

The Hands of Aaron - 04/17/22

TEXT- Exodus 29:24 *And thou shalt put all in the hands of Aaron, and in the hands of his sons; and shalt wave them for a wave offering before the LORD.*

INTRO – 1500 years prior to the crucifixion of Christ, Jehovah God met with Israel in the wilderness and gave them the Levitical Law. Within that law Guidance was given preparing the way for forgiveness through the blood of a sacrificed animal.

Aaron was the first High priest and was a picture of our great High Priest Jesus Christ. The specifics of the sacrifice was given in amazing detail symbolizing the future Messiah who would die for the sins of mankind.

Scripture has provided prophecies detailing the future sacrifice of Christ hundreds of years before it took place.

1) The serpent would bruise the seed of the woman. Gen. 3:15

2) Dan. 9:26 states that after sixty-two weeks Messiah would be cut off,
• 483 years from the order to rebuild the Temple.

3) Jesus Christ would be forsaken by His disciples, as prophesied by Zechariah 13:7

4) Isaiah prophesied that Jesus Christ would be sacrificed as the Passover Lamb of God. Isa. 53:7 *He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.*

5) Isaiah also foretold Jesus Christ's crucifixion as the sin offering for the world. Isaiah 53:4-5 *Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

6) The parting of His garments was also prophesied by David. **Psa. 22:18**
In this troubled world we can find comfort in our savior and trust Him with all our problems.

Psalms 22:13-18 *They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; . . .*

In addition to scores of other types and prophecies a beautiful picture of Christ is found in the book of Exodus mentioning the hands of Aaron.

I. Place Our Sins In His Hands

A. The scapegoat is mentioned in Leviticus 16.

During this day of Atonement, the high priest was instructed to first make a specific sacrifice for his own sins and those of his household. Then, he was free to move on to make sacrifice for the sins of Israel.

- The high priest was instructed to take two male goats for the sin offering and a ram for the burnt offering. He was to first present the goats and cast lots to determine which one would be sacrificed and its blood used to cleanse the Holy Place. The other goat would be the scapegoat.
- The high priest would put "his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the sins of the people.
- And he shall put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is in readiness.
- The other goat is offered as a sacrifice for the sins of Israel.

Leviticus 16:9 *And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD'S lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering.*

This event is symbolic of Christ who would come.

Isaiah 53:4 *Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.*

Leviticus 16:7-10

John 1:29 *The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

2 Corinthians 5:21 *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

Hebrews 9:12-14 *Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. 13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: 14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

They illustrate two aspects of the work of the cross.

1. To have forgiveness and justified before God
2. To have forgiveness and be justified before the world.

Salvation is not by works, it is wholly by the grace of God.

Psalms 103:12 *As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.*

The conversion of Charles Wesley – A religious man but lost. Grew up in a pastor's home and attended Oxford University. He became a part of the Holy Club. He visited America to convert the Indians but, on his ship back to England, he said, but who will convert me? He became the author of thousands of gospel songs such as "And Can It Be"

John Newton was a captain of a slave ship, and a wicked man, but was converted and became a preacher of the gospel. Amazing grace was a song of his life's testimony.

II. Place Our Sorrows In His Hands

1 Peter 5:7 *Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.*

Psalms 37:5 *Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.*

Commit – Hand over and hands off! F. B. Meyer

Matthew 14:10-14 *And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison. And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother. And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus. When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities. And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them*

Matthew 11:28-30 *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

- **Jesus' Hands Were Healing Hands Matthew 8:1-3**
- **Jesus touched the untouchable; and his touch changed lives.**

The leper - Luke 5:13 *And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him.*

The deaf man - Mark 7:32-35

Peter's mother-in-law

Ruler's daughter - Matthew 9:18 . . . *My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.*

The blind man - Mark 8:25 *After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.*

Horatio Spafford, like Job, placed his trust in God during his life's prosperity, and its trials. He was a prominent Chicago lawyer, whose business was thriving. He owned several properties. He and his wife had four beautiful daughters and one son. Just as he reached the height of his profession, he tragically lost his son. Not long thereafter, the Great Chicago Fire destroyed nearly every real estate investment.

Just a few years later he decided to treat his wife and daughters to a much-needed rest. He sent them on a boat trip to Europe, with plans to join them shortly. Just a few days later, he received a telegram from his wife, "Saved alone" The family's ship had wrecked and all four of his daughters perished. On his way to meet his wife, he wrote the words:

**When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.**

III. Place Our Substance In His Hands

Christians must not be cheap.

1 Timothy 6:6-8 *But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.*

A preacher friends' father, in retirement, gave all his income to missions.

Luke 6:38 *Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure pressed down and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again*

2 Corinthians 9:7 *Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*

"The barrel of meal that wasted not" 1 Kings 17:8-16

"The widow's mite" Mark 12:42 *And there came a certain poor widow The Pharisees gave tithes of spices but ignored the weightier matter so the Law*

The little boy's fish and bread

Macedonian believers - 2 Corinthians 8:2-3 *How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves;*

Just like the little boy's lunch in the hands of God He can multiply it above our ability.

CONCL – Putting our treasure in the hands of God, bringing our sorrows and leaving them there, and bringing our sins and leaving them at the cross brings blessing into our lives.