

Start the New Year with a Renewed Mind

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“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:2, ESV)

Introduction

God the Creator taught the Jews how to start a new year. Today, let's open the book of Leviticus, and consider how we should start it.

1. Worship

- A. Trumpets/Shofars (Leviticus 23:23-24; See also Exodus 19:19-20, Isaiah 27:13)
- B. Offerings (Leviticus 23:25; See also Romans 12:1)

2. Repentance

- A. Self-affliction/Self-denial (Leviticus 16:29-31, 23:26-27)
- B. Atonement made by the priest (Leviticus 16:32-34, 26:28)

3. Thanksgiving

- A. Produce of the land (Leviticus 23:39-41)
- B. Life in booths (Leviticus 23:42-43)

For our prayers, study, discussion, and application

1. What do you think is the most important in worship?
2. Do you have anything you want to repent of now?
3. What do you give thanks for now?

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