

A Ram Of Consecration Exodus 29 Verses 19-28

Ex 29:19 "And thou shalt take the other ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram. 20 Then shalt thou kill the ram, and take of his blood, and put it upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about. 21 And thou shalt take of the blood that is upon the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him: and he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him. 22 Also thou shalt take of the ram the fat and the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and the right shoulder; for it is a ram of consecration: 23 And one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread that is before the LORD: 24 And thou shalt put all in the hands of Aaron, and in the hands of his sons; and shalt wave them for a wave offering before the LORD. 25 And thou shalt receive them of their hands, and burn them upon the altar for a burnt offering, for a sweet savour before the LORD: it is an offering made by fire unto the LORD."

We are still speaking upon the sanctification of the priest, their garments, and the altar. The preparatory work to get them ready for service. We have already spoken on the bullock for a sin offering, and the first ram sacrificed as a sweet savor offering, which is representative of the finished work of Jesus Christ being a sweet savor to God the Father. Now, we come to the second ram, which is the ram of consecration. Consecration means *a fulfilling, literally a setting of gems, also concretely a dedicatory sacrifice, be set.*

By putting their hands on the head of the ram of consecration, and then receiving the blood as described, is a picture of the imputation of God's gifts, and the blessings of a saved life, made sacred to serve in the priesthood, as well as to hallow them for the work they are to do. Not only hallow them but their garments and the work they are to do. What do you mean by this? What we mean is, now we see the work, that the priests are to do, is to be a sanctified and consecrated work. Their work, if they thoroughly purge themselves, will be a work fulfilling the purpose of God in their lives, and everything they do will bring glory and honor to the name of God. So should it be in our own lives as disciples of Christ.

What is the significance of putting the blood upon; "*the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot?*" and is there any significance in the order in which it was done?

The blood upon the ear would signify that first we must hear the voice of our Saviour. This is imputed to us in the new birth. Next, the blood upon the thumb of the right hand would signify that when we hear the commandments of God, we are to set about doing the work that God has set before us, we begin this by making our public profession of faith in Christ's finished work, for the eternal redemption of sins, and then the church gives us the right hand of fellowship. Lastly, the blood upon the great toe of the right foot would signify that having heard the voice of Jesus Christ, having set forth to do the work laid upon us by the voice of Jesus, we are to continue in this work of bringing glory to God in all our walks of life. Our walks are to manifest that we have heard the voice of Jesus and are obeying his voice to the glory of God the Father, as seen in:

- *Mt 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."*
- *1Pe 2:12 "Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation."* These two texts demonstrate that our walks are to give, to those who are against us, no seed of sin or wrongdoing, with which they may castigate, or blaspheme, the name of our God.

This picture shows us: the imputation of the blood of Christ, upon the newborn child of God, has consecrated not only our bodies, but all that we do, to bring glory and honor to God, including the garments of the righteousness of Christ with which we are robed.

Did you notice that the offerings required were to be put in the hands of the priest and waved before the Lord? Then it was returned to Moses who burned it upon the altar. This demonstrates that when we are born again, as a priest of God, we are to wave before God our sacrifices of praise, for our eternal remission of sins and our eternal life. Since Christ commanded us to pray in his name, it gives us the picture of returning them to

Christ, who will present them to God the Father. What do you mean? We are commanded in New Testament scripture in: ***Col 3:16-24; 16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. 18 ¶ Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. 20 Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. 21 Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged. 22 Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: 23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.***" You understand, we have nothing to offer unto God except that finished work of Jesus Christ, and the gifts of grace that Christ has bestowed upon us. These gifts, and fruits of the Spirit, we can wave before the Lord, and they will be found acceptable to God through Christ. True devotion, and discipleship in Christ, demonstrates consecration to God, which means we are fulfilling, consecrating, the will and purpose of God.

May God give us the strength and faith to serve God in spirit and truth, as seen in: ***Ro 8:13-14; 13 "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.***" We pray in the name of Jesus, Amen!

