"The Burnt Offering" Lev. 1:1-17; 6:8-13; Ex 29:38-46

Intro: A.-Five Offerings----Spoken out of the Sanctuary 1:1
--Spoken to believers

1-Burnt--Dedication
2-Meal---Perfection----only non-bloody
3-Peace--Reconciliation & Fellowship
4-Sin----Expiation of sin
5-Tresspass--Debt of sin paid

B.-Five-Sided Picture of Christ:
1-Person 3-Perfection & attitude
2-Work

C.-Order of Offerings:
1-Backward to man; Begins with God's view
2-Believer progresses in reverse order.
3-ILLUS.--Did you ever go into a home where a dear mother had been entrusted with a new baby? How did you get into heart communion with that mother? You talked perhaps about various things, but you could not strike a responsive chord in her heart until you said something about her little one. All at once she brightened up & began to tell you what a wonderful baby it really was, & soon you & she were completely en rapport, for you were both occupied with the same little personality. The illus. is a very feeble one. That child of hers is entrusted to her for but a brief period, but the God of the universe has been finding His delight in His blessed Son throughout all the ages of eternity, & now He says, as it were, "I want to take you into fellowship with Me in My thoughts about My Son. I want to tell you about HIM. I want you to understand better the delight that I find in Him and to see more fully what His work & devotion mean to Me."

I.-PROCEEDURE OF THE BURNT OFFERING ----"That Which Ascends"

A.-Manner Of Offering:
1-Animal led to gate 1:3
2-Hands laid on 1:4
3-Offerer kills animal 1:5
4-Priests aply blood 1:5
5-Flayed or skinned & cut up
6-Inward parts washed (purity)
7-Whole is burned---Except SKIN
8-Ashes taken outside the camp to a CLEAN place.

B.-Situation Of Offering:
1-Animals---Herd, Flock, & Fowl----So any & all could participate regardless of financial differences. Clean, domesticated & unblemished
2-Universality----Open to all--1:3---"If any man of you"
--Dependent upn the Big "IF"
3-Voluntary--no legalism
--pure devotion--1:3-"own voluntary will""
4-Identification--Complete. Laying on of hands & confession
--Substitution. One dying for another
5-Death--At the hand of the offerer
--ATONEMENT--Life poured out fully----Heb. 9:22
--Why Bloody????God thus shows Hideous Character of SIN
6-The Fire---Kindled by God--9:24
--Picture of the consuming fire of God's holiness
--God's activity in the offering.

II.-PORTIONS OF THE OFFERING

A.-God's Portion:
1-ALL the offering but the skin--Head---intelligence
--Body---strength
Bones---Not broken
Fat---Energy

2-Burned---Eph. 5:2
3-Father's delight in the Person & Work of His Son----What it meant to Him to have an OBEDIENT Son. Isa. 42:1

B.-Priest's Portion:
1-Skin-----Thus to be clothed in imputed righteousness
2-Gen. 3:21

C.-Offerer's Portion:
1-NOTHING----(physically)
2-His privilege is to GIVE with the thought only for God & not for self
3-Interested in what GOD gets out of it---not centered in self
4-Began with Abel.

III.-PICTURES SEEN IN THE BURNT OFFERING:

A.-Pictures Of Calvary:
1-Death of Christ--Perfect & w/o blemish
--Voluntary & Bloody
--Sweet-savor & pleasing
--Finished offering--no more fire at the altar/ now
--Ashes show nothing more could be done
2-Dedication of Christ--Ps. 40:6-8--No need of offerings
---Pure delight
--Heb. 10:4-10--Doing the Father's will
--Jn. 8:29---Always pleasing to the Father
--Jn. 10:17--Voluntary dedication

B.-Pictures Concerning Believer:
1-Christ's dedication is our example--nothing withheld 5:1-2
--we are to follow--Ep. 5-to be brought voluntarily by a heart full of worship. WORSHIP requires SACRIFICE.

