

HANDOUT PART SEVEN: THE WAY OF CONSECRATION “Hands Full of Christ” Leviticus 8

In Leviticus 8 God Speaks to the Ordination and Consecration of Aaron and His Sons. From this Text we will gain a clear understanding on God’s Perspective of Consecration. **READ Leviticus 8:14-28**

Leviticus 8:14-28 Speaks of a Bull, Two Rams, and a Basket of Unleavened Bread. **The Bull was for the Sin Offering.** The First Ram was for the Burnt Offering. The 2nd Ram & the Basket of Unleavened Bread were for the Consecration Offering.

- The Sin Offering is Vital to Consecration...One Must Come under the Blood of the Cross Accepting what Christ did as the Only Solution to Sin. In the Old Testament it had to be Done Regularly BUT When Christ went to the Cross for You and Me...He said, **“It Is Finished!”**
- That meant there was No Future Need for Another Sacrifice...Instead today We Look to the One Sacrifice that Saves...Jesus Christ! Only a Saved Person, One who Belongs to the Lord, Can Consecrate Himself... The Sin Offering is the Basis of Consecration.

The Burnt Offering Following this, we see Two Rams. One Ram was for the Burnt Offering; it was to be Burned Completely. Nothing Was Left to Eat The Problem of Our Sin is Settled by the Sin Offering...**The Burnt Offering Makes US Acceptable to God.**

- The Lord Jesus Bore Our Sins On the Cross. This Refers to His Work as the Sin Offering. {Christ was the Unblemished Lamb...His Blood Paid the Complete Price for Our Sins}
- At the same time, while the Lord Jesus was on the Cross, the Veil was Rent from Top to Bottom, Bringing Us Into the Holy of Holies...Making Us Acceptable to Approach God!

This is His Sacrificial Work as the Burnt Offering. **The Sin Offering and the Burnt Offering Start at the Same Place...Christ On The Cross...But they Arrive at Different Destinations!**

- They Start where the Sinner is...The Sin Offering Stops at the Propitiation of Sin {Christ’s Blood Paid the Price} But the Burnt Offering Brings the Sinner Further by Making Him Acceptable to God. {*Approved in Christ...We have Direct Access to God*}

When we Humble Ourselves to Christ and Receive His Grace of Salvation...We are Accepted by God as well. We are Not Only Forgiven Through the Sin Offering...But, Become Joint Heirs with Jesus Christ.

The Offering of Consecration begins with the Sprinkling of the Blood: After the first ram was slain, the second ram followed...Here is What was Done With the Second Ram After it was Slain.

- The first thing that was done was the putting of blood upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron and his sons, upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the big toe of their right foot.
- THIS MEANS: Since God has Accepted Us in Christ, We Should Acknowledge the Blood’s Separation of Our Ears, Hands, and Feet Fully Unto God.
- We should Declare that Our Ears, Hands, and Feet are Fully Consecrated to God’s Service.

We should say to the Lord, “Because of Your Redemption, Lord, from this Day Forward, I Will No Longer Consider My Two Ears to be My Own, or My Two Hands and my Two Feet to be My Own.

- Because You have Redeemed Me, Lord, My Entire Being Will Belong to You. It Is No Longer Mine."
- Blood is the “Mark of Possession”. In Christ, We Must Acknowledge the Rightful Claim of Christ’s Blood Upon Us!

Finally, The Wave Offering: After the Sprinkling of the Blood, there was the Wave Offering.

- When the second ram was slain and its blood put on the ear, thumb, and toe, This was Still Not Consecration. It is Just the Basis of Consecration.
- The Sprinkling of the Blood is *Merely a Confession of Love and of Right.* It Qualifies Us for Consecration, But the Actual Consecration Comes After This. After the Second Ram was Slain and its Blood was Sprinkled, the Fat and the Right Shoulder (Thigh) were taken, and Out of the Basket, an Unleavened Cake of oiled bread, and one wafer were also taken.

These Signify the 2 Aspects of the Lord Jesus. The Shoulder is the Strong part, showing us the "Divine Aspect" of the Lord Jesus. Fat is Rich, Signifying the Aspect of God's Glory. Bread is of the Vegetable life, showing us His "Highest Humanity". *He is the Perfect Man, who is Unleavened and Unblemished.*

- All of these things were Placed in the Hands of Aaron, who took them and Waved them Before the Lord. After this they were Burned with the Burning of the Burnt Offering. **This Is Consecration.**

The Hebrew Word Consecration Means "**To Have One's Hands Filled.**" In the Wave Offering initially the hands were Empty, now they are Filled. When Aaron's Hands were Empty, there was NO Consecration. **When Aaron's hands were Filled and His Hands Could NO Longer Hold Anything... Except the Lord...There was Consecration!** Consecration...Is to Hold on to Nothing Except Christ. **Romans 12:1**

In order to Serve God, We have to Present Our Entire Bodies to Him. Our ears, Our hands and Our feet Must have Singleness of Purpose...Living Sacrifice for God...Holding On to Nothing Else...Only Christ!

- **We are to let Go of Everything Else that Keeps Us from Clinging Exclusively to Christ!**
- Only when we have done this, will God say, "This is CONSECRATION!"

The Goal of Consecration is Not to Necessarily Become a Preacher for God or to Work for Him...**The Goal of Consecration is to Serve God.** WE Are to always Be Prepared to Serve. Remembering that the Goal of Consecration is to Wait Upon God.

Consecration is NOT how Much We Can Give to God. It is Being Accepted by God and Being Granted the Honor of Serving Him.

Consecration means that we say, "Lord, You have Given Me the Opportunity and the Right to Come Before You and to Serve You." It is saying, "Lord, I Am Yours!"

- My Ears were Purchased by the Blood; they belong to You.
- My Hands were Purchased by the Blood; they Belong to You.
- My Feet were Purchased by the Blood; they Belong to You. I Can No Longer Use Them for Myself.

"The Mark of a Saint is Not Perfection, But Consecration! A Saint is Not a Person Without Faults...But One who has Given Themselves Without Reserve to God."

"LIFE" POINT: CONSECRATION IS TO HOLD ON TO NOTHING EXCEPT CHRIST!

As We at LifePoint Church Hold Onto Nothing Except Christ...*He Will Move Through Our Lives and Our Church Into Our Community with an Impact that Will Felt Throughout Eternity!*

Are You Ready with ME TO Fill Your Hands With the Lord Jesus Christ so that There is Nothing Else You are Holding on to Except Him?! **If So, Stand as we Offer a Prayer of Commitment to the Lord!**

Prayer of Commitment: Lord, We Stand Before You, Affirming Our Commitment to Fully Surrender & Consecrate Our Lives, Families, Jobs, Homes, and Church to Your Service. We Present Our Bodies to Be Instruments of Righteousness and to Be Living Sacrifices Wholly Devoted to Your Perfect Purpose. We Renounce Every Sin and Everything that We Have Allowed to Quench the Working of The Holy Spirit in Our Lives. We ask for the blood of Christ to cleanse us and make us holy once more. May Your Holy Spirit, Fill our Minds with Your Truth and May Every Part of Our Being Surrender to the Complete Dominion of Jesus Christ. Father, This Day We Make the Binding Agreement with You and Commit to keeping it through the Power of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ! Amen!