Consecrated Lord to Thee Leviticus 8:1-6

Today's message will cover chapters 8-10

I. The Fundamentals of the Priesthood (chapter 8)

2 Allusions of the Priesthood in Leviticus

Jesus Christ, our High Priest. The Church, a Kingdom of Priests

Unpacking Chapter 8

- The clothing shows the separation of the priest from the rest of the society. (v7-9)
- Priests are anointed (v12)
- A life of a priest is a life of surrender (v23)
- A priest was sprinkled with blood and oil (v30)

II. The Function of the Priesthood (chapter 9)

The Role of Priests

- Priests were invited to draw near to God (James 4:8)
- Priests offered sacrifices (Romans 12:1-2)
- Priest declared the excellency of God (<u>I Peter 2:9</u>)
- Priests were agents of reconciliation (II Corinthians 5:17-20)
- Priests approach God on behalf of people (<u>I Timothy 2:1</u>)

It is the responsibility of the church to usher in the glory of God in this world and to do that, we declare and demonstrate the goodness of God.

III. The Failure of the Priesthood (chapter 10)

The problem is not the law. The problem is us.

Takeaways

- Leviticus alludes to Jesus Christ as our high priest and the church as a Kingdom of Priests
- Leviticus teaches us that as Kingdom priests, we are to live distinct from the world. It is not so much about our clothes but rather our attitude and our actions.
- Leviticus teaches that as Kingdom Priests, we have a very important role in this world to demonstrate and declare the glory of God.
- Leviticus teaches us that we have a sin problem.
- Leviticus teaches us that God has provided a fix.