ILLUS----The Rev. Clark, a Scotch missionary from Africa told of an African who had been mauled by a lioness & was well-nigh dead. Mr. C. cared for his wounds, & when he got well he left. After 3 months he came back to Mr. C.-& said, "You know the law of Africa's forest, that the redeemed belongs to the redeemer. I was dead, but I am now alive. I am yours. Here are my 6 children,my wife & my cattle; do with me as you will." Are we willing to surrender all to Christ like that? The secret of our lack of power & service is just this---we do not acknowledge that we, the redeemed, belong to the redeemer.

2-Delight of the Christian--Not in physical things, but spiritual
--Enter into what delights God
--Daily, Twice daily, Continually

CONCL:--To See Christ as He is seen by The Father:
Perfection....Offered....Death....Dedicated....Delight; Rom.3:25

ILLUS---"Why talk of Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, all the time?" "Why are you always occupied with rice all of your time?".....Oh, that's easy. You see we eat it morning, noon & night & it sustains us." .....So with the Christian. We talk of Him & rejoice in Him because HE SUSTAINS us always.

---Reaction---Rom. 12:1-----Once for all dedication & submission to walk in the Spirit.

1 Jn 1:4 to stay there!

"The MealOffering" Lev. 2:1-16; 6:14-23

Intro: A.-Contrast:
1-Burnt Offering typifies Christ in Death Dedication--Bloody.
2-Meal Offering typifies Christ in Life Perfection--Non-Bloody.
meat = meal.

B.-Point:
1-All five offerings show Christ
2-This one deals with Christ's PERSON & LIFE

I.-MATERIALS OF MEAL OFFERING:

A.-Fine Flour 2:1
1-Most typical element
2-Essential part of offering
3-Evenness & flawlessness of Christ
4-No bumps or ruffledness
5-Shows perfection & sinlessness; yet weakness & humanity
6-No taint of sin in Christ--Lk. 1:35
7-ILLUS---Christ--fine flour; We---rough cut oatmeal

B.-Olive Oil 2:1, 4, 5
1-Oil in Scripture a constant picture of the Spirit--Zech 4:6
2-Oil MIXED or MINGLED---from the inside
---Mt. 1:18 "with child of the Holy Ghost"
---Gal 4:4 --God's Son, not Mary's.
3-Oil POURED--Isa. 11:1-2--Supernatural endowment
--Jn. 3:34-----Unlimited power
--Acts 10:38---From God

C.-Frankincense 2:2--Green substance which gives off a sweet odor
1-Fragrance of Person of Christ----Eph. 5:2--sweet savor
2-Godward, yet seen by man
3-John 11:41; 12:27
4-To be in us---Eph. 4:32; Gal. 6:1; Acts 4:13; Mt. 26:69-73

D.-Salt 2:13 (3 times insisted upon in 1 vs.)
1-Preserving & Persevering of the offering
2-Continuance of Christ
3-Picture of permanence of righteousness--Nu. 18:19--forever
--2 Chr. 13:5--God's veracity
--Mk. 9:49-50--Necessary
4-Believers are to be "salt of the earth"---holding off decay. ified
--by introducing world to Righteousness Person

E.-Leaven 2:11 NOT to be in it. (2:4)
1-Constant picture of evil in Scripture
2-As salt preserves; so leaven putrifies
3-Misconception of leaven in Mt. 13:33---Not the good & true gospel, but evil doctrine & practice. Gospel NEVER to be hid.
4-Anti-type---no evil nature or deeds in Christ.

F.-Honey 2:11 NOT to be in it
1-External & natural sweetness
2-Fine until in fire----then it sours
3-"Sticky Sweetness" of partiality---not pleasing to God
---not of God
---Not in Christ --Mk. 3:31-35
---ILLUS---Men may undertake, like Saul, to distinguish between what is "vile & refuse" & what is not; but the judgment of God ranks the delicate Agag with the vilest sons of Amalek.

