

Exodus 29

Grace

- Priestly preparation to serve the Lord

NOTE: Preparation was done to the Priest and not by the priest..

I. Priestly Consecration

- God still instructing Moses on the mountain

1 "And this is what you shall do **to them** to hallow them for ministering to Me as priests:

- **Purpose of what follows:** Set the priests apart for God's use

1b...Take one young bull and two rams without blemish, 2 and unleavened bread, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil (you shall make them of wheat flour).

- **One bull/two rams "without blemish":** Set apart by shedding of blood
- **Unleavened Bread/Oil:** Set apart for fellowship, Required for fellowship with God...
 1. **Unleavened Bread:** Emptied of sin/repentance [leaven picture of sin]
 2. **Oil:** Filled with Holy Spirit/ anointed for His work

3 You shall put them in one basket and bring them in the basket, with the bull and the two rams.4 "And Aaron and his sons you shall bring to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and you shall wash them with water.

- **Washing Priests:** Speaks of **Regeneration**
 1. Salvation/Born-Again/Death-Life/Darkness-Light
 2. Can only be done **apart from us**
 3. **NOTE:** "You" shall wash them [Priests] with water

It is Jesus who cleanses us

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might **sanctify and cleanse her** with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, **not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.**

**Jesus removes/washes the filth of our old life through regeneration.
Not rehabilitated but re-made. Brand new Spiritual DNA**

Titus 3:3 [Read] For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. 4 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 **not by works of righteousness which we have done**, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the **washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit**, 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 that having been justified by His grace

we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

- **NOTE:** Washing took place in public; a humbling experience

Romans 10:9 ...if you **confess with your mouth** the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

- **Aaron and his sons are washed;** i.e. do not wash themselves

5 Then you shall take the garments, put the tunic on Aaron, and the robe of the ephod, the ephod, and the breastplate, and gird him with the intricately woven band of the ephod. 6 You shall put the turban on his head, and put the holy crown on the turban.

- **You shall** clothe them with the Priestly Garments

God's Work. We can't cloth ourselves with attributes of God...we must be clothed

1. Holiness
2. Humility
3. Strength
4. Courage
5. Righteousness

Psalms 132:9 Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, And let Your saints shout for joy.

- **Clothed with Righteousness and Salvation:** God's work not ours

Isaiah 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For **He has clothed me with the garments of salvation**, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

- **Any good** we have/do is a gift of God...

Revelation 3:5 He who overcomes shall **be clothed** in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

Revelation 19:8 [To the Bride of Christ] **it was granted** to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

- **Paraphrase:** Priests do not dress themselves. Do not anoint themselves..

7 And you shall take the anointing oil, pour it on his head, and anoint him. 8 Then you shall bring his sons and put tunics on them.

- Anointing Oil poured on Priests head
- **Holy Spirit work among believers...**

Psalms 133:1 [Read] [David] Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For **brethren to dwell together in unity!** 2 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. 3 It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the Lord commanded the blessing— Life forevermore.

- **Anointing Oil speaks of the Unity of the Holy Spirit:**
- **Spirit binds** Us, God and Others together. **God's desire...**

Ephesians 4:2...with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bear... with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the **unity of the Spirit** in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling...

- **Unity of the Spirit:** Knowing our need. Ground Level at foot of the cross
- **Fellowship of Believers:** Oil also speaking of **Joy...**

1 John 1:3 ...that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

- Again not self-applied/self-anointed **but a Gift...**

Luke 11:12 [If your son] asks for an egg, will [you] offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the **Holy Spirit** to those who ask Him!

- **Anointing Oil:** Unity of the Spirit; Us, God, Fellow believers all over the world

9 And you shall gird them with sashes, Aaron and his sons, and put the hats on them. The priesthood shall be theirs for a perpetual statute. So you shall consecrate Aaron and his sons.

- **You shall** dress the priests with garments provided

**Wedding feast: Only one thrown out provided his own garments;
I.e. Self-Righteousness** [religion]

- **Perpetual State:** No term limits for Priests unless disobedient

10 "You shall also have the bull brought before the tabernacle of meeting, and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands on the head of the bull. 11 Then you shall kill the bull before the Lord, by the door of the tabernacle of meeting. 12 You shall take some of the blood of the bull and put it on the horns of the altar with your finger, and pour all the blood beside the base of the altar. 13 And you shall take all the fat that covers the entrails, the fatty lobe attached to the liver, and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, and burn them on the altar. 14 But the flesh of the bull, with its skin and its offal, you shall burn with fire outside the camp. **It is a sin offering.**

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to **forgive** us our sins and to **cleanse** us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

1. Consecration though **Washing/Cleansing**

2. Consecration though **Sacrifice: Sin Offering for forgiveness**

Priest placed hands on the **Bull** about to be sacrificed
Symbolically transferred their sin to the bull

- **Bull speaking of Beast of Burden:** Jesus living the life for us. Servant.
- Sin offering followed by the **Burnt Offering:** Jesus dying the death for us...

