

Friday, January 6, 2023 • Read Exodus 29:1–35

Questions from the Scripture text: What are the first things Moses is to take for the consecrating of the priests (v1)? Of what quality? What three other things (v2) in what container (v3)? Now what (whom) is he to bring in v4? And do what to them there at the door? Then what is he to do specifically to Aaron there in v5–6? And what, once he is attired (v7)? Then what to whom in v8–9? Once they are consecrated, what are Aaron and his sons to do to what (v10)? Then what does Moses do to the same thing (v11)? Before Whom? Then what is he to do with what from the bull, and where (v12)? What else is he to take from the bull to do what with it where (v13)? And do what where with the rest of it (v14)? What are they to do with the first ram (v15)? And then what with the same ram (v16)? And do what with its blood? And then do what to the ram (v17)? In order to do what with how much of it (v18)? Unto Whom? As what to Him? What do they do with the other ram (v19)? And then what with the same ram (v20)? And do what with its blood to what parts of Aaron and his sons? And do what else with its blood where? Then what are they to gather and put it on whom and on what (v21)? With what effect to them and their garments? What are they to take from the second ram in v22? And what else are they to take in v23, for Aaron and his sons to do what (v24)? Then what with the waved bread, and the choice parts of the second ram (v25)? What part does Moses get to eat (v26)? Who will receive such portions in the future (v27–28)? To whom will Aaron's garments go in the future (v29)? How long is that consecration to take place (v30)? What will be done with the rest of the second ram's meat (v31)? So that who can do what with it and with the bread (v32)? What had been done with these things, and who can eat them (v33)? Why? What should they do with leftovers in the morning (v34)? Why? For how many days is this to be done (v35)? According to what?

How are the priests set apart for their service? Exodus 29:1–35 looks forward to the p.m. sermon on the coming Lord's Day. In these thirty-five verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that **the priests are consecrated unto their service by substitutionary atonement.**

It was not a flattering thing to be ordained as a priest. Three times in this passage (v10, 15a, 19), Aaron and his sons put their hands on the head of an animal. The implication is that they are identified with the animal. What belongs to them passes to it. And as soon as an animal is identified with them, it is mercilessly butchered (v11, v15b, b20). Its blood is displayed in various ways (v12, 16, 20–21). And then its choice parts (or the whole animal) are burned with fiery fury (yes, those words are related; v13, v14, v18, v25).

It's a little too easy for us to read quickly through that. But for Aaron and his sons the message is clear: death and Hell is exactly what it would please God to do to them—apart from the love in which He has been pleased to do it to a substitute instead of them. How great is this love, such that we will eventually learn that the substitute is not bulls or rams but actually Christ (cf. Heb 9:13–14; Heb 10:4–10)! And how great, then, must be our guilt that even upon Christ Himself this death and Hell would be executed!

So Aaron's sons, and especially Aaron himself, were set apart for ministry by the vivid, repeated display that they deserve for this to kill and damn them. The blood was sprinkled on all the apparatus (v12, 16, 20) signifying it as sufficiently atoned for in order to be fit for holy use. Then in v20, the blood was applied to every segment of Aaron and his sons' bodies for the same purpose. They were fit to die and go to Hell. But the Lord had fit them instead for His priestly service.

Even after the prescribed fabrication, the garments and the altar still needed to be atoned for by blood. Even after being selected specifically by God, Aaron and his sons still needed to be atoned for by blood. Sin is so filthy that the worship items are "cleansed" not with detergent but with blood and oil (cf. v21)

The passage takes an interesting turn in v26. Moses gets a portion to eat. There won't be one like he again, but in v27 Aaron and his sons are made the heirs of the same portion. It's just for them. Indeed, it's so holy that whatever they don't eat is to be destroyed by fire (v34). So how great is their privilege that is initially reserved for them to enjoy (v32–33)!