G.-Point Of The Materials:
1-Show Humanity of Christ in FULL perfectness
2-We have a MAN at the right hand of God--Heb. 1:3; 1 Tim. 2:5 Jn.8:40
3-In all others---some flaws whether big or small
4-In Jesus Christ----Heb. 4:15

II.-MAKING THE MEAL OFFERING:

A.-Preparation: in oven
1-Always by fire----in pan
in cauldron (2:7 Darby)
2-Heat brings out perfection of quality of ingredients
3-Speaks of SUFFERINGS of Christ
--Expiatory suffering not seen here because not a BLOODY offering & because a sweet-savor which shows not for sin.
--Then what kind of suffering????
(1)Sympathy with plight of man--Perfect fellow feeling Mt. 8:16-17
(2)For Righteousnes--stand agains sin & tradition
--scourging
(3)Anticipatory--In Gethsemane--Lk.22:44; Mt. 26:37-38
--These we Christians can join in & fill up what is behind of His sufferings---Phs. 1:29; Col 1:24

B.-Presentation:
1-A Bloody offering generally associated with meal offering
2-Not possible to divorce the Person & Work of Christ.
3-ILLUS--Cain brought a meal offering & it was EXCELLENT (He.10:1
as far as it went, but it wasn't enough ALONE.
4-HANDFUL (2:2) was burned as a memorial before God
5-Rest is what Priest lived on. Offered what was a GIFT to Him. Not his own. — Gal 2:20
6-How BIG is our hand of giving to God???--God enables us to live on what is left.

III.-MESSAGES OF THE MEAL OFFERING:

A.-Perfection Of Christ:
1-Primary message; all else depends on this.
2-LIFE of the MAN, Christ Jesus is in view. 1 Jn. 4:2

B.-Sustenance of the Priest:
1-Lived on what was left. Feeding on what spoke of Christ
2-Jn. 6:33---our source of spiritual life & growth
3-Early Church reveled in Christ & the Word which spoke of Him. Their LIFE*FOOD.

C.-Spirit's Activity:
1-In us---indwelling
2-Upon us---Filling--Eph. 5:18---Christ is our perfect example. we
--If Christ needed the Spirit's filling, so do

D.-Life Ingredients:
1-Natural sweetness out of place
2-Evil out of place
3-Radiate the Fragrance of Christ---2 Cor. 2:14-17

"The Peace Offering" Lev. 3 & 7

Intro: A.- Child's def. of Peace---"to be smooth inside"

B.-Contrast Of Offerings:

1-Burnt--Dedication

2-Meal---Perfection

3-Peace--Reconciliation and hence fellowship

I.-MAKING OF THE PEACE OFFERING.

A.-Method Of The Peace Offering (Herd,Flock, Goat) similar to Burnt

1-Animal brought to door

2-Offerer lays hand on animal showing identification & substitution

3-Offerer kills animal

4-Priest catches some blood & sprinkles on the altar

5-Animal cut open---parts removed & laid out---takes DEATH

B.-Portions of The Peace Offering:

1-God---Choice parts gained by DEATH are burned for Him

2-Priest---Rt. shoulder (strength)

---Breast--(affections) 7:32-33

3-Offerer---All the rest for fellowship

---Feed any & all he might invite----sharing with God

II.-MEANING OF THE PEACE OFFERING.

A.-Peace:

1-Word in Heb. almost always in plural

2-Absence of hostility----AND---Presence of Prosperity

3-ILLUS---Confederate soldier begging for help & afraid of the punishment of Rob't E. Lee for his desertion 1 week after the surrender. Need have no fear then for PEACE had been made. Need was to BELIEVE the message & ACT on it.

4-Slaughtered sacrifice portrays state of communion between God & Man

5-TYPICAL---Isa. 32:17

---Jn. 16:33

B.-Relationships Of Peace:

1-Col. 1:20---He made peace

2-Eph. 2:14---He is our peace

3-Eph. 2:17---(He) came and preached peace

4-Rom. 5:1----We have peace with God-----ILLUS---R. C. Ch. teaches that man must in the end "make his peace with God." TOO LATE..... Man cannot do this.....It is already MADE BY JESUS.....Only way now to have peace with God is through the Peace He provides thru Jesus---- This is God's way & His invitation-----but it is the only way of peace.

