

Leviticus 8:1-36  
*Set Apart for Holy Service* (Part 1)  
January 20, 2013  
Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. **Children's Sermon: Two Things we Need to Draw Near to Our Holy God...**

- A. A Sacrifice (Our Substitute)
- B. A High Priest (Our Mediator)

II. **Why did God Establish the Priesthood?**

- A. Set Apart to Help Others Draw Near
- B. To Point to Jesus (Our Mediator)

"If the whole nation had been called to serve as priests (see Exod. 19:6) why was it necessary to set apart a special class of priests? While Israel was to represent God to the world by being a light to nations who were ignorant of God and his purposes, they were still a sinful people. For a holy God to live among sinners, and to have fellowship with them, they had to be taught the need of a mediator." [Bold Mine] <sup>1</sup>

III. **Set Apart to Help Others Draw Near**

- A. Washed with Water

**Leviticus 8:6**

<sup>6</sup> And Moses brought Aaron and his sons and **washed them with water.**

- B. Clothed Aaron (Cf. Exodus 28)

**Leviticus 8:7-9**

<sup>7</sup> And he put the coat on him and tied the sash around his waist and **clothed him** with the robe and put the *ephod* (Exodus 28:6) ... <sup>8</sup> And he placed the *breastpiece* on him (Exodus 28:15ff.), and in the breastpiece he put the *Urim and the Thummim*. (Exodus 28:29-30) <sup>9</sup> And he set the *turban* on his head, and on the turban, in front, he set *the golden plate, the holy crown*, (Exodus 28:36) as the Lord commanded Moses.

<sup>1</sup> **Eveson**, P. H. (2007). *The Beauty of Holiness: The Book of Leviticus Simply Explained*. Welwyn Commentary Series (108). Darlington, England: Evangelical Press.

“As Poythress expresses it, ‘Thus [the High Priest] is not only a human being, sinful like ourselves, but a human being clothed with the majesty of heaven.’”<sup>2</sup>

### C. Anointed Aaron’s Head

#### **Leviticus 8:10–12**

<sup>10</sup> Then Moses took the **anointing oil** and anointed the tabernacle and all that was in it, and consecrated them. <sup>11</sup> And he sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all its utensils and the basin and its stand, to **consecrate them**. <sup>12</sup> And he poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron’s head and anointed him to **consecrate him**.

#### **1 Samuel 16:13**

Then Samuel took the horn of oil and **anointed him** in the midst of his brothers. And **the Spirit of the Lord** rushed upon David from that day forward. ...

“...the Old Testament imagery of anointing is used extensively in the New for the enablement and empowerment for ministry.”<sup>3</sup>

### D. The Offerings

#### 1. Sin Offering (Clean)

#### **Leviticus 8:14–17**

<sup>14</sup> Then he brought the bull of the **sin offering**, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bull of the sin offering. <sup>15</sup> And he killed it, and Moses took the blood, and with his finger put it on the horns of the altar around it and **purified the altar** and poured out the blood at the base of the altar and **consecrated it to make atonement for it**. <sup>16</sup> And he took all **the fat** ...and Moses **burned them on the altar**. <sup>17</sup> **But** the bull and its skin and its flesh and its dung he **burned up with fire outside the camp, as the Lord commanded Moses**.

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<sup>2</sup> Eveson, P. H. (2007). *The Beauty of Holiness: The Book of Leviticus Simply Explained*. Welwyn Commentary Series (113). Darlington, England: Evangelical Press.

<sup>3</sup> Ross, A. P. (2002). *Holiness to the Lord: A Guide to the Exposition of the Book of Leviticus* (215). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic.

## 2. Burnt Offering (Atonement)

### **Leviticus 8:18–21**

<sup>18</sup> Then he presented the *ram of the burnt offering*, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram. <sup>19</sup> And he killed it, and Moses threw the blood against the sides of the altar. <sup>20</sup> He cut the ram into pieces, and Moses burned the head and the pieces and the fat. <sup>21</sup> He *washed the entrails and the legs with water*, and Moses **burned the whole ram** on the altar. It was a burnt offering with *a pleasing aroma, a food offering for the Lord, as the Lord commanded Moses.*

## **IV. Application: Jesus Our True High Priest**

### **Key Idea**

*God ordained Jesus as both the true High Priest and the true atoning sacrifice for sin so that His people could draw near to God!*

### **Matthew 3:13–17**

<sup>13</sup> Then **Jesus came** from Galilee to the Jordan to John, *to be baptized* by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us *to fulfill all righteousness.*” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw *the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;* <sup>17</sup> and behold, *a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”*