

# Consecration of Priests

## Exodus Chapter 29

While God is with Moses for 40 days, He is giving him these details for the tabernacle and for the priests. In this chapter God is choosing Aaron and his sons to be priests unto Himself. The amazing part is that while God is showing Moses these things, Aaron is below with the people making a golden calf for the people to worship. Of course God knows this. Yet God chooses him and in the consecration will cleans him from his sin.

### Exd 29:1 1) The Consecration Essentials v. 1 - 9

#### Consecration Essentials

"Now this is what you shall do to them to consecrate them to minister as priests to Me: take one young bull and two rams without blemish,

Exd 29:2 and unleavened bread and unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers spread with oil; you shall make them of fine wheat flour.

Exd 29:3 "You shall put them in one basket, and present them in the basket along with the bull and the two rams.

- One Young Bull
  - Two Spotless Rams
  - Unleavened Bread and Cakes
  - Unleavened wafers covered with oil
- } We will look at these in verses 10 - 34

Exd 29:4 "Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the doorway of the tent of meeting and wash them with water.

#### Cleansing

- Aaron and sons are washed with water
- Public event. This cleansing involves a humbling.
- Jesus does this for us **Revelation 1:5-6** "And from Jesus Christ, [who is] the faithful witness, [and] the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him [be] glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."
- Ephesians 5:26 "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word"

Exd 29:5 "You shall take the garments, and put on Aaron the tunic and the robe of the ephod and the ephod and the breastpiece, and gird him with the skillfully woven band of the ephod;

Exd 29:6 and you shall set the turban on his head and put the holy crown on the turban.

Exd 29:7 "Then you shall take the anointing oil and pour it on his head and anoint him.

#### Anointing Oil

- Aaron gets fully dressed in the High Priest garments
- Then they anoint him with oil. Oil being a symbol for the Holy Spirit.
- Psalm 133 "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in **UNITY!** It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."
- The Anointing or the Oil or the Holy Spirit causes Unity.
- It is a shame that man has used the Holy Spirit as a dividing point in the Body of Christ. Read the 3 chapters (Romans 12; Ephesians 4; 1 Corinthians 12) on the gifts of the Holy Spirit and see if it is true that Unity is the emphasis in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.



Exd 29:8 "You shall bring his sons and put tunics on them.

Exd 29:9 "You shall gird them with sashes, Aaron and his sons, and bind caps on them, and they shall have the priesthood by a perpetual statute. So you shall ordain Aaron and his sons.

- Aaron's sons are ordained / consecrated as well.
- This priesthood is perpetual.

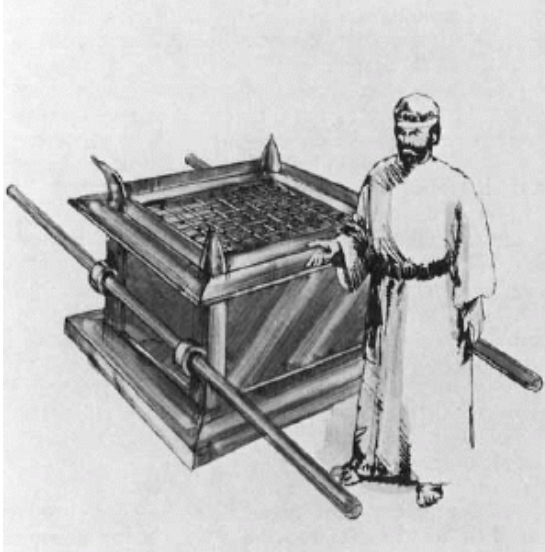
Exd 29:10  
Sin Offering  
(the bull)

## 2) Sin Offering v. 10 - 14

"Then you shall bring the bull before the tent of meeting, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the bull.

Exd 29:11 "You shall slaughter the bull before the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

Exd 29:12 "You shall take some of the blood of the bull and put {it} on the horns of the altar with your finger; and you shall pour out all the blood at the base of the altar.



Exd 29:13 "You shall take all the fat that covers the entrails and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, and offer them up in smoke on the altar.

Exd 29:14 "But the flesh of the bull and its hide and its refuse, you shall burn with fire outside the camp; it is a sin offering.