5-Phs. 4:7----The peace of God...shall keep your hearts & minds.

6-Jn. 14:27---My peace I give unto you---experiencial gift of P.

7-Gal. 5:22-23----The fruit of the Spirit is...peace----- with the brethren.

C.-Culmination Of Peace is Fellowship because of reconcilliation.

III. MESSAGE OF THE PEACE OFFERING:

A.-Associations Of The Offering:

1-Burnt, Meal & Peace offerings often seen together

2-Sweet Savor

3-Deal with the Person, Presence & Positive Work of Christ

B.-True Peace----The Only Basis Of Fellowship:

1-Based on Atonement

2-----Animals had to die to make the offering

----So also Christ had to DIE to make reconcilliation

----ILLUS---In Santiago, Cuba, stands a beautiful ceiba tree known as the "Peace Tree." It was in the shadow of this tree in 1898 that the officials of the American liberation army & the victorious Cuban liberators met with the Spaniards & signed the terms of peace in the war with Spain. These American soldiers had all fought valliantly to free Cuba from its bondage to Spain wherein it was being denied the freedom loved by all. These men were willing to give their very lives that all Cubans might have both freedom and liberty. How true it is for us Christians too that there was a PEACE TREE involved in the cessation of hostilities between God & Man when Jesus Christ hung on the Crosss and became sin for us who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him ----thus reconciling us to God by HIS DEATH.

"*----We have an accomplished reconciliation in which we are both partakers and ambassadors.---2 Cor. 5:18-21

2-Centers in the Offering

---all partook of the sacrifice & were satisfied

---so--Christ is the center of joy, happiness, communion & peace for the Believer

3-True Peace can be enjoyed only by the CLEAN man, for only he can have fellowship with God

4-Peace involves SHARING

***God "shared" His Son

---We "share" Him too

---All partake.

Isa. 32:17

To be CUT OFF (7:20,21) was to lose Fellowship 1Jn 1:9

"Sin Offering" Lev. 4:1 — 5:13

Intro: A.-Why is there a NEED for a Sin Offering?:
1-Universality of sin--a soul--4:2 a ruler--4:22
--the priest--4:3 anyone of the common
--the cong. 4:13 people--4:27
2-Could be & was true of all that they are sinners
--by nature--Eph. 2:1-3
--by acts--Rom. 3:23
3-No person is so obscure that his sin is overlooked,
None so prominent his sin is condoned.
No gradation of morality---offerings vary according to sinner's light & ability to provide.

I.-WHAT KIND OF SINS REQUIRE A SIN OFFERING:

A.-Sins Of Ignorance:
1-Ignorance of law's demands thru lack of knowledge
2-Ignorance of law's demands thru weakness of flesh. 1 Tim. 1:13
3-ILLUS--Manslayer forgeven, but murderer never was.---Acts 3:17
4-Principle of 1 Jn. 3:8-10

B.-Sins Of Presumption:
1-To be avoided--Ps. 19:13
2-Deliberate & premeditated transgressions
3-No sacrifice for these---Nu. 15:30; 1 Sam. 3:14
4-Modern parallel---no sin considered presumptuous
---EXCEPT, Son-rejection---Heb. 10:28-29

C.-Specific Sins Named:
1-(5:1) Concealing knowledge--either 1st or 2nd hand--of the truth-----ILLUS--Know some reason why a man shouldn't serve in an official capacity in the church & not say so.
2-(5:2-3) Defilement thru contact----ILLUS--Worldly & carnal associations---2 Cor. 6:14-7; 1 Jn. 2:15-16
3-(5:4) Rash swearing or lack of self-control
ILLUS--False witness or taking the name of the Lord in vain.
ILLUS--Promises to pray & not following thru. Promise to help financially & not follow thru.

