

## Session #8: “DEDICATING THE PRIESTS” — Leviticus 8:1-36

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes and outline to commentaries on Leviticus by David Hocking, Pastor Chuck Smith, J. Vernon McGee and Jon Courson.

- \*\*\*\*\*Questions: What do the terms, laver in *Ex. 30:17-21* and washing in *Eph. 5:25-27* have in common?
- Do you believe the water, mentioned in the cleansing, represents the Word of God?
- Have you been anointed with the oil of God? If yes, do you think you have time off from serving Him?
- Are you careful of what you listen to? Of what your hands touch? Of where you walk?
- Seven days God worked them over. Do you need to be worked over a little more?
  
- As we look back at the six sacrifices, we could note the portrayal of the life of Christ from His baptism to His Crucifixion:
- In the burnt offering, we see Christ's baptism, for both speak of total dedication.
- In the meal offering, we see Jesus being tempted, for both show an absence of leaven, an absence of sin.
- In the drink offering, we see Jesus being poured out.
- In the peace offering, we see Jesus embarking on public ministry, for both proclaim, speak of the good tiding of the gospel.
- At the Cross, we see the sin and trespass offerings, as Jesus died not only for our sin nature, but also for our specific acts of sin.
  
- ✓ However for us, as living the life of the believer, the sacrifices are illustrated in reverse order:
- ✓ A person gets saved when he realizes he has trespassed. Then he discovers he sins because he's a sinner, because he has a sin nature.
- ✓ He confesses his sins, asks the Lord into his life, and communes with God through the peace offering—at the Lord's Table.
- ✓ Then he says, “Refine me, Lord. Take out the lumps and the leaven in my life.”
- ✓ And finally he says, “Don't only sift me, but consume me, Lord. I'm laying my life down as a burnt offering. I want to be consumed by you.”

The theme of the book is a “**CALL TO HOLINESS**” and it is divided into two parts: Chapters 1-16 emphasize that the **WAY TO GOD IS BY SACRIFICE**, while chapters 17-27 emphasize that OUR **WALK WITH GOD IS BY SANCTIFICATION**.

In chapters 1-7, we have the **REQUIREMENTS** FOR SACRIFICE, and in chapters 8-10, we have the **REGULATIONS** FOR THE PRIESTS.

Chapter 8 - THE **ANOINTING** OF THE PRIESTS

Chapter 9 - THE **APPEARANCE** OF THE LORD

Chapter 10 - THE **ACCEPTANCE** OF THEIR OFFERINGS

The **ANOINTING** of the PRIESTS - Chapter 8 *cf. Ex. 19:6; Heb 8:1; 1 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 1:6, 5:10. As sinners, we need a sacrifice, as believers, we need a High Priest. We have both in Jesus, the Lamb of God and our Great High Priest!*

### ❖ 1A. IT WAS A PUBLIC **CEREMONY** - 3

*“gather thou all the congregation together”*

*cf. Acts 13:1-3; 16:1-3; 1 Timothy 4:14*

Examples of public gatherings: Numbers 20:8; 21:16; 1 Chronicles 13:5; 15:3; Nehemiah 8:1; Psalm 22:22, 25

### ❖ 2A. IT WAS A SPECIFIC **COMMAND** OF THE LORD - 4-5

Twenty times in these three chapters (8-10) we find the word “*commanded*”

### ❖ 3A. IT WAS A SPECIAL **CLEANSING** - 6

*“washed them with water” Ex. 30:17-21; There is no more important thing in our daily ministry for a priest to do than to cleanse himself—have you been to the laver lately? John 13:1-10; We need to wash our feet! Psalm 119:9; John 15:3; Eph. 5:25-27; Titus 3:5; Heb. 10:22; 1 John 1:9; (washing, in the Greek, is the same word as*

“laver” in Leviticus.) When sin is not forgiven and cleansed, our hearts grow cold and withdraw from worship.

❖ **4A. IT INVOLVED THE UNIQUE CLOTHING OF THE HIGH PRIEST - 7-9**

Exodus 28 Our clothing - (*Urim and Thummim*) - “lights” and “perfections” *Psalm 19:7-8* ( to begin and to end. The Word is Thummim. It is also Urim!) It enlightens my life that I can see the way He sees! *Isaiah 61:3, 10* “He has anointed Me! Anointed with oil! “The oil of joy for mourning”! When you have God’s anointing, you have joy even when in difficult circumstances. The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Mt. 11:28; *Is. 61:10*; Self esteem, love of self leads us nowhere!

❖ **5A. IT INCLUDED THE CONSECRATION (qadash-make clean) OF SACRED ANOINTING OIL - 10-12**

Special oil - *Exodus 30:22-23*; *Psalm 133* – The blessing of unity. Have you been anointed with the oil of God? *1 Jn. 2:20*; It controls what they can or cannot do - *Lev. 10:7*; “You shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle, lest you die”! *Lev. 21:10-12* Is your number one objective to worship and praise the LORD? *John 4:24*

❖ **6A. IT INVOLVED THE COATS AND CAPS OF THE SONS OF AARON – 13**

A little less than the High Priest! Just tunics and hats—no elaborate garments! Is not only our Savior and High Priest worthy to wear the beautiful elaborate garments? Cf. *Romans 13:14*

❖ **7A. IT NECESSITATED THE CONFESSION OF SIN BY THE SIN OFFERING 14-17**

Cf. *Ps. 40:12*; *Proverbs 28:13*; *Heb. 5:1-2* He can have compassion on those – subject to weakness. The Sin Offering – what Christ did for us.

❖ **8A. IT EMPHASIZED THE COMMITMENT OF THE PRIESTS TO THE LORD 18-21** The Burnt Offering – Who Christ is! A sign of total commitment to the LORD. Cf. *Romans 12:1-2*. Have you really committed your all to the LORD?

❖ **9A. IT PICTURED THE TOTAL CONSECRATION OF THE PRIESTS TO THE LORD’S SERVICE - 22-29**

- 1B. It affects the WORD they hear “*the tip of their right* (the activity & authority side) *ear*” It affects the word that we hear! (To hear and what we allow to come to our ears-a part of the Christian life.)
- 2B. It affects their WORK “*the thumbs of their right hands*” It affects the work that they do. Thumbs were so important! Our hands need to be cleansed to do His work. Is there anything that you’re doing right now that is displeasing to the LORD? If so, time to get it out, get it cleansed!! I confess and ask for Your help!
- 3B. It affects their WALK before the Lord “*upon the great toes of their right foot*” It affects your walk, where you walk. Is there a need to cleanse where you are walking? Is there anywhere you’re walking that you shouldn’t be?

❖ **10A. IT TOOK THE CONTENTS OF THE OIL AND BLOOD AND SPRINKLED THE GARMENTS OF THE PRIESTS - 30**

It took both the contents to accomplish what was needed -- “blood” = atonement/forgiveness; “oil” = anointing – The garments stained by the oil and the blood! We still need the anointing of the Holy Spirit and the wonderful healing power of forgiveness -cleansing power of His blood. Cf. *John 17:19*

❖ **11A. IT WAS A CHARGE OF THE LORD THAT LASTED FOR SEVEN DAYS - 31-36** What a celebration!

No time off. They were to stay there seven days! Why seven days? No micro oven quickness here? Seven days God worked them over. Do you need to be worked over a little more? Cf. *Ps. 51:7*; Whatever it takes!! *2 Cor. 7:1* Are you ever too quick to run from the presence of God instead of pouring it all out? *Heb. 4:16*; *Ps. 139:23-24*; Cleanse us LORD, that we might worship YOU in Spirit and in Truth!