

Leviticus 7:22–38  
*The Priestly Service of All Believers*  
January 6, 2013  
Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Children's Sermon

"Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."

II. Servants of the Lord

A. Why the Special Focus on Bringing the  
Offering for the Lord & His Priests?

**Leviticus 7:28-31**

<sup>28</sup> The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>29</sup> "Speak to the people of Israel, saying, *Whoever offers the sacrifice of his peace offerings* to the Lord *shall bring his offering to the Lord* from the sacrifice of his peace offerings. <sup>30</sup> *His own hands shall bring the Lord's food offerings.* He shall bring the fat with the breast, that the breast may be waved as a wave offering before the Lord. <sup>31</sup> The priest shall burn the fat on the altar, but the breast shall be for Aaron and his sons.

B. The Priesthood of All Believers

**Romans 15:15–16** (Apostle Paul)

<sup>15</sup> But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God <sup>16</sup> to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the *priestly service* of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

**Revelation 5:9–10** (All Believers)

<sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood *you ransomed people* for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, <sup>10</sup> and *you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,* and they shall reign on the earth."

### III. The Lord's Provision

#### A. Why the Special Focus on the Portion to be Given to the Priests?

##### **Leviticus 7:31-36**

<sup>31</sup> The priest shall burn the fat on the altar, but the breast *shall be for Aaron and his sons*. <sup>32</sup> And the right thigh you shall give to the priest as a contribution from the sacrifice of your peace offerings. <sup>33</sup> Whoever among the sons of Aaron offers the blood of the peace offerings and the fat shall have the right thigh for a portion. <sup>34</sup> For the breast that is waved and the thigh that is contributed I have taken from the people of Israel, out of the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and have given them to Aaron the priest and to his sons, as a perpetual due from the people of Israel. <sup>35</sup> This is the portion of Aaron and of his sons from the LORD's food offerings, from the day they were presented to serve as priests of the LORD. <sup>36</sup> *The LORD commanded this to be given them by the people of Israel, from the day that he anointed them. It is a perpetual due throughout their generations.*"

#### B. The Lord Provides Richly for His Servants

##### **Psalm 36:7-9**

<sup>7</sup> How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. <sup>8</sup> *They feast on the abundance of your house*, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. <sup>9</sup> For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

#### C. Signs vs. Substance

##### **Key Question's:**

- Who is the Priest(s)? {Jesus? Ministers? Christians?}
- What/Who is the Food?

1. Jesus is the High Priest & the Food
2. Gospel ministers are priests (Ro. 15:15–16)

### **1 Corinthians 9:11**

If we have sown spiritual things among you, *is it too much if we reap material things from you?*

3. Christians are priests (Revelation 5:9–10)

### **Jeremiah 31:11–14**

<sup>11</sup> For the Lord has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. <sup>12</sup> They shall come and sing aloud ... their life shall be like a watered garden, and they shall languish no more. ...

<sup>14</sup> *I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, declares the Lord.*”

## **IV. Application: Our Priestly Duties**

### **A. Feed Your Ministers**

#### **Philippians 4:16–20**

<sup>16</sup> Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift, but I seek *the fruit that increases to your credit*. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, *a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God*. <sup>19</sup> And my *God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus*. <sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

### **B. Work Hard So You Can be Generous**

#### **Ephesians 4:28**

<sup>28</sup> Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing *honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need*.

## Hebrews 13:16

Do not neglect to do good and to *share what you have*, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

- C. Bring People to the **True High Priest** and Feed them with **Real Food**

### **Key Idea**

*As priests of the One True and Living God we teach people about Jesus who is both the True High Priest and Real Food. (Trust & Obey)*