D.-Remedy For GUILT Of Sin:
1-Remedy is attached directly to the sin
2-Remedy found in Definite & Specific CONFESSION of the wrong committed "IN THAT THING"
3-No"praying around the world"
4-Very Definite---Lev. 5:5; Ps. 51:3; 1 Jn. 1:9
5-Issues in Forgiveness or "PARDON" in the O.T.-------ILLUS---
A Prince, traveling thru France, visited the arsenal of Toulon. The Commandant, as a compliment to the Prince's rank, said thathe was welcome to set free any of the prisoners whom he should choose to select. The Prince, willing to make the best use of this privilege, spoke in succession to them, inquiring why they were condemned. Injustice, false accusation, & oppression were the only causes they gave. They had been ill-treated & were all innocent. At last he came to one who, when asked the same question, answered, "My Lord, I have no reason to complain; I have been a very wicked, & desperate wretch. I have often deserved to be broken alive on the wheel. I account it a very great mercy that I am here." The prince fixed his eyes upon him, gave him a gentle blow upon the head, & said, "You wicked wretch! It is a pity that you should be placed among so MANY HONEST MEN. By your own confession you are bad enough to corrupt them all; BUT YOU SHALL NOT STAY WITH THEM ANOTHER DAY." Turning to the officer, he said, "This is the man, sir: I wish to see him released."

II.-CEREMONY OF SIN OFFERING:

A.-Variance According To Light:

1-Sin is sin---always & is against God--Dan. 9:5,8,9,11,14,15,18

2-Yet, light of truth varies--Priest, Ruler, Comman man

3-God requires more of those possessing more light---bullock vs. goat

4-Yet, if poor, God allows all to come---Accepts somethin all can provide.---FAITH, as shown in willingness to come .

B.-Parts Of Sacrifice: (IT IS MOST HOLY 7:26:29)

1-Blood--4:5-7--Shed---Heb. 9:22 work

--Unites 2 altars; Christ's earthly & heavenly /

2-Inwards, Fat, & Kidneys---offered on Burnt Altar, yet diff.

3-Carcass--Burned outside the camp in a clean place.

--Carcass not "saturated with sin" but the bearer of sin---1 Pet. 2:24 & 3:18

--Interpretation---Heb. 13:12---Outside the camp of sin which was religious Israel.

--Typical of the NEW ALTAR---Heb. 13:10

4-Eaten--Only in cases of lesser gravity

--By Priests only

--Uniting God & Man to indicate the DEBT of the GUILT & of sin is paid.

III.-MESSAGE OF THE SIN OFFERING:

A.-Expiation:

1-Penalty of guilt for sin is PAID

2-"It shall be forgiven him"---6 times (4:20,26,31,35; 5:10,13)

3-Cleared up the problem of SIN between man & God

4-ILLUS ---Moody was told of an occurance at the Ohio State Prison. Commissioners had obtained 5 Governor's Pardons for good behavior on the understanding that the record be kept secret & at the end of 6 mos. the men highest on the roll would receive the pardons. At the end of the 6 mos. all the prisoners were brought into the chapel. The commissioners came; the chairman put his hand in his pocket & brought out some papers, & said, "Men, I hold in my hand pardons for 5 of you." The chaplain told Moody he had never witnessed anything on earth like it. Every man was as still as death. Many were deadly pale. The suspense was awful; it seemed as if every heart had ceased to beat. The chairman went on to explain how they had gotten the Pardons, but the chaplain interrupted him. "Before you make your speech, read out the names. This suspense is awful." So he read out the 1st name, "Reuben Johnson will come & get his pardon"; & he held it out, but none came forward. He said to the warden: "Are all the prisoners here?" and the answer was "Yes." Again he said, "Reuben Johnson will come & get his pardon. It is signed & sealed by the Governor. He is a free man."..... No one moved. The chaplain looked right down where Reuben was. He was well known; he had been 19 years ther, & many were looking to see him spring to his feet. BUT HE HIMSELF WAS LOOKING AROUND TO SEE THE FORTUNATE MAN WHO HAD GOT HIS PARDON. Finally the Chaplain caught his eye, & said, "Reuben, you are the man." Reuben turned around & looked behind him to see where Reuben was. The chaplain said the 2nd time, "Reuben, YOU are the man"; & again he looked around thinking it must be some other Reuben. He had to say 3 times, "Reuben, come & get your pardon. At last the truth began to steal over the old man. He got up, came down the hall, trembling from head to foot, got his pardon, went back to his seat, & wept..... When the prisoners got into ranks to go back to the cells, Reuben got into ranks too, & the chaplain had to call him. "Reuben, get out of the ranks; you are a free man, you are no longer a prisoner.