God's commandments (v35) take those who deserve Hell and instead bring them into a position of honorable service and near fellowship. And the Lord makes accommodation for their weakness by starting this afresh every day for seven days. Praise God Who shows such grace to sinners! And praise God, Who mercifully compensates for the weakness of our faith by repeatedly pressing upon us the truth and reality of that grace!

What do you deserve, in yourself, for even the best of your works? What blood had to be spilled for your induction into God's service? What privilege have you gained by this? What fellowship?

Sample prayer: Lord, thank You for atoning for us by the blood not of bulls and goats but of Your own Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Forgive us for how lightly we have taken our service to You and the access that You have given us to Yourself. Grant unto us nearness to You and holiness to You through Jesus, in whose Name we ask it, AMEN!

Suggested songs: ARP51B "From My Sins, O Hide Your Face" or TPH275 "Arise, My Soul, Arise"

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Exodus 29. 1 through 35. These are God's words. And this is what you shall do to them to hallow them for ministering to me as priests. Take one, young bull and two ram to the blemish and unleavened bread unleavened cakes mixed with oil. And unleavened wafers anointed with oil.

You shall make them as wheat flour. You shall put them in one basket and bring them in the basket. With the bowl and the two rams. And Aaron and his sons you shall bring to the door. Of the tabernacle of meeting and usual, wash them with water. Then you shall take the garments, put the tunic on air and the row but the effort The effort and the breastplate.

And girded him with the intricately woven band of the eviscerator. You shall put the turbine on his head and put the holy crown on the turban. And you shall take the anointing oil, pour it on its head and anoint him. Then you shall bring his sons and put to nicks on them and he shall gird them with sashes.

Aaron and his sons and put the hats on them. Then the priesthood shall be there as for a perpetual statute. So you shall consecrate Aaron and his sons. He's also have the bulb brought before the tabernacle of meeting. And Aaron and his son shall put their hands on the head of the bowl.

Then you shall kill the bull before. Yahweh By the door of the tabernacle of meeting, you shall take. Some of the blood of the bull and put it in the horns of the altar with your finger. And pour all the blood beside the base of the altar. And you shall take all the fat that covers the intro Somebody lobe.

Attached to the liver and two kidneys. And the fact that is on them and burned them on the altar, That the flesh of the bowl with that skin. And it's a full usual burn with fire outside the camp, but it's a thin-off room.

Usually also take one ram. And Aaron and his son shall put their hands on the head of the ram. You shall kill the red. She'll take its blood and sprinkle it all around the altar. Then you around on the altar, then you shall cut the ram in pieces wash, its entrails and it's legs.

Put them with its pieces and with its head. You saw burned, the hole ram on the altar. There's a burnt offering to you always a sweet aroma. And offering made by fire to yahweh. There's also take the other ram and Aaron and his son, so put their hands on the head of the ram.

And you shall kill the ramp. And take some of its blood and put it on the tip of the right ear of Erin. And on the tip of the right ear of his sons and the thumb, Of their right hand on the big toe of their right foot. Sprinkle the blood All around on the altar.

You shall take some of the blood that is on the altar. Some of the anointing oil with him. And he and his garments shall be hallowed. And the sons and his son's garments with them. With. Also, you shall take the fat of the ram, the fat tail, the fat, that covers the end trails, the fatty loaf attach to the liver.

The two kidneys and the fat on them. The right thigh for it, is a ram of consecration. One loaf of bread, one cake made with oil and one wafer from the basket of the 11th bread that is before yahweh. And you shall put all these in the hands of Aaron.

And the hands of his sons. And you saw wave them as a wave offering before, yahweh? You shall receive them back from their hands and burn them on the altar. There's a burnt offering a sweeter aroma before you all way. There's an offering made by fire tea officer. Then you shall take the breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration and wave it as a wave offering before y'all way.

And it shall be your portion. And from The ram of consecration use of consecrate the breast of the wave of offering, which is wave. And the thigh of the heave offering, which is raised. Of that, which is for Aaron, that, which is for his sons. It shall be from the children of Israel for air and his sons by a statute forever.

