

***Intro:***

Main Point of Text: Before their official service may begin, Moses must officially set Aaron and his sons apart for it.

Sermon Point: *Ministers Must be Officially Called and Ordained.*

***Move 1: God works through official church life.***

As God “commanded”. Tabernacle an official system/place: Moses anointed it/all its official parts, vss. 10-11, 15. Its door the official place to gather (vs. 4). Vss. 1-4: official public ceremony to make things official. Vs. 3/4: lit. Heb. “the testimony assembled”. 1 Cor. 14:40. 1 Tim. 3:15. WCF 25:2.

***Move 2: God calls official officers to serve His church.***

God called Aaron/his sons: vss. 1-2. God called the Levites to officially serve Him (Ex. 38:21; Num. 1:50). Vs. 35: Seven days, really official. Lev. 7:35: “office”. Official uniform (vss. 7-9, 13). Heb. 5:1, 4-5.

***Move 3: God’s officers are not allowed to serve until they are officially ordained.***

Levites called by their birth, but could not serve until consecrated. Ex. 29 gave ordination instructions. Can’t do priestly instructions until ordained. Moses did all the anointing service for and to them. Anointed w/ oil: vss. 12, 30. “Sanctified”: set apart (vs. 12). “Consecrate”, Fill up the hand: vs. 33 (Ex. 29:35). Elders not ordaining/being ordained to ministerial service. N.T. ministers have a unique office of service. So official ordination: 1 Tim. 2:7; 4:14; 2 Tim. 1:6.

***Move 4: Official church life points to her official Messiah.***

Vs. 12: Aaron the high priest, THE type of Christ. Ps. 133:1-2. Vss. 23-24: whole person. Ps. 40:6/Hebrews 10:5, “body”. Jesus is at the “right hand” of God (Acts 2:33). These priests needed water cleansing: vs. 6; and blood atonement: vs. 34. Just like the people, they had to sacrifice substitutionary offerings/lean their hands upon them: vss. 14, 18, 22. Heb. 8:5ff: shadows of Jesus. Heb. 3:1-2; 7:27-28.

***Conclusion:***

Rom. 15:16: Calvin: “Priestly work of pastors.” He also points to 1 Cor. 9:13-14. Like priests and Jesus,

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