

**Message #16****Leviticus 9:1-24**

What is the real goal of worship? What is the purpose of gathering together to sing, to study, and to pray? Is not the true purpose to have a real encounter with God?

It is possible for us, as the people of God, to have a relationship with God that sees Him do glorious things. The main point of Leviticus 9 is this:

**GOD WILL REVEAL HIS GLORY AND POWER TO HIS PEOPLE IF THE PRIESTS WILL DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO THE LORD AND FACE SIN IN THEIR OWN LIVES AND IN THE LIFE OF THE ORGANIZATION.**

I believe it is possible for us to see God do great and powerful things with and for and in this church. But we need priestly leaders and people who are obeying God and facing sin in their own lives.

**OBSERVATION #1** – God would demonstrate His power and glory after the priests had dedicated themselves to Him. **9:1**

Notice this all may potentially happen on the eighth day. What this means is that God would not reveal His glory and power to Israel until the priests had obeyed Him and dedicated themselves to Him completely.

**OBSERVATION #2** – God would demonstrate His power and glory after the priests had made an offering for their sin. **9:2-4**

These priests had just been at a seven day ordination service and now if they want God to do great things for them, they had to start by facing their own sin.

I don't care how great or spiritual the leader, he is still a sinner and he still needs to be working on his own life before God. If a group of people are to tap into the blessings of God, they need to be honest about their own life before God.

**OBSERVATION #3** – God would demonstrate His power and glory if the priests demonstrated these things before all the people. **9:5**

Now think what these priests are doing—they are standing before an entire congregation and admitting they were sinners who needed a sacrifice just like the people were sinners and needed a sacrifice.

This is a far cry from leaders who are standing up before people trying to falsely convince them that they are sinlessly perfect and have reached another level of spirituality far above and beyond the norm.

**OBSERVATION #4** – God would demonstrate His power and glory if the priests would offer a sin offering for themselves and for the people. **9:6-11**

Aaron and his sons obeyed Moses. They knew that in order for God to pour out His blessings, sin needed to be atoned for, it needed to be covered.

**OBSERVATION #5** – God would demonstrate His power and glory if the priests would offer a burnt offering for themselves and for the people. **9:12-16**

But this potential of real dedication to God occurs only after sin had been dealt with.

**OBSERVATION #6** – God would demonstrate His power and glory if the priests would offer a grain offering. **9:17**

This offering meant before God blessed them, they must be thankful for all He had already done.

**OBSERVATION #7** – God would demonstrate His power and glory if the priests would offer a peace offering. **9:18-21**

God will not do powerful things until we are at peace with Him—positionally and practically.

**OBSERVATION #8** – God did demonstrate His power and glory after the priests had obeyed Him completely . **9:22-24**

After the priests had faced the sin issue and through their offerings demonstrated to God they wanted to have deep fellowship with Him, Aaron was now in position to pronounce blessings.

The fact that God manifested His glory is indicative of the fact that God desires to manifest His glory to His people. But in order to move Him to do this, His people must deal with sin and dedicate themselves to Him.

This church can become very powerful. But it needs people to be very serious about their relationship with God.

**PARTING THOUGHTS:**

- 1. If we want God's glory seen in our own lives—deal honestly with our own sin.**
- 2. If we want God's glory seen in our own lives—obey what we know God wants us to obey.**
- 3. If we want God's glory seen in our own lives—dedicate our self to serving Him.**
- 4. If we want God's glory seen in our own lives—be thankful for all God has done and given.**