Did you notice that all the fat was to be offered to the Lord in sacrifice? Why? Because God commanded Israel in: ***Le 7:23 "Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Ye shall eat no manner of fat, of ox, or of sheep, or of goat."*** Remember we told you that fat was the organ of the body which supplies our source of energy? This demonstrates that all our energies, expended in Christian living, are gifts from God, and are to be devoted to God.

Thus, we see: beginning at the first of the chapter, and studying the process as it is laid out by God: for any service to God to be acceptable: First our sins must be forgiven: Second: our fleshly works must be laid aside, and the imputed works of Christ put in their place, in accordance with the will of God, or our works will not be a sweet savor sacrifice to God: Thirdly; our works must be consecrated wholly to the glory of God, with no glory to ourselves, or they will be unacceptable to God. This is worshipping God in Spirit and Truth. If these three conditions are met, then we shall see below our reward for our service to God.

Surely, we can all clearly see that to be a child of God, we must be selected by God, forgiven of our sins eternally, sanctified to the work and purpose of God for us, and consecrated to our public ministry, discipleship, in service to God and Christ. It is easy to see that all this happens and is given to us only through the finished work of Jesus Christ: reminding us that our works of the flesh will only get us into the eternal lake of fire and eternal condemnation. Thanks, and praise, to our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ, for these precious gifts that manifest we are children of God. Hallelujah! Amen!

26 "And thou shalt take the breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration, and wave it for a wave offering before the LORD: and it shall be thy part. 27 And thou shalt sanctify the breast of the wave offering, and the shoulder of the heave offering, which is waved, and which is heaved up, of the ram of the consecration, even of that which is for Aaron, and of that which is for his sons: 28 And it shall be Aaron's and his sons' by a statute forever from the children of Israel: for it is an heave offering: and it shall be an heave offering from the children of Israel of the sacrifice of their peace offerings, even their heave offering unto the LORD."

"***The breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration***" was waved before the Lord, and the shoulder of the ram was heaved before the Lord. These two pieces of the offering were set apart for the food of the priests. This was a statute for Israel, when they offered the sacrifices of their peace offerings, which gave a supply of meat for Aaron and his sons, the priesthood.

Did you notice that this text says, "***The breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration?***" Consecration means ***a fulfilling, literally a setting of gems, or technically a dedicatory sacrifice, be set.*** This prophecies to us that all our consecration to God comes through Jesus Christ, our High Priest. It also tells us of the reward we have when we serve in discipleship to Christ as we are commanded.

Next, we see that the breast of the ram of consecration was food for the priesthood. This is why Jesus told us that he is the "***bread of life***," seen in: ***Joh 6:35, 48; 32 "Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto***

you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. 34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. 35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. 36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. 37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. 38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. 39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. 40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. 41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. 42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven? 43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. 44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. 46 Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father. 47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. 48 I am that bread of life." Christ Jesus, who is the Word of God, is the sustenance of all of God's people. The written word of God is bread to us. That is why we are to have a thorough knowledge of the bible. As God is giving specific instruction to Moses of how the office of the priesthood is set up and sanctified, The bible teaches us the purposes of God, and what he expects of us, as we serve in his priesthood here in time.

Do you remember how God fed Israel with manna from heaven from the time they were brought out of Egypt until they entered the land of promise? This is a picture to us of from the time we are born again until we enter our promised rest, we are to gather and eat manna from heaven everyday of our lives. We gather and eat manna from heaven by reading and studying the word of God. Remember that they were to gather double on the day before the sabbath so they would have to eat on the sabbath day? The same applies to us in the sense that we gather double before we assemble as a congregation of the people of God to hear the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as he presents himself to us.

Remember that Jesus told us I am the vine and ye are the branches. The branches can only bear fruit if they are connected to the vine and receive their life-giving food from the vine. The vine, Jesus Christ, is the source of energy which enables the Child of God to bear the fruits of the spirit, which bring glory and honor to the name of God.

The sabbath day of rest is a picture of the day of rest from gathering. This is why we attend our church services on Sunday, and we just enjoy eating the bread of life, and drinking from the fountain of the living waters. This is the picture of the wave and heave offerings and the food for our spiritual lives, it is the bread of life, in this age of Salvation by the grace of God, provided to us by the Word of God. Hallelujah! Amen!