

Intro:

Main Point of Text: Through the priestly service, the people of God worshipped Him exactly as He commanded and so they received a double blessing from His Personal, glorious presence.

Sermon Point: *True Church Service Get's God's Personal Blessing.*

Move 1: You must serve and worship God exactly as He commands His Church to do.

Explain: Inaugural ceremony: elders represent the congregation in vs. 1, which is there (Lev. 8:3-5). This is an "offering of the people", vs. 7. Priests do the slaughtering for the offerers. Not individual voluntary offerings yet, but a corporate ceremony to start off the system right together. Ch. 8: priests officially called and ordained as God "commanded" (11 times!). Now they begin official work. Ch. 9, "that which commanded" after each section: vss. 5, 6, 7, 10, 21. Regulative Principle of Worship. Ps. 133:1-3. Great Commission focuses on discipleship: Mt. 28:19-20. Heb. 5:9-10.

Move 2: If you serve and worship God together exactly as He commands, He will bless you.

Vss. 22-23a: twofold blessing from God's officially called and ordained priests in their official work for His officially called people in His official place. Through His official system of atonement: vs. 7. Vs. 15: "offered for sin" lit. "he sinned" (A. Bonar). Effect of/on substitute. *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.* (2 Cor. 5:21) Sacrifice typified Christ. And priest. 1st/2nd blessing of Aaron prefigured first and second coming of Christ. First: blood on His hands from the Altar. Second, clean hands from w/in Tabernacle. Heb. 9:28. Luke 24:50-53.

Move 3: If you serve and worship God together exactly as He commands, He will be within you.

Vss. 23b-24a. By consuming the offerings and manifesting His glory, God showed His acceptance of their doing it all as He commanded. God blesses the hearts of such obedient people with joyful reverence: vs. 24b (such is a gracious gift from God). Rev. 5:13. Heb. 13:5. James 4:8. John 1:14. Notice how it is that God appears: vss. 4-6. Just like Ex. 24:16 and 40:33-35. So with your officially sanctioned worship.

Conclusion:

2 Ch. 30:26-27. Ps. 4:5-7.

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