For as a heave offering and shall be a heave offering from the children of Israel. From the sacrifices of their peace offerings, that is Their heave offering to y'allah. And the holy garments of Aaron shall be. His son's after him to be anointed in them to be consecrated in them.

That the son who becomes priest in his place, she'll put them on for seven days. When he enters the tabernacle of meeting to minister and the holy place, And you shall take the ram of consecration and boil, its flesh, and the holy place. Then Aaron and his son shall eat the flesh of the ram and the bread that is in the basket by the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

And she'll eat those things with which the atonement was made to consecrate and sanctify them. But an outsider shall not eat them because they're holy, And if any of the flesh of the concentration offerings, are the bread remains until morning, Then you shall burn the remainder with fire and shall not be eaten because it is holy Thus, you shall do to Aaron and his sons.

According to all, i have commanded you. Seven days. You're so consecrate them.

So far the reading of god's inspired in the narrant word.

Why? Include through verse 38.

Maybe, because i want to connect the Repetition of the Coordination sacrifices with the daily sacrifices.

Aaron and his sons are holy. Being set apart by god as holy for. The ministry of the priesthood. But god doesn't just Say something without Actually accomplishing what he says. And then need to be consecrated. They need to be Hallowed. Their sinners. Ministering in behalf of sinners. And so, it's not enough that they'd be the ones who The lord has designated, it's not enough.

All the clothing that was. Commanded the design given in the previous chapter? That be properly applied as it is and versus Four through nine or is instruction for doing. So is given In verses four through nine. There's, Blood to be shed. And there is hell to pay. For our sin.

This is why it was such a dreadful thing. To have these priests who were not christ and Something that would not say. Or make us think. Or was not designed to make them think. That they were okay on the basis of what? Um, It was happening, neither. The nation of israel would think that there are.

Safe. Simply because they had air in his sons nor For Aaron and his sons. To think that they were safe. Simply because the Blood, and the burning of the bowls and the ramps.

What is needed is a priest who doesn't have his own sin, Who doesn't have to offer sacrifices year after year. It doesn't have to for himself, who doesn't have to offer a sacrifices daily for the people? But who? Being righteous in himself and a sacrifice for him is needed.

And being Of the same worth as god himself. Would be able to offer sacrifice once for all. Of yourself for the people. And so these things were made plane. To the nation of israel and especially to the priesthood. It's very shocking. It's designed to be shocking. The bulk of this chapter is spent, With Aaron and his son slaying their hands on animals.

And every time they lay on their hands on an animal, i identifying themselves of the animal essentially say, May. Made this animal receive. According to my worthiness. Um, The. The animal. This immediately slaughtered. It's bloodshed. You see the progression? Um, the first animal. Uh, much of it is not even worth burning before the lord.

But it's blood is. Is shed. And Used to consecrate the altar itself. And not only is its bloodshed, but it's burnt. Second animal. It's blood is shed. And the blood is sprinkled. All around the altar. And the whole thing is burned. And then the the other ram that goes with the The the second animal, the first ram.

It's blood is shed. And finally, With with The machinery. For consecration being progressively. A toned for set apart by the blood. Finally, they can put a little bit of blood. On errand and his sons. And, You can see with a difference between the Washing with water. Probably not dunking since they're dressed and all these ribs and stuff.

Although we know what the Immersionists do. But Jesus is not emerging. It is immersionist he pours Heaven. And certainly not dunking in blood. Because the blood could not ultimately atone and yet, it was put on every part of their body, to signify. Their need for a full atonement that this blood itself could not.

Provide. So, Right earlobe. Right. Big toe. Every region of your body. Every aspect of who we are. And particularly every aspect of who they are. Needs to be a tone for. And then, finally, With them atone, four and consecrated and set apart. It moves from the sin offering first to the burnt offering second to Peace offering third and one of the aspects of the peace offering is that it's a heave offering.

