

**“BE HOLY  
FOR I AM  
HOLY”**  
THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS





# *The Priesthood Then and Now*

Inauguration of the Priestly Service  
Leviticus 9







Exod. 19:5,6 “If you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples... and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation”



# Outline

## Laws of Priesthood (8:1-10:20)

1. Consecration of Priests (8:1-36)
2. Inauguration of the priestly service (9:1-24)
3. Nadab and Abihu's sacrilegious service (10:1-20)

# I. Old Testament Priesthood

- A. Formally established with the consecration of Aaron & His sons in Lev. 8
- B. Why Aaron? Why wasn't he punished for making the golden calf & leading the people into idolatry?

“It is safe to say that God used an unlikely person to serve in an important role. Aaron, the man who led the Israelites astray to worship a golden calf, was the very man God chose to lead Israel in worship of the Lord...



# I. Old Testament Priesthood

This pattern is often observed in Scripture. Many times, God uses the least likely to accomplish tasks for His glory:"

- David
- Mary Magdalene
- Peter
- Paul

1Cor. 1:27 "God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong."

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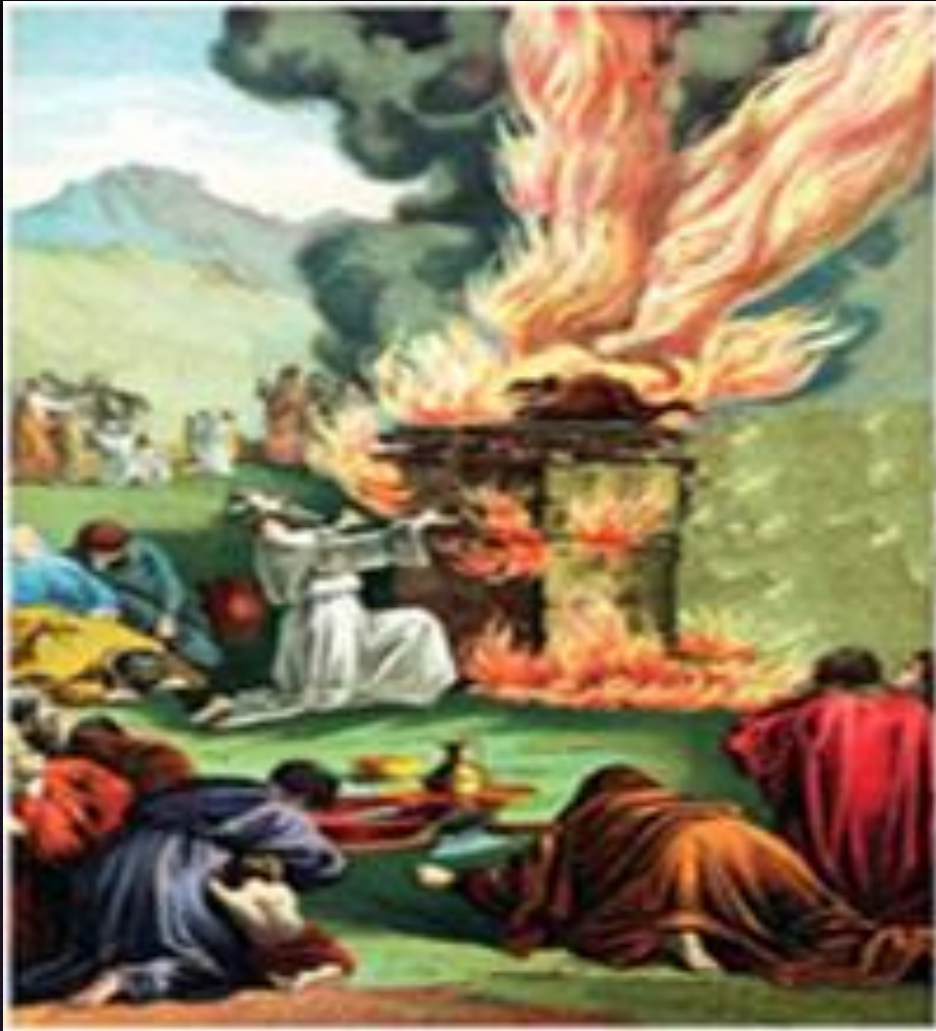
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C. Aaron and sons offer sacrifices “that the glory of the Lord may appear to you” Lev. 9

vs 8-14 Aaron offered sin & burnt offerings for himself.

vs 15-18 he offered sin, burnt, grain & peace offerings for the people.





vs 23-24 The promise of God's glory appearing to them was fulfilled and their offering was consumed by fire from before the Lord signifying that God had accepted Aaron's sacrifices.



# What might the Israelites have learned from these experiences?

- They must have experienced a deeper awareness of God's holiness and awesome power.
- Likely gained a deeper appreciation of God's grace and mercy in appointing a man like Aaron to be the high priest.
- Perhaps they realized from the outset that the Aaronic priesthood was not perfect.
- Maybe they began to question if there was a better priesthood!



