

THE ORDINATION OF PRIESTS

Exodus 29:1 – 9, 35 - 37

Devotional Reading: Psalm 133

Background Scripture: Exodus 29:1 – 37; Leviticus 8:1 - 36

LESSON AIMS: the students will:

- **DEFINE** "ordination" in the sense of "consecration"
- **COMPARE** and **CONTRAST** ordination / consecration in the Old Testament with its value and practice in the New Testament
- **MAKE A PLAN** to serve as a member of the Christian's holy and royal priesthood per 1 Peter 2:5, 9

INTRODUCTION: In the ancient world, priests were responsible as mediators between mankind and God. For Israel, a nation of priests [Exodus 19:6] special clothing would give Israel's own priests dignity and honor in the eyes of others. More important, it would prepare them for the awesome responsibility of approaching our holy God. Preparing the Israelite sanctuary and its priesthood for their sacred function was an elaborate, weeklong procedure.

KEY VERSE: *9 And thou shalt gird them with girdles, Aaron and his sons, and put the bonnets on them: and the priest's office shall be theirs for a perpetual statute: and thou shalt consecrate Aaron and his sons.* *Exodus 29:9b*

LESSON:

Preparing the Offerings

Exodus 29:1 - 3

Preparing the Ordinands

verses 4 - 9

Summary: Aaron's sons were also consecrated because they would take on the high priest's duties after Aaron. The son to take his place would go through a seven-day ritual as Aaron had done. This process was specific and intentional, it was not something to be carried out half-heartedly, or out of habit. This process was to be approached reverently and sacrificially. God expects this of us today. We should consecrate our lives purposefully and in such a way that God will be glorified.

Questions:

1. *How might the concept of "unleavened" apply to modern-day believers?*
2. *What kinds of "waiting periods" do you need to adopt personally?*
3. *How would you respond to someone who says that Scripture texts like today's are meaningless to modern-day believers?*

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DAY / DATE	SCRIPTURE	
<i>Mon., Mar. 10th</i>	A Compassionate High Priest	Hebrews 5
<i>Tue., Mar. 11th</i>	A Chosen High Priest	Leviticus 8:1 - 13
<i>Wed., Mar. 12th</i>	A Cleansed High Priest	Leviticus 8:14 – 23
<i>Thurs., Mar. 13th</i>	A Chaste High Priest	Psalms 133
<i>Fri., Mar. 14th</i>	A Commendable High Priest	Hebrews 7:1 – 14
<i>Sat., Mar. 15th</i>	A Continuous High Priest	Hebrews 7:15 – 28
<i>Sun., Mar. 16th</i>	A Consecrated High Priest	Exodus 29:1 – 9, 35 - 37