15 "You shall also take one ram, and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands on the head of the ram; 16 and you shall kill the ram, and you shall take its blood and sprinkle it all around on the altar. 17 Then you shall cut the ram in pieces, wash its entrails and its legs, and put them with its pieces and with its head. 18 And you shall burn the whole ram on the altar. It is a burnt offering to the Lord; it is a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the Lord.

Priests now place hands on **Ram** about to be sacrificed
Symbolically transferred their sin to the bull

"We have failed to give our all to God. This animal now gives its all to atone for our failure, and we decide to live now giving our all, even as this animal who dies in our place." [Guzic]

- **Jesus dying the death for us:** Completely Consumed

Ephesians 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

- When we die to ourselves and share the Gospel, **God...**

2 Corinthians 2:14 [Read] ...through us [God] diffuses the **fragrance** of His knowledge in every place. 15 For we are to God the **fragrance of Christ** among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. 16 To the one we are the **aroma of death** leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life.

Smell of the Ram:

Sweet smelling aroma to God and to those whose sin was being dealt with

- Next the consecration offering...**Blood**

19 "You shall also take the other ram, and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands on the head of the ram. 20 Then you shall kill the ram, and take some of its blood and put it on the tip of the right ear of Aaron and on the tip of the right ear of his sons, on the thumb of their right hand and on the big toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood all around on the altar.

- **Blood:** Life of the animal needed for consecration
- **Blood:** Life of Jesus needed for our consecration

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the **blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

Again: Blood not applied to self. We cannot consecrate ourselves...try as we might

Isaiah 64:6 But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousness is like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

- **Applied** to RIGHT ear, hand, foot. Best side for most; i.e. giving our best

21 And you shall take some of the blood that is on the altar, and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it on Aaron and on his garments, on his sons and on the garments of his sons with him; and he and his garments shall be hallowed, and his sons and his sons' garments with him.

- **Blood mixed with Oil:** Speaks of Jesus cleansing of an existence without purpose

Hebrews 9:13 ...if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, **cleanse your conscience from dead works** to serve the living God?

- **Blood and Oil:** Jesus cleanses us of the things we were ashamed of/old life

Blood cleanses us from stink of sin/Anointing oil gives us the sweet smell of Christ

Romans 6:20 ...when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

- **So far: Priestly Consecration**

1. Washing
2. Dressing
3. Anointing with Oil
4. Sin Offering: Sin Transfer; Jesus living the life for us. Bull; Beast of Burden
5. Burnt Offering: Sin Transfer; Jesus dying the death for us; Ram

Genesis 22:8 [Abraham to Isaac] **God will provide Himself a burnt offering**

6. **Blood and Oil:** Cleansing of sin and Sweetness of Spirit. **ALL from Jesus**

- **Next: The Wave Offering**

22 "Also you shall take the fat of the ram, the fat tail, the fat that covers the entrails, the fatty lobe attached to the liver, the two kidneys and the fat on them, the right thigh (for it is a ram of consecration), 23 one loaf of bread, one cake made with oil, and one wafer from the basket of the unleavened bread that is before the Lord; 24 and you shall **put all these in the hands** of Aaron and in the hands of his sons, and you shall **wave them as a wave offering before the Lord**. 25 You shall receive them back from their hands and **burn them on the altar as a burnt offering**, as a sweet aroma before the Lord. It is an offering made by fire to the Lord. 26 "Then you shall take

the breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration and wave it as a wave offering before the Lord; and it shall be your portion. 27 And from the ram of the consecration you shall consecrate the breast of the wave offering which is waved, and the thigh of the heave offering which is raised, of that which is for **Aaron and of that which is for his sons.** 28 It shall be from the children of Israel for Aaron and his sons by a statute forever. For it is a heave offering; it shall be a heave offering from the children of Israel from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, that is, their heave offering to the Lord.

- **Ram 2:** Same as used to apply blood now as a wave/heave offering
 1. Parts of Ram considered best
 2. Bread
 3. Cake
 4. Wafer
- First waved then burned symbol of total devotion to the Lord
- Remainder of Ram now given to Priests to eat
- **Consecration Outward and Internally:**
 1. Sacrifice applied outwardly on right ear, hand, foot
 2. Sacrifice ingested inwardly as they ate the remainder

John 6:54 Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 For My flesh is food indeed,[h] and My blood is drink indeed. 56 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. 57 As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.

- **Intimate relation with the Lord:** Not following at a distance

29 "And the holy garments of Aaron shall be his sons' after him, to be anointed in them and to be consecrated in them. 30 That son who becomes priest in his place shall put them on for seven days, when he enters the tabernacle of meeting to minister in the holy place.31 "And you shall take the ram of the consecration and boil its flesh in the holy place. 32 Then Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket, by the door of the tabernacle of meeting. 33 They shall eat those things with which the atonement was made, to consecrate and to sanctify them; but an outsider shall not eat them, because they are holy. 34 And if any of the flesh of the consecration offerings, or of the bread, remains until the morning, then you shall burn the remainder with fire. It shall not be eaten, because it is holy.