- The bull is offered for the sins of the priests.
- The lesson is that all sin has a cost. There is a price that needs to be paid. And it is not pleasant.
- Romans 6:23 "The wages of sin is death."
- All sin is atoned by a death. An animal's. Yours. Or by Jesus'
- The priest is to lay their hands on the head of the bull. This isn't a light pat on the head but a pressing. This is a symbolic gesture of confession that they have sinned and are pressing their sin onto the sacrifice.
  - Psalm 32:5 "I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah."
  - 1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
- This bull is partly burned outside the camp and the best parts are burnt on the altar.
- The inward parts are sacrificed. The outward parts are not acceptable. Inward vs Outward Religion.
- **This sacrifice acknowledges the sin of not giving the Lord Your Best**

Exd 29:15 **3) Burnt Offering** v. 15 - 18

Burnt Offering  
(the 1<sup>st</sup> ram)

"You shall also take the one ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram;

Exd 29:16 and you shall slaughter the ram and shall take its blood and sprinkle it around on the altar.

Exd 29:17 "Then you shall cut the ram into its pieces, and wash its entrails and its legs, and put {them} with its pieces and its head.

Exd 29:18 "You shall offer up in smoke the whole ram on the altar; it is a burnt offering to the LORD: it is a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.

- With this first ram again, the priests press the head of the ram before the sacrifice.
- This ram is burnt whole on the altar.
- **This sacrifice acknowledges the sin of not giving the Lord Your All.**

Exd 29:19 **4) Ordination Ram** v. 19 - 21

Ordination Ram  
(the 2<sup>nd</sup> ram)

"Then you shall take the other ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram.

Exd 29:20 "You shall slaughter the ram, and take some of its blood and put {it} on the lobe of Aaron's right ear and on the lobes of his sons' right ears and on the thumbs of their right hands and on the big toes of their right feet, and sprinkle the {rest of the} blood around on the altar.

Exd 29:21 "Then you shall take some of the blood that is on the altar and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle {it} on Aaron and on his garments and on his sons and on his sons' garments with him; so he and his garments shall be consecrated, as well as his sons and his sons' garments with him.

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> ram slaughtered and it's blood is not sprinkled on an altar at first, but on the priests. Their right ears, Their right thumbs, their big toes on their right foot.
- This was the consecration ram. The blood determines their life from this point on.
  - Right Ear - They would now hear differently
  - Right Thumb - They would now work differently
  - Right Toe - They would now walk differently.
- They then take the blood and mix it with the oil and sprinkle Aaron and his sons and their garments
  - Not only live cleansed by blood but to live by the Spirit represented by the oil.
- **This sacrifice acknowledges the life lived in holiness.**

Exd 29:22 **5) Wave and Heave Offering** v. 22 - 28

Wave Offering  
(the 2<sup>nd</sup> ram,  
cake & wafer)

"You shall also take the fat from the ram and the fat tail, and the fat that covers the entrails and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them and the right thigh (for it is a ram of ordination),

Exd 29:23 and one cake of bread and one cake of bread {mixed with} oil and one wafer from the basket of unleavened bread which is {set} before the LORD;

Exd 29:24 and you shall put all these in the hands of Aaron and in the hands of his sons, and shall wave them as a wave offering before the LORD.

Exd 29:25 "You shall take them from their hands, and offer them up in smoke on the altar on the burnt offering for a soothing aroma before the LORD; it is an offering by fire to the LORD.

Exd 29:26 "Then you shall take the breast of Aaron's ram of ordination, and wave it as a wave offering before the LORD; and it shall be your portion.

Exd 29:27 "You shall consecrate the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the heave offering which was waved and which was offered from the ram of ordination, from the one which was for Aaron and from the one which was for his sons.

Exd 29:28 "It shall be for Aaron and his sons as {their} portion forever from the sons of Israel, for it is a heave offering; and it shall be a heave offering from the sons of Israel from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, {even} their heave offering to the LORD.