THEN, Reuben steppped out of the ranks....He was FREE.....
That is the way men make out pardons; they make them out for GOOD CHARACTER OR GOOD BEHAVIOR; but God makes out pardons for men who have notgot any character. He offers pardon to EVERY SINNER ON EARTH if he will take it. It does not matter who he is or what he has done. He may be the greatest libertine that ever walked the streets, or the greatest blackguard who ever lived, or the greatest drunkard, or thief, or vagabond. Christ commissioned His disciples to preach the gospel to EVERY CREATURE.

B.-Anticipation:
1-Blood of O.T. sacrifices only "covered" sin.
2-Blood of O.T. sacrifices couldn't "put away" sin.
3-Heb. 10:1-4; 11-12; Heb. 7:19; Acts 17:30
4-O.T. Sin Offering looks to THE SIN OFFERING--Isa. 53:10, 12.

Concl: A.-What is your need?????
1-Look to Christ for the 1st time & receive FORGIVENESS
2-Come & Confess again & claim the Blood specifically for forgiveness & cleansing.
B.-Won't you come to Jesus---God's SIN OFFERING.

"The Trespass Offering" Lev 5:14—6:7

Intro: A.-Have YOU ever trespassed against God or man?
1-Done any offense against God requiring a settlement of debt
2-Done any offense against man requiring a settlement of debt

B.-Trespass is an overstepping of the bounds of the standard of the Word:
1-Knowledge is not the issue
2-Personal opinion is not the issue
3-The WORD is the standard---Lk. 16:19

I.-REASONS FOR A TRESPASS OFFERING:

A.-Trespass In Holy Things: (5:15)
1-Vows & Pledges to the Tabernacle
2-Offerings not brought

B.-Trespass In Commandments: (5:17)
1-Some things allowed & others forbidden
2-Specific laws weren't to be transgressed
3-ILLUS---Tithe on a crop which was underestimated. Way out by bringing an offering, making the tithe right, & then making restitution of 1/5 additional
4-Others---Service & Obedience
5-These (A&B) relate to God, & could possibly be commited in ignorance

C.-Trespasses In The Rights Of Others:
1-"A neighbor"--6:2--not limited to fellow-believers---must be fair & square with all
2-Matter of deposit---can't be appropriated as own
3-Matter of fellowship---Can't break promises
4-Matter of violence---Can't unfairly rob of another's property
5-Matter of bargain---can't misrepresent or short-change
6-Matter of finding a lost item & lying about it---can't say "Finders Keepers"
7-These relate to man---Lk. 15:18--(1-6) & are not possible to commit in ignorance--5:15

II.-RITUAL OF THE TRESPASS OFFERING:

A.-Ram:
1-Always the MALE LAMB---Jn. 1:29; Isa. 53:7
2-Brought to the priest
3-Slain by the altar

B.-Portions:
1-Blood sprinkled on the altar
2-Fat burned
3-Flesh eaten by male priests

III.-RESTITUTION OF THE TRESPASS OFFERING:

A.-Offenses Against God:
1-Ram evaluated---Debt paid
2-Amends of an additional 1/5th of value made in silver
3-Ram slain & silver to the priests for Treasury
4-Atonement more prominent than restitution.

B.-Offenses Against Man:
1-Restoration of matter causing trespass
2-1/5th (20%) more added for restitution of sin & satisfaction of every righteous claim
3-Given to the wronged one---He gains; Offender loses.
4-Emphasis more on restitution than atonement.

