

Out of Bondage onto Promise

Exodus 29:1-46

- We have looked at the Tabernacle, the Ark of the Covenant and now the Priesthood, we read last week that before the Priest could minister to the people they first must be ministered to by the Lord. Now we're going to see that concept developed even further for in this chapter we'll read that **"its not the preparation for the ministry but consecration to the ministry that's important"**. Many wrongly think if you go to a prestigious seminary or divinity school then that automatically qualifies you for ministry but that is not the case according to scripture.
- For its not the amount of time that one spends in the development of their theology that prepares and readies them to pour into people's lives and hearts, it's the time they've spent allowing the Lord to break them of their pride and self-assuredness that lets them help in the healing of a broken heart, as academia gives you the knowledge, surrender gives us the heart.

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- **V1-4** we see all ministry is to the Lord first, and before ministry occurs consecration is needed, in this God tells Moses what Aaron and his sons needed to do which is show up V4. Neither Aaron or his sons had done nothing to deserve this calling, yet God called them to it, and all He told them to do is come to the door, we saw this in Jn 10:7 as Jesus is the door for the NT Church.
- When someone brings you to church, shows you the scriptures, and you receive it, you did nothing to deserve it, and yet God provided everything for your salvation, sanctification, and service unto Him. **1Tim 1:12**- Paul told Timothy that he did nothing for his salvation, enablement, faithfulness, and ministry, that it was all God Who counted him faithful not because of his faithfulness, for it was God's faithfulness and mercy that made Paul trustworthy.
- **V5-9** after being cleansed the Priest had to be clothed but not in his own clothes, he had to put on the garments given to by God > **1Cor 1:30**, and **Rev 3:5**- says like these Priests every believer is also clothed but in Jesus Christ and His Righteousness which is why we'll wear white garments in glory. To serve the Priest must be anointed in oil having it poured upon his head, for us in the **NT** we also must be anointed by the Holy Spirit poured out upon us that we won't do anything in our own strength but by the power and authority of God Himself > **1Jn 2:20**.
- **V10-14** here is the first of three sacrifices for the ordination service, again notice all this happens before true ministry occurs > **Math 16:24** says without sacrifice there can be no authentic ministry. Aaron and his sons place their hands on the head of the animal signifying that they acknowledge their sin and identify with the need for forgiveness.
- Which is why before I can serve, I first must deny myself for if I cannot put my own flesh under subjection how can I teach or minister to others? The answer is I can't, which is why we see so many problems within the church today, its no power, but mainly performance.

- **V15-18** following the sin offering comes the burnt offering signifying total devotion to God, the first offering dealt with sin, this offering with service, the third offering will be the peace offering which deals with sanctification. Sin , Service, Sanctification, all play a pivotal part in how God uses a person for His glory, this is why for the Priest this was done before he performed any duties. Unlike the other offerings which both worshipper and Priest ate the burnt offering was fully consumed upon the altar, this proved total surrender to the Lord in order to please the Lord
- **V19-21** they applied the blood upon the right ear, right thumb, and right big toe, for the **Ear**-consecrated to hearing the Word of God, **Thumb**- is dedicated to doing the work of God, **Toe**- is consecrated to walking in the ways of God. **V22-28** the wave offering comes once the Priests have consecrated themselves, now they are fit to come to the Lord and give thanks for His blessings. This also is called the heave offering or peace offerings as it acknowledges all that the Lord has done in blessing and providing for the people throughout the year.
- **V29-37** the Lord told Moses how Aaron and the Priests were to pass down the Priesthood to the later generations and the consecration ceremony was not quick or easy but a time of reflection, awareness, ad atonement. No one outside of the Priesthood or Israel could participate in the ceremony, and none can be left overnight. In the NT we don't have to come from the lineage of Aaron to be Priests of God, all that is required is to surrender to Jesus Christ **1Pet 2:5, 2:9**.
- **V38-46** the Priests ministered to God daily which meant they had to keep short accounts with God personally for their own sanctification. In doing this it pleased the Lord becoming a sweet smelling aroma to Him, in the NT were told in **Eph 5:1-2** that our obedience produces the same thing. In these daily sacrifices we see **Meat, Oil, and Wine**, for us when we feed on the meat of the Word, mixed in with the Oil of gladness-Holy Spirit, we experience the Joy-wine, of the Lord.