

PRIESTHOOD 2

How would all of this be facilitated?

- That is where we get to the next movement ...
- That is all about **Sacred Representatives** called **Priests**. (Speech Bubble)

So, why did they need Priests?

- Weren't they all supposed to be Priests?

Choose out of the group a smaller group (Levites)

- Whom God would **Set Apart** as **Sacred People**.
- Who will **Facilitate the Sacred Space and Sacred Time**?
- **While at the same time be advanced signpost ...**
- **Of what "the image" is supposed to be like.**

ORDINATION

1. Ritual Cleansing
2. Dress Code
3. Anointing with Oil
4. Purification Offering
5. Anointing with Blood
6. Consecration with Blood
7. Stay for Seven Days

Qōdaš – Set it apart as HOLY.

- Take it out of the realm of the "common" ...
- Bring it into the realm of the **Holy**.

Big picture view of the Structure of Chapter 8

8:1-3 God's COMMANDS to Moses

- v.2 – Take Aaron, clothes, oil etc.
- v.3 – Assemble the congregation.

8:4-30 Moses's OBEDIENCE

- v.4-5 – Congregation Assembled.
- v.6-9 – Aaron's clothes put on.
- v.10-13 – Aaron anointed.
- v.14-17 – Purification Offering.
- v.18-21 – Burnt Offering.
- v.22-30 – Peace Offering.

8:31-35 Moses **COMMANDS** to Aaron.

8:36 Aaron's **OBEEDIENCE**.

Chapter 9 – Their Priestly ministry begins.

Chapter 9 follows the same structure as Chapter 8

9:1-4 → Moses' **COMMANDS** to Aaron and the congregation.

9:5-6 → The Congregation **OBEYS**.

9:7 → Moses' **COMMANDS** to Aaron.

9:8-11 → Aaron **OBEYS** by offering his purification offering.

9:12-21 → Aaron **OBEYS** by offering other sacrifices

After making the prescribed offerings it says ...

Leviticus 9:22–23 ²² Then Aaron lifted his hands toward the people and blessed them. And having sacrificed the purification offering, the burnt offering and the fellowship offering, he stepped down.

²³ Moses and Aaron then went into the tent of meeting. When they came out, they blessed the people; and the glory of **YHWH** appeared to all the people.

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²⁴ Fire came out from the presence of **YHWH** and consumed the burnt offering and the fat portions on the altar.

And when all the people saw it, they shouted for joy ^[?] and fell facedown.

So we have the Ordination – Leviticus 8

- The Priestly ministry Begins – Chapter 9

Four things happen.

1. Moses and Aaron are able to enter the tent.

- Remember Lev. 1:1 – from the Tent

2. The Glory of YHWH appeared to all people without consuming them.

- Picture

3. Fire came out of his presence and consumed the offerings.

- Picture

4. They shouted and fell face down.

- Picture

These elaborate garments, splendour, ceremonies and sacrifices were a means to an end.

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PURPOSE

1. It helped to put them in a state of mind that was prepared for God's coming.

2. It helped them to appreciate the majestic holiness of God.

But most importantly ...

3. It opened the door for the appearance of the glory of YHWH.

- That would transform them as they live in his presence.

Presence → Worship → Fellowship → Transformation → Image

JOB DESCRIPTION

1. Teaching Role.

- Teaching Israel, the way of holiness.
- What is pure, what isn't pure – Ritually and morally.
- How did the commands work?

- What to do when you sinned unintentionally?
- What to do when you sinned intentionally.

2. Guardians of the “presence.”

- Were people that entered the tabernacle pure?
- Were the animals blameless.
- Was the Tabernacle consistently purified from its contamination.

3. Facilitators of Atonement and fellowship with God.

- Facilitating the Sacrificial system.

4. They were to be “HOLY TO THE LORD.”

- Sign posts of God’s purposes & the world to come.

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1. God’s Purposes

2. The World to Come

So, we have this, God commands and they obey pattern (Lev. 8 & 9)

- We have the appearance of the presence (Lev 9)
- What happens next? (Lev. 10)

Leviticus 10:1–2 ¹ Aaron’s sons Nadab and Abihu took their censers, put fire in them and added incense; and they offered **unauthorized fire** before YHWH, **contrary to his command.**

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The regular pattern of the narrative of the preceding chapters ...

- Of a command followed by its fulfilment ...
- Is disrupted in this chapter.
- By Nadab and Abihu’s presumption in offering fire ...
- That was “not commanded” (vv. 1–2)

We would have expected

Leviticus 8 – Command & Obey

Leviticus 9 – Command & Obey

Leviticus 10 – Command & Obey (X – out obey with second click)

The whole narrative from 8:1 ...

- Has led us to expect God's ministers to obey the law promptly and exactly.
- Suddenly we meet Aaron's sons doing something that had not been commanded.

Leviticus 10: 2 ² So fire came out from the presence of YHWH and consumed them, and they died before YHWH.

Moses response ...

Leviticus 10:3 ³ Moses then said to Aaron, "This is what YHWH spoke of when he said: " 'Among those who approach me I will be proved holy; in the sight of all the people I will be honored.' " Aaron remained silent.

"I will be proved holy; in the sight of all the people I will be honored.' – highlight above

How can the "priests" teach the people to be holy ...

- When they are not holy themselves.

"If we reflect how holy a thing God's worship is, the enormity of the punishment will by no means offend us." John Calvin

If someone touches a live electrical wire and shocks themselves to death ... Prentjie

- You don't say, shame that was a bit extreme and unfair. ... Speech bubble
- No, you say, shame, how stupid. ... Speech bubble

What do we learn from this? Text

- The Priests themselves were morally flawed ... Drawing
- And therefore, had to offer sacrifices ... Speech bubble
- First for themselves and then for everybody else ...Speech bubble

Something more and someone greater was needed. ????

Jesus was that something more ... (speech bubble)

- He is the ultimate priest king ... (speech bubble)
- Who was fully obedient to ... (speech bubble)
- God and ... (speech bubble)
- God's purposes. ... (speech bubble)

What was his Purpose?

- Bring God's rule and reign to earth as it is in heaven.
- By breaking us free [deliver us save us] from the power [and hold] of sin ...
- So that our humanity could be restored ...
- And that as the Messianic community ...
- We can expand the Garden and bear his image into it.

The Apostle Peter makes this clear when he says ...

1 Peter 2:9–10⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession ...

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Everything that Israel was supposed to be, but failed to be.

- We are able to be, in and through Jesus.

So, what is our purpose as the "chosen people", royal priesthood ...

- Holy nation and special possession?

that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

That we may fill our homes, neighbourhoods and workplace with the praises of God.

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