

Leviticus 8,9

12-14-00

“We are Priests serving under our High Priest!”

1. **Intro:**

- 1.1. This new section describes all the specifics of priestly duties.
 - 1.1.1. What to wear, how to prepare, which animals to sac, & how to offer them, where to stand, what to say, what to drink, what to eat...**A very intimidating job description!**
 - 1.1.2. Ch. 10 shows us what happened when these laws were taken **lightly** by 2 of Aaron’s sons.
 - 1.1.2.1. “God has never taken Worship lightly & neither should we!”¹
- 1.2. Great stress is laid on all of this as “coming **from God**”, not man!
 - 1.2.1. Vs.1,4,5,9,13,17,21,29,34-36.
 - 1.2.2. Every detail again is in some way symbolical. – As God does nothing w/o purpose.
 - 1.2.3. God lets us clearly know what his purposes are for us!
 - 1.2.3.1. We must ask the same question today as was asked in **Rom.4:3**, “**For what does the Scripture say?**”
 - 1.2.3.2. God hasn’t left us in the dark.
- 1.3. **Key word** – Altar (23 x’s in ch. 8,9).
 - 1.3.1. W/o an **altar**, no **sacrifice**, no sacrifice **can’t approach** a Holy God.
 - 1.3.2. Plus there must be a holy **priesthood** to serve at the altar.
 - 1.3.2.1. In the OT, God’s people **had** a priesthood.
 - 1.3.2.2. In the NT, God’s people **are** a priesthood.
 - 1.3.3. **Read** – **1 Pet.2:5,9** – We are a holy priesthood, a royal priesthood.
 - 1.3.3.1. Since we are a **priest**, we don’t need any other to mediate for us on earth, except our High Priest.
 - 1.3.3.2. **Jesus** is our **High Priest** we serve under! (Heb.7)
- 1.4. **Outline:** A day of **Dedication**(8:1-30); began a **week** of **Consecration** (31-36); which concluded w/**a day** of sacrificing(9:1-21); **ending** w/**Aaron’s Blessings**(9:22,23a) & **God’s Accepting**(9:23b,24).

2. **A DAY OF DEDICATION! (8:1-30)**

- 2.1. **WHAT MADE THE PRIESTS ACCEPTABLE TO GOD?** (9:1-5)
 - 2.1.1. Washing; Clothing; Anointing; & Redeeming!
 - 2.1.1.1. Exactly the same 4 with us today!

2.2. [1] WASHING! (6)

2.2.1. They were once washed **all over**(here) – after that their **hands & feet** only. (Ex.30:17-20)

2.2.2. We believers were once for all washed!

2.2.2.1. **Rev.1:5b,6** “To Him(Jesus Christ) who loved us and **washed us** from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and **priests**(made us to be a kingdom and priests) to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

2.2.2.2. Now we must just clean our feet. **Jn.13:10** “A person who has had a **bath** needs only to **wash his feet**; his whole body is clean.”(NIV)

2.2.3. God’s uses His word to cleanse us!

2.2.3.1. **Ps.119:9** “How can a young man **cleanse** his way? By taking heed according to **Your word**.”

2.2.3.2. **Jn.15:3** “You are already **clean** because of the **word** which I have spoken to you.”

2.2.3.3. **Eph.5:26** “that He(Jesus) might sanctify and cleanse her(church) with the **washing of water by the word**,”

2.3. [2] CLOTHING! (7-9)

2.3.1. **Look at** - Priest clothing hand out! (great job print shop)

2.3.1.1. **Note:** Priest garb & high Priest garb.

2.3.1.2. Articles of clothing: Tunic, sash, robe, ephod, breastplate, Urim/Thummim, Turban, the Gold Plate!

2.3.1.3. The **Gold Plate** – “Holiness to the Lord”

2.3.1.3.1. Oh, that our **Christian Jewelry & apparel** would be worn as such...“**Holiness to the Lord!**”

2.3.2. **Read - Is.61:10** (note: clothed me, covered me, priests analogy)

2.3.3. **Mt.22:11,12** - Parable of the wedding feast.

2.3.3.1. “But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who **did not have on a wedding garment**. "So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here **without a wedding garment?**' And he was speechless.”

2.3.4. **Rom.13:14** “But **put on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.”

¹ Swindoll

2.4. [3] ANOINTING! (10-13)

2.4.1. The anointing oil is a symbol of **the Spirit of God** who has anointed each believer.

2.4.1.1. **2 cor.1:21,22** “Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has **anointed** us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”

2.4.1.2. **1 Jn.2:20,27** “But you have an **anointing** from the Holy One,... But the **anointing** which you have received from Him abides in you,”

2.4.2. **Charles Pfeifer** says, “For ordinary priests, oil was smeared w/the finger on the forehead. For the High Priest, it was poured on his head.

2.4.2.1. **Example: Ps.133:1,2** “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!

It is like the **precious oil** upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments.

2.5. [4] REDEEMING! (14-30)

2.5.1. We are obviously redeemed by all the **blood sacrifices & blood applications**.

2.5.1.1. **1 Pet.1:18,19a** “knowing that you were not **redeemed** with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the **precious blood** of Christ,”

2.5.2. **(22) Consecration** = (lit.) “to fill up”.

2.5.2.1. “**Fill up**” – i.e. “some was placed in his hands to wave & later eat (get filled up).

