

Leviticus 8:1-36
Set Apart for Holy Service (Part 2)
January 27, 2013
Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. **Children's Sermon: Jesus is the Way Up the Mountain**

II. **Set Apart (Holy), to Mediate**

A. God Gave us the Categories to Understand Jesus

1. Substitute
2. Mediator

"For a holy God to live among sinners, and to have fellowship with them, they **had to be taught** the need of a **mediator**." [Bold Mine]¹

B. Set Apart to Look Like Jesus

1. Washed (8:6)
2. Clothed (8:7-9)
3. Anointed (8:12 – Aaron only)

Leviticus 8:30

³⁰ Then Moses took some of the **anointing oil and of the blood** that was on the altar and sprinkled it on Aaron and his garments, and also on his sons and his sons' garments. So he **consecrated Aaron and his garments, and his sons and his sons' garments with him**.

4. Offerings:

- a. Sin Offering (8:14–17)
- b. Burnt Offering (8:18–21)

III. **Set Apart to Look Like Jesus Continued**

A. God Chooses his Priests

Leviticus 8:1–2

¹ The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ² "**Take Aaron and his sons** with him..."

¹ **Eveson**, P. H. (2007). *The Beauty of Holiness: The Book of Leviticus Simply Explained*. Welwyn Commentary Series (108). Darlington, England: Evangelical Press.

Hebrews 5:1, 4

¹ For *every high priest chosen* from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ...⁴ And no one takes this honor for himself, *but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.* (Psalm 2:7 – Son)

Psalm 110:1–2, 4

¹ The Lord says to my Lord: “*Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.*” ² The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty *scepter. Rule* in the midst of your enemies! ...

⁴ *The Lord has sworn* and will not change his mind, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.” (Cf. Genesis 14:18)

B. Ordination Offering (God Provides a means of Fellowship & Dedication)

1 Corinthians 10:18 (Eating – Leviticus 8:30–32)

Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices *participants in the altar?*

1. Ordained? (Set in Place, Fulfilled, Perfected)

Leviticus 8:22–29

²² Then he presented the other ram, the **ram of ordination**, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram. ²³ And he killed it, and *Moses took some of its blood and put it on the lobe of Aaron’s right ear and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot.*

²⁴ Then he presented Aaron’s sons... (ear, thumb, toe) And Moses threw the blood against the sides of the altar.

“...they are to have consecrated ears to hear the voice of the Lord, consecrated hands to do his will, and consecrated feet to walk in his ways.” ²

² Ross, A. P. (2002). *Holiness to the Lord: A Guide to the Exposition of the Book of Leviticus* (215). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic.

2. A Food Offering Pleasing to God!

Leviticus 8:25–29

²⁵ Then he *took the fat* ... ²⁶ and out of the basket of unleavened bread that was before the Lord he took *one unleavened loaf* and *one loaf of bread with oil* and *one wafer* and placed them on the pieces of fat and on the **right thigh**. (Cf. Leviticus 7:11–15) ²⁷ *And he put all these in the hands of Aaron and in the hands of his sons and waved them as a wave offering before the Lord.* ²⁸ Then Moses took them from their hands and **burned them on the altar with the burnt offering**. This was an ordination offering with **a pleasing aroma, a food offering to the Lord.** ²⁹ And **Moses took the breast** and waved it for a wave offering before the Lord. It was Moses' portion of the ram of ordination, as the Lord commanded Moses.

III. Application: The True High Priest

A. Jesus' Ordination

Hebrews 5:7–10

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, **and he was heard** because of his reverence. ⁸ Although he was a son, he *learned obedience through what he suffered.* ⁹ And being **made perfect**, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰ **being designated by God a high priest** after the order of *Melchizedek*.

Hebrews 6:19–20

¹⁹ We have this as a sure and steadfast **anchor of the soul**, *a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain,* ²⁰ **where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf,** having become a **high priest** forever after the order of Melchizedek.

B. Perfect Sacrifice, High Priest & King

Hebrews 7:22–28

²⁴ but [Jesus] holds his priesthood **permanently**, because he continues forever. ²⁵ Consequently, ***he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him***, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶ **For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.** ²⁷ **He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.** ²⁸ For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but ***the word of the oath***, which came later than the law, ***appoints a Son*** who has been **made perfect forever**.

Hebrews 10:5–7

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, **as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.**’ ”

Key Idea

In the OT laws for the offerings and the priesthood God is giving us the proper categories to understand Jesus our savior.