize moral good from moral evil.

Genesis 8:21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more everything living, as I have done.

Gods plan was this. Replace the body that Satan had gained dominion of, let it die and turn to dust! Let death separate the soul from the body. Now a naked soul cannot remain in the physical realm. Neither could it come into Gods presence(heaven) because it had no spirit covering/body. So God had to find a way to stop the soul from dying, keep it alive until the law had been fully satisfied, and then place it in a new body, re-birthed with a spirit covering, the revelation of the new sons of God! Paul again lays it out in Romans 8 starting at verse 20:

Romans 8:20 For the creature was made subject to vanity(decay), not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

The timing of the absolutely brilliant plan that God devised for redemption depended on mans obedience to the command "be fruitful and multiply". This explains why he could not send the second son until enough of the souls he had already created had been born.

2 Corinthians 5:19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

In other words Gods timing of the incarnation depended on the rate of exhausting the inventory so to speak of all the souls he had created on the sixth day. If he came as the Son too early then some souls would never have the chance to be born and had no redeeming path because of Satan's plan to destroy mankind(the flood actually delayed Gods plan, because although it was necessary to purge the Nephilim, he had to start again!).

Mark 13:20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days

Because Gods original plan had called for the souls he created to be placed in a physical body, this step still had to go forward.

Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law.

This is part of the reason that God shortened man's lifespan from hundreds of years to "three score years and ten" (see part three of the sons of God series). By doing this God sped up the birth and death process so that eventually before the "end of all things" all the souls that should be born would be born, and thereby have the opportunity for redemption and salvation.

Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations(peoples....SOULS); and then shall the end come.

The plan called for the body that now belonged to Satan to die to be allowed to die. The second son would come and satisfy the cost of the redemption of the SOUL, not the present body. And the formation of a new glorious body!

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In the short(before Jesus came), the soul was still going to have to go to the grave(sheol). But through justification based upon faith, It would not be the place of torment(see the study on the three kingdoms), It was called "Abrahams bosom" In the old testament the phrase "Gathered to his people" indicated a righteous death. As opposed to the Phrase "cut off from his people" (see the three kingdoms study).

The short term problem was that mans remaining two part being was going to die. The spirit covering died with Adam, afterwards man's body became mortal, and then his soul would die in hell. The Soul/spirit was the most important part of mans nature. Because the soul is the unique, distinct part that contains our identity and consciousness.

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God is interested in your soul!

- James 5:20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.
- Mark 8:36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?
- Mark 8:37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
- Psalms 86:13 For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

Romans 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

Two Transactions

Two very important transactions happened when Adam and Eve sinned. Number one they broke a spiritual law. In other words they trespassed against God. Number two, they forfeited dominion over three areas.

- 1. Dominion of the Earth and of nature and the natural forces
- 2. Dominion over the animals and all living creatures
- 3. And most importantly they loss control and ownership of their earthly bodies.

The only part of their original three fold nature left in their control was there soul. This is because it was not physical in nature and never belonged to them in the first place so they could give it away. It belongs to God.

Ecclesiastes 12:7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit(soul) shall return unto God who gave it.

Because it was the physical creation that was given into mans dominion. "everything that moveth upon the face of the earth". Not the soul!

Ezekiel 18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

That is why paul wrote that we cannot be perfect in our flesh but we can be perfect in our intents and our desires(soul) if we let the spirit of God lead us.

The body needs to die!

Genesis 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.



Romans 7:22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man(soul)

Ephesians 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

While the body still lived, it could stay there. Once the body died it could not stay in the physical realm, it had to go to the place of the grave.

It was in the atonement ceremony that God modeled his final solution. All of the regular offerings only dealt with continuing sins and guilt. They did not address and could not address mans sin nature which was due to his flesh "sinful flesh(Romans 8:3) as the bible describes it. There

are a total of five types of offerings but we will discuss only those concerning sins.

- 1: The Burnt Offering ...for Justification dealt with the removal of guilt (and was usually offered with another offering)
- 2: The regular sin offering ...for the forgiveness of unintentional sin against God or his commandments.
- 3: The Trespass offering....for the forgiveness of sins against our fellowman

These offerings when given, provided temporary justification to the supplicant. But all men still died, proving that the full force of the law was only delayed, not stopped.

To fix the problem permanently we needed a new body.

Romans 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

God used the rituals and ceremonies of the old testament to prefigure both the partial and temporary solutions (the offerings), and his planned permanent solution modeled in the Yom Kippur or day of atonement ceremonies.

The key to the mystery of how the atonement ceremony models Gods final solution is understanding what they represent. From earlier in this study it has been shown that unredeemed man is now composed of two parts. The body and the soul. As we have previously outlined the body is "dead" because of sin and is controlled by Satan the one to whom it belongs (Romans 6:16). And as previously outlined it was God's plan to allow the body to die specifically because of who now had dominion over it.

The Atonement offering revealed! The high priest Pronounces all the Sin on the Goat sent to Azazel

- Leviticus 16:15 ¶Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat:
- Leviticus 16:21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all
- their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness:
- 22 And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.

The two goats comprise the ONE offering but represent THE BODY and THE SOUL. The ceremony itself represents the time of death when the body and soul are separated. All of THE SINS are pronounced on the Goat representing the body which at death takes away the sins to the one to whom the body belongs SATAN.