2.5.2.2. This is the **ordination service** or **installation service** for the Aaronic priesthood.

2.5.3. **(23,24) Blood on right ear, hand, foot?**

2.5.3.1. This suggests consecration(dedicate, make holy)of these faculties to God.

2.5.3.2. They were set apart to: **ear /Hear God’s voice; hand /Do God’s work; & foot /Walk in His ways!**

2.5.3.3. **Take a personal assessment! – Q: How are you doing in all 3?**

2.5.3.3.1.[1] Are you **listening?** Really Listening?

2.5.3.3.2.[2] Are you involved in Gods **work?** What is that work?

2.5.3.3.3.[3] How is your **walk** with Jesus? Was it pleasing to Him today?

3. **A WEEK OF CONSECRATION! (8:31-36)**

3.1. Abiding! – not go outside 7 days.

4. **A DAY OF SACRIFICING! (9:1-21)**

4.1. Sacrificing! – Read vs.1-4

4.2. (1-14) was the **Priests** offerings.

4.3. (15-21) was the **Peoples** offerings.

4.4. We don't sacrifice animal's today, but we do have our own sacrifices.

4.4.1. Our **Bodies** - Rom.12:1,2.

4.4.2. The **Praise** of our lips - Heb.13:15.

4.4.3. The **Good Works** we do for others - Heb.13:16.

4.4.4. The **Money & Material** things we share w/others – Phil.4:10-20(esp.18).

4.4.5. Even the **people we win to Christ** are sacrifices for His Glory – Rom.15:16.

5. **AARON'S BLESSINGS! (9:22-23a)**

5.1. **2 BLESSINGS!** (22,23a)

5.1.1. One of the privileges of the high priest was that of **blessing** the people.

5.1.1.1. His 1st day he gives 2. – (1 alone, 1 w/Moses)

5.1.1.2. A **Benediction** (bene/well – dicere/speak) - An invocation of blessing.

5.1.2. **1st blessing most likely Numb.6:22-27.**

5.1.2.1. It was after the sacrifices reminding us "all blessings come because of the finished work of the sacrifice of the cross.

5.1.3. **2nd blessing was when the came out of the tabernacle of meeting.**

5.1.3.1. Showing we must be in fellowship w/God & one another if we're to be a blessing to others.

6. **GOD'S ACCEPTING! (9:23b-24)**

6.1. **GLORY APPEARING!** (23b)

6.1.1. **The glory of the Lord appeared** – which is the **purpose** of the sacrifice & service.

6.2. **God's glory had appeared:**

6.2.1. **1]** When **Moses** finished the **Tabernacle**.

6.2.2. **2]** His glory **left** the tabernacle in **1 Sam. 4:21** because of the sin of the people.

6.2.2.1. "She(Phinehas' wife) named the child **Ichabod**, saying, "**The glory has departed from Israel!**" because the ark of God had been."

- 6.2.3. **3]** It later **appeared** when **Solomon** dedicated the **Temple**.
- 6.2.4. **4]** It later **left** when **Ezekiel** watched it depart because the nation was so sinful. (Ez.8:4; 9:3; 10:4,18; 11:22,23)
 6.2.4.1. **Ez.9:3** “Now **the glory of the God** of Israel had gone up from the cherub,”
- 6.2.5. **5]** It later **appeared** when **Jesus** was born Lk.2:8,9 “Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and **the glory of the Lord shone around them**, and they were greatly afraid.”
 6.2.5.1. It also tabernacled with him **Jn.1:14** “And the Word became flesh and dwelt(tabernacled) among us, and we beheld His **glory**, the **glory** as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”
- 6.2.6. **6]** Today His glory **dwells in the bodies of his people!**
 6.2.6.1. **1 Cor.6:19** “Or do you not know that **your body** is the temple of the **Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God,**”
 6.2.6.2. **[6a]** Also, to the **local assemblies** (Corinth) – 1 Cor.3:16,17.
 6.2.6.3. **[6b]** The **church collectively** – Eph.2:19-22
 6.2.6.4. **[6c]** 1 day **the light in the heavenly city** – Rev.21:22,23.
- 6.3. **Q:** Can people say of our worship, “**God is truly among you?**”
 6.3.1. **1 Cor.14:24,25** “But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that **God is truly among you.**”
- 6.4. **FIRE CONSUMING!** (24a)
 6.4.1. Assurance He was there among them & with them.
 6.4.2. **He is a consuming fire!**
 6.4.2.1. He could have consumed the people instead!
 6.4.2.2. Reminding us of the wrath of God that fell upon His Son, rather than on us
- 6.5. **PEOPLE RESPONDING!** (24b)
 6.5.1. Paradoxical response:
 6.5.1.1. (NIV) “they **shouted for joy and fell facedown.**”
 6.5.2. **Q:** How should I come before the Lord to worship?
 6.5.3. **Q:** Should I come w/**fear** or **Joy**?
 6.5.3.1. Both! - Joyful & overwhelmed!
 6.5.3.2. **Ps.2:11** “Serve the LORD with **fear**, And **rejoice with trembling.**”
 6.5.3.3. These are **2 attitudes** that should **balance** each other!
- 6.6. **Wrap up:**
 6.6.1. **Our lives should be lived like priests in a temple!**
 6.6.1.1. Each was expected to be holy.
 6.6.1.2. Each had their own jobs to perform.
 6.6.1.3. Each had to work together w/the other priests.