- Son who becomes a priest must wear garments seven days
 1. Time of Consecration Ceremony [above]
 2. Time to consider the cost

- **No outsider may eat:**

1. Only priests
2. Those who are consecrated by the spirit [saved] may eat of the Lord

1 Peter 2:9 ...you are a chosen generation, a **royal priesthood**, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

- No outsider:

1 Corinthians 11:27 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

- **Unworthy:** Not a believer or a believer in unrepentant sin

35 "Thus you shall do to Aaron and his sons, according to all that I have commanded you. Seven days you shall consecrate them. 36 And you shall offer a bull every day as a sin offering for atonement. You shall cleanse the altar when you make atonement for it, and you shall anoint it to sanctify it. 37 Seven days you shall make atonement for the altar and sanctify it. And the altar shall be most holy. Whatever touches the altar must be holy.

- Every day of Seven-Day Consecration Ceremony was **another sacrifice**
- Reminder that it "just was not good enough" to remove sin ...only to cover sin

Hebrews 10:11 [Read] ...every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, 13 from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. 14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

Jesus the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world. Halleluiah

- Seven Day Consecration Ceremony followed by Daily Offering

II. Daily Offerings

38 "Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: **two lambs** of the first year, day by day continually. 39 One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight.

Morning/Evening sacrifice of one year old Lamb.
Every Day and Night belongs to the Lord

- We are not to compartmentalize our day...
- We are not to separate Secular/Spiritual because of...

1. ... what group of people we are with

2. ... what circumstances we are in
3. ... what the repercussions might be... **or we are hypocrites.**

- **Nothing** is neutral:

1. **Music** we hear...not just music
2. **Movies** we see...not just a movie
3. **Thoughts** we entertain...not just a thought
4. **Decisions** we make...

Every minute of the day has Spiritual implications/consequences
Morning and Evening Sacrifices: God gets the whole day. Period.

40 With the **one lamb** shall be one-tenth of an ephah of flour mixed with one-fourth of a hin of pressed oil, and one-fourth of a hin of wine as a drink offering. 41 And the **other lamb** you shall offer at twilight; and you shall offer with it the grain offering and the **drink offering**, as in the morning, for a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the Lord.

- **Morning/Evening Sacrifice:**

1. **Year Old Lamb**
2. **Grain Offering:** Flour/Oil
3. **Drink Offering:** Pouring out our life for God/others

Philippians 2:17 [Paul's swan song]... if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.

- **Our life is not our own**...bought with a price: Precious blood of Jesus

Intentionally sacrificing self-interests/wants and giving to God is *pleasant smell to the Lord*

- **Sacrificing** "our" time to Pray to God and for others

Psalms 141:2 Let my prayer be set before You as incense, The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

- **Surrendering** "our" time to Praise

Hebrews 13:15 ... let us continually offer the **sacrifice of praise** to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. 16 But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

- Sweet Smell: Intentional self-sacrifice; e.g. Prayer, Praise, doing good to others

Morning/Evening Sacrifice is a "**sweet aroma to the Lord**"

42 This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the Lord, where I will meet you to speak with you.

- **Morning/Evening Sacrifice:** Continual in every generation

43 And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by My glory. 44 So I will consecrate the tabernacle of meeting and the altar. I will also consecrate both Aaron and his sons to minister to Me as priests.

**"I will meet you to speak with you...I will meet with the children of Israel"
God meets with us at the place of sacrifice**

- **"I will consecrate"** : God's very Presence makes things Holy; This is Holy Ground
 1. **Tabernacle** "Sanctified" i.e. set apart **by** the Glory/Presence of God
 2. **Altar** "Sanctified" i.e. set apart **by** the Glory/Presence of God
 3. **Priests** "Sanctified" i.e. set apart **by** the Glory/Presence of God
- I will meet you there **as you are obedient** to My instructions...
- God was revealed/manifest through **obedience** to His Word

God abides with those who are obedient to Him

- **Jesus reveals Himself to the obedient...**

John 14:22 [One said to Jesus...] "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?" 23 Jesus answered and said to him, **"If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word;** and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words

No man is really saved unless he is in his heart obedient to Christ. [Spurgeon]

God meets/reveals/manifests Himself to those who are obedient to Him
God manifested Himself to Israel as they kept the Morning/Evening sacrifices

- **NOTE:** Aaron and his sons will minister to "Me": First and foremost. How? In secret.

Matthew 6:3 ...when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

45 I will dwell among the children of Israel and will be their God. 46 And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them up out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them. **I am the Lord their God.**

**I brought them out of Egypt SO THAT I may dwell among them
I AM their God**

- **Genesis to Revelation...**
- God saved us to be with us. All about relationship...Amazing

"I will meet you to speak with you...I will meet with the children of Israel... I will dwell among the children of Israel and will be their God"

SUMMARY Daily Offerings: Daily Sacrifices continued till Jesus 1st coming except...

1. When Israel turned from God
2. When Israel in captivity because of turning from God