5-Mt. 5:23-26; 18:2122; Col. 3:13

6-ILLUS---A lady in the N. of England said that every time she got down before God to pray, 5 bottles of wine came up before her mind. She had taken them wrongfully one time when she was a housekeeper, & had not been able to pray since. She was advised to make restitution....."But the person is dead," she said....."Are not some of the heirs living?"....."Yes, a son."....Then go to that son & pay him back."....."Well," she said, "I want to see the face of God, but I could not think of doing a thing like that. My reputat'n is at stake."....She went away, & came back the next day to ask if it would not do just as well to put that money in the treasury of the Lord....."No," she was told, "God doesn't want any stolen money. The only thing is to make restitution." .....She carried that burden for several days, but finally went into the country, saw that son, made a full confession & offered him a 5 pound note. He said he didn't want the money, but she finally persuaded him to take it, & came back with a joy & peace that made her face radiant. She became a magnificent worker for souls, & led many to the Savior.....My dear friends, get these stumbling stones out of the way. God doesn't want a man to shout "Hallelujah" who doesn't pay his debts. Many of our people are not at PRAYER MEETING because their lives are not right. SIN builds up a great wall between man and God. A man may stand high in the community and may be a member of some church "in good standing", but the question is, "HOW DOES HE STAND IN THE SIGHT OF GOD?".....If there is anything wrong in your life, make it right-----now.

IV.-REALITY OF THE TRESPASS OFFERING:

A.-Death Of Our Trespass Offering:
1-Ps. 69---esp. 69:4
2-Death for our sins of COMMISSION as well as sin nature
3-Isa. 53:10--Trespass Offering for us was Christ

B.-Presentation of Blood:
1-Makes atonement & provides forgiveness
2-God can FORGIVE all (6:7), but can't OVERLOOK any of our sin.
3-DEBT of sin is satisfied--Rom. 3:25; 1 Jn. 2:2; 1 Tim. 3:16

Concl:---Burnt---Dedicated Devotion of Christ
Meal----Perfect Person of Christ
Peace---Reconciliation to, & Fellowship with Christ
Sin-----Guilt forgiven by Christ
Trespass--Debt of sin paid in full by Christ.

[redacted] OF THE BELIEVER PRIEST

Preparation of

Leviticus 8-10
Read 10:1-11 + 1 Pet 2:1-11

INTRO: A.-Why Not A Priest In Our Church Today?:
1-O.T. system of law had one High Priest & many other priests
2-R. C. Ch. claims priests are a necessity
3-Episcopalian & Lutheran Churches have "priests" for ministers — Even dress them up like R.C. priests ~ similar to Jewish H.P.
4-Should we have priests?
5-Do we have priests?

"But when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."

B.-Scriptural Answer:
1-System of law was done away in Christ--Gal. 4:4-5
2-System of law was never re-instituted
3-System of law specifically is not for Christians--Gal. 4:9
4-High Priest for Christians is Christ
--Heb. 5:4-6
--Thus, we don't need a Pope
--Thus, we don't need a Bishop
--Thus we don't need a High Priest who is a mere ma

"But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak & beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage."

5-ALL BELIEVERS have free access to God
--Rom. 5:1-2 — "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God thru our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have access..."
--This access is thru our High Priest--Christ
--1 Tim. 2:5
6-ALL CHRISTIANS
--are believer-priests
--1 Pet. 2:9

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people..."