It is held out before y'all way. Uh, not that Yahweh needs. Uh, demonstration demonstrations are always for us for our six. Um, And presenting. A tournament has been made and fellowship has been restored. And now, That one is partially burnt. And yet, there are pieces of that are kept.

Or preserved for The priests themselves. This first time, Uh, special portion just for Moses the breast portion. Which will go to Erin and his sons from the offerings that are for the children of Israel in the future. But there's also the The boiled portion. That is for them. And, Finally, they can have.

Provision for themselves. But really, very Shocking, you put your hand. On the head of an animal. Over and over again. You do this and as soon as you do it, The animal's throat is cut. And the blood pours out and catching it in bowls. In order to Do with the with the blood.

What's necessary? And,

People are offended sometimes. By how gory? Violent. It is literally how bloody it is. And well, should we? Be forced to think of one such thing if we are offended. How much more offended we should be. By our sin. And the blood of God, the sun. One day would We spilled.

This is. An extraordinary thing. But certainly, The manner of their ordination, they would not think that they were called into the ministry. Because of how great they were or how good they were. But that God was taking those who deserve hell. To have no goodness about them at all.

They would do this three times a day for seven days. And in a week's time. 21 times, they would have laid their hands on the head of an animal. 21 times. 21 out of 21, 100%. Like you hope to get on your math pages. 21 out of 21 times.

They put their hands on the head of an animal. And immediately, it was slaughtered. And not just slaughtered bookburned. And so, Ordination was A repeated. Pressing on. The one who is going to minister. I deserve death. I deserve hell. I deserve that. I deserve hell. And, We don't do that anymore.

But certainly, it would be. Good. And there's often done. Would. A man is ordained. There's a charge creaching from the word of God. And, Is good for him to be reminded he deserves death. Deserves hell. Christ has come and died to Christ to suffer the fire. Of God's wrath and his place.

And this is how sinners like Aaron and his sons. Could be elevated. From the hell deserving sinners that they are. To the atoned four servants. Who have a holy fellowship? A holy fellowship with God. So, very A clear presentation of the gospel. And presentation of the need needfulness. Of the priesthood of Christ end of the sufficiency of the priesthood of Christ.

It had to be, that Christ would come and And, Die. And Um, suffer hell. Or else God would not accept these pictures. He would not. He does not pretend the way sin. But it shows shows forth his righteousness that he is just And the justifier. Of the one. You have space Jesus Christ.

Our father, we thank you. That you have. Caused the Water to be poured upon the Lord Jesus. That he identified himself with us. We ask that you would grant to us to have our faith. Lay its hand upon the Lord Jesus Christ. And to know that our said, Was there was on him.

That it was because of our sin. Faith has laid, its hands upon him. That he bled. It was because of our sin. That him upon whom are faith has laid. Its hand. Suffered the fire of Iraq. Pray, that your spirit would assure us of The complete efficacy of his sacrifice.

That we would learn the opposite lesson. As the sacrifices. For Aaron, and his sons had to be repeated over and over. That you would make us to draw great confidence and certainty. Of your forgiveness. From the fact that Christ had to be sacrificed only the ones. We bless your name.

Lord Jesus. Who have not only the Purity. Also, the power. Having. Laid your life down by your authority. And, Righteousness, demanding that you're not, stay dead. Righteousness demanding, that the wrath. Be set aside when you declare just finished. But also that you had power to take up your life again.

Resurrection. We thank you that you continue. Now to minister as our priest, That there is no second ordination necessary justice. There is No further sacrifice. Oh, make us to rest upon you. And to know. That what you have done for us. Not only consecrates us as holy. For some service now.

But a source that you will have made us perfectly holy, Wait for But or by the time, You bring us. Into the holy place, the holy of holies. That of which this tabernacle was a copy. So that We may come not terrified because of our sins. But in all, Because of your atonement.

Make us to know that we shall. Stand in your presence. Faultless and with great joy. Because you are the one who is able to make us so to stand.

And to you be the glory, therefore forever and ever. And your own name. Lord. Jesus Christ. Amen.