## II. New Testament Priesthood

A. The Aaronic priesthood was fulfilled & eclipsed by Christ as our great High Priest. Heb. 7:22-8:1



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B. Now all believers in Christ are priests. Heb. 10:19-22,  
Rev. 1:6





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Randy Amos: “There should be a visible expression of the truth of the priesthood of believers. A clergy laity system in which only the clergy can pray, teach, serve and lead in worship is not giving full expression to the gospel. Christ’s blood gives equal access to every true believer. It is not the concept of clergy which the NT has a problem, but laity. In many churches the laity does only three things: ‘pay, pray and obey’.

All believers are clergy, priests, not by seminary training, or ordination but by Christ’s blood.”



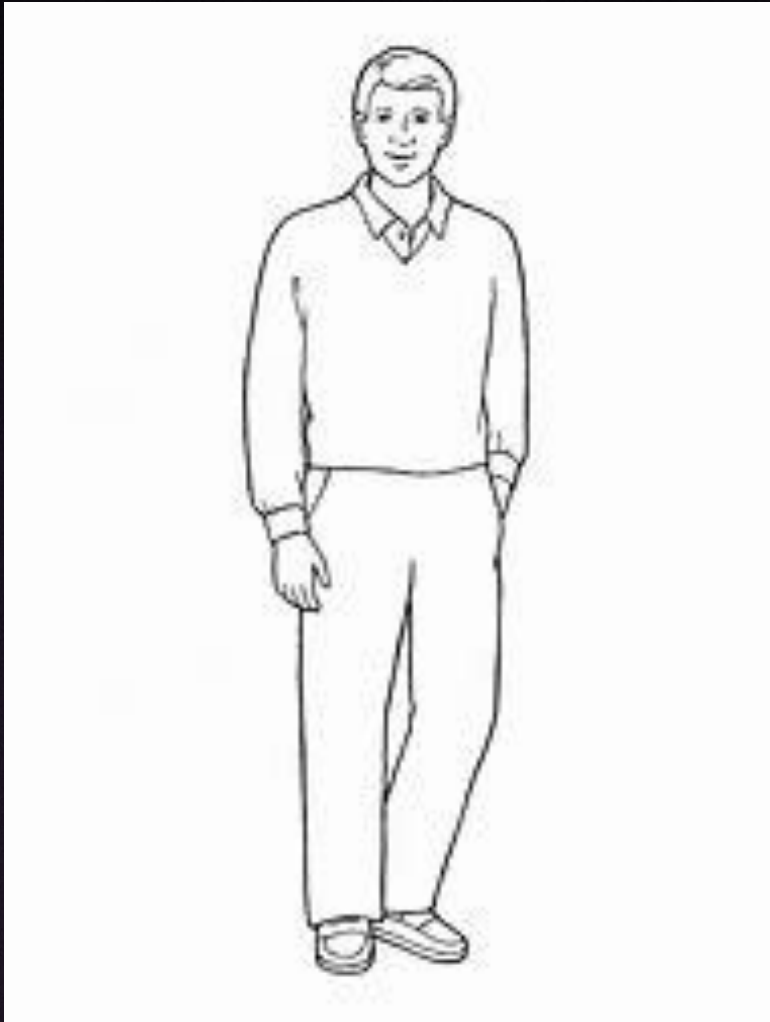
C. How do NT believers fulfill our role as priests?

1 Pet 2:5 “You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

1 Pet. 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;



## D. What are some spiritual sacrifices that we can offer to God?



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Romans 12:1 “...present your bodies a living & holy sacrifice...”

- my mind 2Cor. 10:5
- my eyes Job 31:1, Mat. 5:27,28, Heb. 12:2
- my ears Lev. 8:23
- my mouth Heb. 13:15, Psa. 19:14
- my heart Mat. 22:37
- my hands Heb. 13:16, Col. 3:23
- my back pocket Heb. 13:16
- my feet Rom 10:15



E. Some guidelines and conditions on the exercise of our priesthood.

1. Recognize differing gifts Rom. 12:6, 1 Cor. 12:7.



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E. Some guidelines and conditions on the exercise of our priesthood.

2. Recognize differing roles.

a) Both men & women have an equal standing before God with regard to salvation. Gal. 3:28

b) God calls some men to serve as overseers & authoritative teachers of the Word. 1Tim. 3:1-7

c) Women are not to teach or exercise authority over a man. 1Tim 2:12-14



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d) The men of the church are to speak out in the public meetings of the church so as to direct the congregation. 1 Tim. 2:8, 1 Cor. 14:34-37

e) A woman's perspective on the Lord's Supper

f) Women ministering to other women Titus 2:3-5



“The priesthood of all believers is a truth that should be understood, believed, and joyfully practiced by every Christian.”

Bill MacDonald

