

Hallowing The Priest Washing And Dressing Exodus Chapter 29 Verses 01-09

Ex 29:1 ¶ "And this is the thing that thou shalt do unto them to hallow them, to minister unto me in the priest's office: Take one young bullock, and two rams without blemish, 2 And unleavened bread, and cakes unleavened tempered with oil, and wafers unleavened anointed with oil: of wheaten flour shalt thou make them. 3 And thou shalt put them into one basket, and bring them in the basket, with the bullock and the two rams."

God now gives Moses the process to hallow Aaron and his sons to the office of the priesthood. We note this is only to hallow the priests and their garments, to prepare them to begin their service as priests. We shall see the actual consummation of these instructions in Le 8:1-36.

We notice the use of unleavened bread, which would signify that in hallowing them to be of service in the priest's office, they were to serve without sin, in the proper order as directed by God. These offerings would also point out: it is the bread of life that sustains the body of God's people. Additionally, it would signify that the eternal forgiveness of sins and eternal salvation comes from Jesus Christ only. Go to Le 8:1-36 to see this implemented.

The High Priest office was a lifetime position. Although in later years because of political pressures Israel changed these rules and changed high priest more often. The original setup of the office of High Priest is the prophetic picture of the one true High Priest, Jesus the Christ, who has ever been, and ever will be, The High Priest of all of God's people.

The Levitical priests, the sons of Aaron, have time limits on their service in the tabernacle duties, seen in: **Nu 8:23-26; 23 "And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 24 This is it that belongeth unto the Levites: from twenty and five years old and upward they shall go in to wait upon the service of the tabernacle of the congregation: 25 And from the age of fifty years they shall cease waiting upon the service thereof, and shall serve no more: 26 But shall minister with their brethren in the tabernacle of the congregation, to keep the charge, and shall do no service. Thus shalt thou do unto the Levites touching their charge."** These had in their younger years a time of mentoring to learn how to execute the commandments of God for sacrifices correctly. After their time of service in the tabernacle, they became teachers of the younger ones that were in training.

This gives us a picture of the church and its responsibility to teach and preach the whole council of God. Ministers preaching and teaching the whole council of God. Parents teaching their children the whole council of God. And everyone living out the whole council of God in the office God has placed them. Remember, when born again, we are all kings and priest to God.

There is one other aspect that is to be considered in the priest office, see in: **Le 21:21 "No man that hath a blemish of the seed of Aaron the priest shall come nigh to offer the offerings of the LORD made by fire: he hath a blemish; he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God."** The priests were to be without blemish in their flesh. This is the prophetic picture of the sinless and perfect Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, who served as High Priest, and offered himself as the only true sacrifice for the eternal remission of sins. This tells us that the children of God are to live lives that are morally pure lives as sinlessly as possible. It tells us that the new birth puts Christ in you, which cannot sin.

4 "And Aaron and his sons thou shalt bring unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shalt wash them with water. 5 And thou shalt take the garments, and put upon Aaron the coat, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastplate, and gird him with the curious girdle of the ephod: 6 And thou shalt put the mitre upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the mitre. 7 Then shalt thou take the anointing oil, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him."

Notice, the first thing they did was to wash them with water. This would signify the washing away of the filth of the flesh. For God's people it would be viewed as being washed in the waters of regeneration, in preparation to beginning our discipleship and priesthood to our Lord and Saviour, seen in: **Tit 3:4; 1 ¶ "Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, 2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men. 3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. 4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, 5**

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; 6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; 7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

This text is speaking of all the offices of the church, and people who are born-again into the church. We must have the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost, to be fit for any kind of service to God in the church, which indicates that we are to make the public profession of faith and be baptized by immersion.

We notice that first the high priest was clothed in the garments that set him apart for that particular office. Jesus came into this world in a body of flesh, unlike any other, because his flesh was sinless. This set Christ apart as the one true High Priest, because he was dressed in royal sinless flesh, and shed forth the attributes of all the graces of God, which God's people are to exude in their lives. Jesus would be enabled, serving in the office of High Priest, to sacrifice himself on the cross for the eternal remission of sins for God's people.

Aaron, the high priest, was the only one of the Levites who was anointed by pouring oil upon his head. This action was reserved to the office of high priest, who was the anointed representative to be the intermediiator between man and God.

This is a prophetic picture of Christ. Jesus, the man in his prepared body of flesh, was anointed with the Holy Spirit power when he was baptized by John the Baptist in the river Jordan, as he began his public ministry, seen in: ***Joh 1:32-24; 32 "And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. 33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. 34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God."*** Jesus was already the Son of God, and God in the flesh; this anointing of the Holy Spirit, upon the fleshly man, demonstrates that Jesus was anointed to be the only true intermediiator between an offended God and offending man.