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> ram, again the best parts are joined with the cake and wafer.
- Aaron will take these and wave them before the Lord.
- **A Wave Offering is a presentation acknowledging possession. (His Lordship)**
- Then there is the breast and the thigh of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ram. The passage refers to this as a heave offering. This is the part that the priest keep and live off of. Much like a tithe.
- This offering was to be eaten by the priests.
- **This offering acknowledges the sustained life by communion with God.**
- *"Let not this distinction be forgotten; the eating of the sacrifice is not intended to give life, for no dead man can eat, but to sustain the life which is there already. A believing look at Christ makes you live, but spiritual life must be fed and sustained."* (Spurgeon)

Exd 29:29 **6) Consecration Week** v. 29 - 37

Consecration  
Week

"The holy garments of Aaron shall be for his sons after him, that in them they may be anointed and ordained.

Exd 29:30 "For seven days the one of his sons who is priest in his stead shall put them on when he enters the tent of meeting to minister in the holy place.

Exd 29:31 "You shall take the ram of ordination and boil its flesh in a holy place.

Exd 29:32 "Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram and the bread that is in the basket, at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

Exd 29:33 "Thus they shall eat those things by which atonement was made at their ordination {and} consecration; but a layman shall not eat {them,} because they are holy.

- The offerings are holy and not for common consumption. These are governed by God's rules.

Exd 29:34 "If any of the flesh of ordination or any of the bread remains until morning, then you shall burn the remainder with fire; it shall not be eaten, because it is holy.

- The offerings are holy and are not for common leftovers. Burn the extra.

Exd 29:35 "Thus you shall do to Aaron and to his sons, according to all that I have commanded you; you shall ordain them through seven days.

Exd 29:36 "Each day you shall offer a bull as a sin offering for atonement, and you shall purify the altar when you make atonement for it, and you shall anoint it to consecrate it.

Exd 29:37 "For seven days you shall make atonement for the altar and consecrate it; then the altar shall be most holy, {and} whatever touches the altar shall be holy.

- The consecration ceremony took seven days.
  - It was not Quick
  - It required Thought
  - It required Work
  - It required an Every Day Discipline
- **These practices acknowledge the Disciplined Living through the priests devotion.**

Exd 29:38 **7) Continual Offering** v. 38 - 41

The Lamb 2x "Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two one year old lambs each day, continuously.

- Continuously will make of a very bloody courtyard.
- Continuously doesn't allow for a break or quitting.

Exd 29:39 "The one lamb you shall offer in the morning and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight;

Exd 29:40 and there {shall be} one-tenth {of an ephah} of fine flour mixed with one-fourth of a hin of beaten oil, and one-fourth of a hin of wine for a drink offering with one lamb.

Exd 29:41 "The other lamb you shall offer at twilight, and shall offer with it the same grain offering and the same drink offering as in the morning, for a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.

- This is a beautiful picture of communing with the Lord early in the morning and in the evening.
- Genesis 22:8 "And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together."
- John 1:36 John the Baptist said "And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!"
- Revelation 5:6; 7:17; 14:10; 15:3; 19:9; 21:22; 21:23; and 22:1+3 all refer to Jesus as the LAMB OF GOD

- Psalm 113:3 "From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD'S name is to be praised."

• This daily sacrifice shows that the sacrificial system only temporally covers sin. It never removes sin. But

- Hebrews 10:11-12 "And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;"

Exd 29:42 **8) God's Purpose in All This** v. 42 - 46

"It shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the doorway of the tent of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there.

Exd 29:43 "I will meet there with the sons of Israel, and it shall be consecrated by My glory.

Exd 29:44 "I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar; I will also consecrate Aaron and his sons to minister as priests to Me.

Exd 29:45 "I will dwell among the sons of Israel and will be their God.

Exd 29:46 "They shall know that I am the LORD their God who brought them out of the land of Egypt, that I might dwell among them; I am the LORD their God.

- God is making it very clear that it is HE WHO CONSECRATES. It is not by a formula or ritual.
- God's purpose in all this:
  - Man and God can meet
  - He will Dwell with man
  - Man will know that He is their God

How acceptable would this religion be today.

All the blood and sacrifice and acknowledgement of sin.

This vision that Moses is receiving means nothing until the blood is flowing.

All this work and blood. – The benefit is God's presence

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