

Intro:

Main Point of Text: In the trespass offering, the priests enjoy holy privileges and pleasures serving a holy God and His holy people.

Sermon Point: *It is a Privilege and Pleasure to Pastor.*

Move 1: Pastors have the privilege of proximity to the Holy One.

Priest has a privileged position of nearness to God. Vs. 5: “unto the Lord”. He works for God! He serves in the Tabernacle: the place where God dwells. Vs. 6: he eats in the Holy Place (where others can’t go). Vss. 7-9: priest shall have it [offering]/to himself/shall be the priest’s. Vs. 10: each priest gets his own special portion of what he serves for someone special. Pastor’s job: spend intimate time w/ God in prayer/study. Gets to go deeper in the Word: closer to Jesus.

Move 2: Pastors have the privilege of pronouncing you are holy.

Vs. 2: priest delivers and completes the substitutionary sacrifice. He visibly pronounces atonement by the blood. And he visibly proclaims acceptance by eating what is “most holy” (vss. 1, 6). ... *as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!* (Rom. 10:15 of Isa. 52:7) The preacher not only has the responsibility to renounce sin, but the privilege of pronouncing pardon. Serves at the pleasure of the Prince of Peace. Ambassadors of the King of Glory!

Move 3: Pastors have the privilege of helping you become more holy.

Vss. 3-5: takes away/burns away all sins. Shows offerer is free of sin’s guilt *and* grip. Shows people they are delivered to deliver. Holy to be holy (book’s theme). Priest will help people cleanse/live clean/holy lives outside temple/w/in camp. Tabernacle duty: help people be God’s holy temple. Rom 8:29: God is conforming you into the image of Christ. The priest’s/pastor’s calling also his claim, because Christ has His claim on you. *For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.* (1 Cor. 6:20). Cost was precious/priceless: Acts 20:28b. So pastor should sweat/bleed.

Conclusion:

3 John 1:4: *I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.*

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