This would also prophetically demonstrate a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ must be clothed in the proper garments, have the anointing of the oil on their heads, and be charged with the duties of the office of a preacher, minister, or elder.

The anointing oil, which was poured upon his head, is a picture of the presbytery laying their hands, on the head of the minister they are ordaining, and the Holy Spirit of God anointing that person with the gifts of the office as God would have them serve. It is the picture as seen when Moses anointed the seventy assistants, and God took a portion of the Spirit that was upon Moses and put it upon these seventy elders, seen in: ***Nu 11:17 "And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone."***

There is also here the prophetic picture of our heavenly Father, God and Jesus, being the father and we, his disciples and people, being the lesser priest, the sons of the High Priest.

Did you notice that Aaron, the High Priest, was clothed first and anointed. This shows us that it was necessary that our High Priest, Jesus Christ, be robed first, and surely, he was anointed as the true High Priest. None of the sons of the high priest could be dressed, and cleansed to serve, until the High Priest had first accomplished his service of cleansing. It was the service of Jesus Christ on the cross, his finished work, which made it possible for us to become sons of the high priest, sons of God, and then we can be dressed in the righteousness of Christ and become faithful priest to God the Father.

8 "And thou shalt bring his sons, and put coats upon them. 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."

Though the high priest was able to do the same things the regular priest did, the high priest office had a charge to perform things the regular priest could not do. The High Priest was the sole mediator, who would enter into the most holy place and make atonement for all of Israel yearly. We shall see later; the many duties laid upon the office of the priesthood, and the office of the high priest.

Being girded with the vestments of the offices they were set apart to serve in, was a lifelong commitment laid upon the sons of Aaron and their following generations. Each office was to be continued with each new generation of Aaron's families, until the coming of the true High Priest and his sacrifice on the cross, who ended the sacrificial law services, by the sacrifice of himself on the cross. This shows us: we are to raise our children in

the nurture and admonition of the Lord, that the next generation will be ready to serve faithfully in their offices, when they are called forth by the new birth.

The ordination of a Minister of The Gospel of Jesus Christ is a lifelong commitment. What are the garments of the minister's office? The church is to certify that they are read and studied in the word of God, prepared to preach and teach the whole council of God. They are to be much in prayer, to be ready always to give an answer in accordance with "**thus saith the Lord**" without malice or favor. They are to be prepared to preach and teach whenever called upon. They are to set the higher standard of living the Christian life to the full. We see the full array of the minister's garments in:

- **1Ti 3:1-7; 1 ¶ "This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. 2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; 3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; 4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; 5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) 6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil."** Not only was the minister to be a spiritually clean person, but they were also to live morally clean lives.
- **Tit 1:5-9; 5 ¶ "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: 6 ¶ If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. 7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; 8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; 9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers."** Again, they are to live morally clean lives, and faithfully preach the truths of God's word. This would require that the minister be "**taught**." This is the responsibility of the church as a whole and especially the other ministers. They are also to be well studied in all the scripture to be able to preach the whole council of God.
- Included in the garments are the contents of the whole bible, both the Old and New Testament.

The same can be said for every child of God, for we are all made kings and priest unto God. Wherefore, beginning with the new birth, we are to put on Christ, and live to the glory and honor of God. In the new birth, we are robed with the robes of the righteousness of Christ and the Holy Spirit indwelling. It is an eternal commitment to serve the Lord with all the heart, mind, body, and soul. The garments we are to put on are the manifestations of the fruits of the Spirit, seen in:

- **Mt 22:37-39; 37 "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."**
- **Eph 5:8-1; 8 "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: 9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) 10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord."** As Jesus exuded the fruits of the spirit, so the child of God is to give off the essence of the fruits of the spirit in their lives.

If we are to fulfill these commandments, we are all in need-to-know what God's word of truth teaches. We are to preach, by our lives and words, with love and compassion to each other and the unregenerate, because we were one time living among them in the same lost condition. To be robed in these words of truth is indeed a blessing from God.

Why were the garments to be hallowed? It is a picture today, as the child of God, that our lives, as a Christian, must conform the commandments of God without changing any part of them. If we change "**thus saith the Lord**" then the garments of the child of God are tarnished and have become sinful. This is what has brought much ridicule upon organized religion in the world today. When the ways of sinfulness and worldliness are allowed to enter into the church bodies, sin has entered in, and the services of the people are no longer hallowed and sanctified.

So young people, pay attention to the things that the preachers preach and teach, as well as your parents. You should also be reading and studying the King James bible. When you don't understand something, you should ask your parents, or the preachers, what the scriptures mean, to be sure you have a right understanding of God's word of truth, not the misguided interpretations of the fleshly mind, and what the world of sin would have you to believe.

May God help us all, as priest to God, to let the light of Christ shine brightly in our lives, we pray in the name above all names, Jesus the Christ, Amen!