This will come as a surprise to many who have not researched the

Hebrew words used in the atonement ceremony as outlined in Leviticus 16. But the word translated in the King James version as the "SCAPEGOAT" is in fact a proper name in the Hebrew original. The name is AZAZEL.

Azazel

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Azazel (Hebrew: רמשנאל, Azazel, Aramaic: רמשנאל, [citation needed] Arabic: ביונט Azazil) is the enigmatic name of a character in Hebrew mythology found in the Hebrew scriptures and Apocrypha. The word's first appearance is in Leviticus 16, where a goat is designated "for Azazel" and outcast in the desert as part of Yom Kippur.

He is considered by many to be a supernatural being mentioned in connection with the ritual of the Day of Atonement (Lev. xvi.).

"Helel Ben Shackar", "son of the dawn" and is merely a title.

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Isaiah 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of

Isaiah 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

In fact Azazel may be Satan's proper name. Since Lucifer is the

Latin for light bearer derived from the Hebrew of Isaiah 14:12

The other goat which represents the soul, is killed and the blood is taken into the holy of holies representing the soul returning to the one who gave it. But now free of the sinful flesh, ready and waiting for the "redemption of the body" In other words at the resurrection of the dead we are going to get NEW BODIES! With a restored dominion!. Not subject to Satan's control and

perfect in obedience to God and his Laws!

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him: for we shall see him as he is.



This is the revelation of the atonement ceremony, the splitting of the soul from the body. In preparation for a new and glorious body like the resurrected Christ. A full son of God body.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul(Psuche) and spirit(Pneuma), and of the joints and marrow(Body), and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

But we all know as the writer of Hebrews says "the blood of bulls and goats could not take away sins" (Hebrews 10:4). The picture of the

atonement ceremony now becomes revealed and completed in Jesus Christ. Who was the ONE offering and allowed HIS FLESH to become sin. Just as the high priest in the old testament pronounced sin on the goat(body) to be sent to "Azazel". The high priest prophesied

John 11:51 And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation;

When Jesus died, he took our sins away in his flesh, ALL of our sins, to the place of judgment, Hell. And left them there!

Ephesians 4:9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

Matthew 12:40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

He broke the power of the curse of death and "shamed" Satan by implementing his plan to free us from his tyranny over our fleshly bodies!

Colossians 2:15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Romans 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

The second major revelation of this study is that the atonement ceremony is not finished! The proof of this is of course that we still die. There is a difference though now that Jesus has died those that are Christ's no longer go to the grave, but as souls wait in heaven for the completion of the ceremony. The redemption of the body.

Revelation 4:1 ¶After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

(See the study on the appointments). The seven feasts or appointments that God gave the Jews to keep, model literal future fulfillments. The feast of trumpets which models the rapture comes before the Day of atonement appointment(on the 1st of Tishri, ten days before the day of atonement). We see when John has a vision of Christ in revelation chapters 1 though 3, Jesus is standing among the candlesticks.

The candlesticks were located in the "Holy place" in the Temple and in the Tabernacle. Revelation chapter three contains commendations and admonitions for the churches. Clearly indicating that up to chapter three, the rapture has not taken place because there are "churches" at locations on earth!

During chapters one through three we see Christ acting in the role of our great high priest. He is in the holy place. This was the place that the priests went every day to offer incense (prayers) on the golden altar which is by the dividing line, the veil that separated the holy place from the most holy place. It is not till chapter four that scene shifts from Johns perspective when he hears "as it were of a trumpet" which said come up hither and I will show you things which must be hereafter!

The meaning and explanation of all of this is quite simple. From Christ's death on the cross until now, Christ has been symbolically fulfilling the daily role that was done by the priests offering up incense(prayers) on the golden altar on our behalf. This is the reason that we can still find forgiveness even when we sin.

Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

1 John 2:1 ¶My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

It's not till after the rapture (the feast of trumpets) does the day of atonement (the real and final ceremony) happen in the real temple...Heaven. Now on the day of atonement all of Israel gathered about the tabernacle to witness God's forgiveness of their sins. They waited as the High priest went in alone behind the veil with the blood first of a bull for his own sins and then later with the goats for the atonement offering. It's when he came out the second time after offering the goats blood on the altar of incense and then on the ark of the covenant and then finally on the ground before the ark, he would pronounce for the first time the name of God over the prostrate people... And their sins would be forgiven or pushed back till the next year.

Notice in revelation chapter four the multitude that is gathered around to see the final ceremony. The lamb(a kid of the goats, notice the horns: see the study on the offerings). This ceremony happens ONCE at the end of the age!

Hebrews 9:26 For then must be often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world(Greek Eon or age) bath be appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

The king James translation does not bring out the full meaning. In the Greek the words translated end of the world are actually **end of the age** (Greek: eon age or era). This happens in heaven and when it does. There will be no more opportunity for repentance. As stated in the study on the offerings, chapters four through eight of revelation are in fact a description of the atonement ceremony.

The clue is that only on the day of atonement was blood brought behind the veil into either the holy place or the holy of holies. The blood of the daily sacrifices were sprinkled on the ground and on the first veil outside the holy place. The Golden altar only had incense on it except on the day of atonement (Leviticus 16:14-19: compare to Revelation 8:5-7).

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Revelation 21:5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

The ultimate nature then is that we get to be Sons of God, restored to the full dominion that Adam and Eve lost!