SCRIPTURE: Leviticus 21:1-24
SERMON: *Our Great High Priest*12 February 2017

I. PRIESTS TO GOD ON BEHALF OF MAN (Ex.28:1; 40:13 /1Pt3:18; Eph2:18 /prophet; Jdg6:8; 2Sm12:25)

- **A. NATION OF PRIESTS: ISRAEL** (Ex.19:5,6; see Is.60:3; Jn.4:22)
- **B. TRIBE OF PRIESTS: LEVITES** (Num.8:6f; see c.1-4; 7,8; 18,35)
- C. FAMILY OF PRIESTS: AARONITES (Ex.28:1f; Lev.8-10)
- D. INDIVIDUAL PRIEST: AARON (Lev.21:10; see Ex.28; Lev.8-10)
- E. SUMMARY: INCREASING SELECTIVITY

II. PRIESTS CLEANSED & CONSECRATED FOR SERVICE (made holy)

- **A. HOLINESS FOR THE PEOPLE** (Ex.19:10f; 24:8(Heb.9:19); see Lev.11:31f; Num.5:2f; see Dt.14:1f)
- **B. HOLINESS FOR THE LEVITES** (Lev.25:32,33; Num.18:24,26; 35:2; Neh.13:10f)
- C. HOLINESS FOR THE PRIESTS (Lev.21:1-9; 2Chr.31:4(Acts 6:4; 2Tm.2:4); see Num.18:26; Ex.29:27)
- D. HOLINESS FOR THE HIGH PRIEST (Lev.21:10-23; see 10:7; Ex.29:6,7)
- E. SUMMARY: INCREASING CONSECRATION (i.e., perfection)

III. PRIESTS SERVE IN THE COURTS OF THE LORD (Ps.84:2; 92:13; 135:2)

- **A. THE COURT OF THE PEOPLE** (Lev.1:3; see Acts 21:29; Gentiles/women)
- **B. THE COURT OF LEVITES** (Ex.30:28; Num.3:9; see Lev.1:3,etc.)
- **C. THE COURT OF THE PRIESTS** (Heb.9:2,6; see Lev.4:6,7,17; 17:6; Ex.25,26)
- **D. THE COURT OF THE HIGH PRIEST** (Heb.9:7; see Lev.16)
- E. SUMMARY: INCREASING PROXIMITY

IV. PRIESTS PRESENT SACRIFICES & OFFERINGS TO GOD (Lev.3:1,etc.; Heb.8:3)

- A. MANY SACRIFICES BY MANY PRIESTS EACH DAY, WEEK & MONTH (Lev.1-7; 23; Num.29:6)
- B. ONE SACRIFICE BY ONE HIGH PRIEST ON ONE DAY EACH YEAR (Lev.16:1f,21; see 23:27f)
- C. SUMMARY: STRIKING SELECTIVITY

V. ONLY A PROMISE IN A PICTURE (Heb.10:1-3)

- A. EVERY YEAR: NOT EFFECTIVE (Heb.10:1)
- B. MERELY ANIMALS: NOT SUFFICIENT (Heb. 10:4)
- C. MANY HIGH PRIESTS: NOT ENDURING (Heb.7:23)

VI. JESUS: OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST! (Heb.4:14,etc.)

- **A. HEBREWS** (2:17; 3:1; 4:14.15; 5:1,5,10; 6:20; 7:26; 8:1, 3; 9:7,11,25; 10:21; 13:11)
- B. THE GOD-MAN MEDIATOR: PERFECT KIND & VALUE (1Tm.2:5; Rom.5:12f; Heb.10:5f)
- C. PERFECT IN HOLINESS (Lev.21:10f; Heb.7:26-28)
- **D. AN ETERNAL PRIESTHOOD: MELCHIZEDEK** (Heb.7:16f,23f; see Ps.110:4; Heb.5:6f; 6:20; 7:1f)
- **E. ONCE FOR ALL** (Rom.6:10: Heb.7:27: 9:12: Heb.10:10.12.14: 1Pt.3:18: see Lev.16:21)

VII. THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

- A. CHRIST: THE GREAT HIGH PRIEST TO GOD FOR HIS PEOPLE (Hebrews, esp. c.9,10)
- **B. ELDERS: UNDER-PRIESTS TO GOD FOR THE CHURCH** (see 1Pt.5:4,1f; see Dt.171f; 2Chr.15:3; Mal.2:7 with 1Tm.5:17; Acts 6:4)
- C. CHRISTIANS: UNDER-PRIESTS TO GOD FOR THE WORLD (1Pt.2:5,9; Mt.28:18f; see Ex.19:5,6)

VIII. THE MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE: SOMEONE WILL COME FOR YOU

- **A. PROMISE** (Gen.3:15,24; 12:3 (Jn.4:22); see Rev.2:7; 22:2,14,19)
- **B. PICTURE** (1Kngs.6:14f,29; see Ezk.47:1f; Gen.2:8f; Rev.21:15f; 22:1f; all with Lev.16)
- C. PLEDGE (Egypt & Exodus; exile & return; see Ex., Jer.23:7,8; death & life; Acts 26:18; Col.1:13)
- **D. PERFECTION** (Heb.6:19,20; 9:11,12; 10:19-25; see 12:22-24; 4:14-16; 1Pt.3:18)

Brethren, what shall we do? (see Acts 2:37f)