--one of the distinctive truths recovered for us in the Protestant Reformation
--we stand able to minister for ourselves
--we stand able to minister for the unsaved
--we stand able to minister for our brethren
— 1 Pet. 2:5 —
— This is better than "apostolic succession" of Rome's Priests. Only way Apostles were priests was in the sense of 1 Pet. 2:5,9

C.-O. T. Situation:
1-Offer of Exodus 19:3-8
2-CONDITIONAL covenant
3-"It is of the utmost importance that the divinely appointed distinction between the priesthood & people should be clearly seen. It has been a common mistake to suppose from Ex. 19:5-6, that Israel had been set apart as a 'royal priesthood'. What was then offered was conditional upon their obeying God's voice indeed & keeping His covenant. But this they failed to do. And so the House of Aaron was taken out of the Nation, & set apart to discharge the priestly office in behalf of the people, as types & shadows of a better priesthood, which should in due time be brought in in the Person & work of God's Anointed One." F.B.Meyer.
4-Thus, as the man approached God he needed:
--an offering (Lev. 1-7)--designed to meet his needs as a sinner
--a mediator or Priest (Lev. 8-10)--designed to meet his needs as a worshipper.

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5-Leviticus is full of instructive pictures — Book of Worship Instruction
--Rom. 15:4
--1 Cor. 10:11
--Thus, God's dealings with Israel were pictures of His dealings with you & with me
--We are to be instructed thereby
--We'll be more appreciative of what God has done for us as we see what He did for Israel

PROP.

9 separate parts to this "PREPARATION"

I.-PREPARATION OF BELIEVER PRIESTS FOR SERVICE (Lev. 8):

There was nothing arbitrary, nothing imaginative, nothing vague; all was divinely stable.

A.-Priests Are Divinely Chosen:
1-8:2--"TAKE"
2-Not by birth, inheritance, or popular election
3-But by Divine choice
4-True of High Priest & also ministering priests
5-So of Christ--Heb. 5:4-5
6-So of believer-priests---1 Pet. 1:2; Eph. 1:4-5
7-According to the command of God--8:5 — 12 times repeated as the command of God in this 1 Ch.

B.-Cleansed By Bathing: (Priests Are)
Regeneration pictured
Parallel to water baptism
1-8:6
2-Moral & spiritual regeneration pictured
3-Bathed by the Spirit---Titus 3:5
4-Bathed by the Word-----Eph. 5:26
Jn. 3:5 — Except a man be born of water & the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God.
5-Bathed ONCE at the beginning of a life of divine service
6-John 13:10--"Jesus saith to him, 'He that is washed (bathed) needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean,"
7-Cleansed from defilement of the world thereafter

C.-Clothed Upon: (Priests Are)
Clothed in Christ's righteousness
1-8:7-9
2-Justification is thus pictured
3-Invested upon with the PROVIDED GARMENTS of beauty & glory
4-Principle seen in:
--Gen. 3:21
--Rev. 19:8
--Luke 15:22
By Divine instructions
By Divine grace
By Divine symbolic reference to the beauties and glories of Christ
5-Believer to — Put on lives of beauty & positive virtues
— Put off evil habits & dispositions linked with the old life

D.-Anointing For Service: (Priests)
1-8:10-12 deals first with the High Priest
2-Ps. 133:1-2
3-Picture of the work of the Spirit
--Jn. 3:34
--Heb. 1:9
4-Priest's "anointing" follows after the High Priest
--8:30
--Pictures the Baptism of the Spirit on Pentecost
5-Speaks of 1 Jn. 2:20 for us, though to a lesser degree for us than for our High Priest (Acts 10:38)

E.-Offerings: (Priests')
Priesthood is based upon standing w/ God obtained thru an acceptable sacrifice
1-8:14--Sin offering
--Redemption toward sin

2-8:15--Effects Reconciliation for man
3-8:18--Propitiation, or Satisfaction toward God — Burnt Offering
4-Takes ALL THREE to complete the preparation of a priest for service — Sin must have been fully dealt with — The BLOOD of X + the ANOINTING of the H.S. are the ground of our place w/ God.

F.-Sanctification Pictured: (Define Sanctification) (Priests')
1-8:23-24
2-Extends the effects of the blood to ALL AREAS OF LIFE:
--ear---what's heard
--hand--what's done
--foot--where going
--whole life is set apart to God — Expected to execute the will of God — Heb. 9:22
--no distinction between "religious" & "secular"
Priests Are — no compartmentalization of lives' actions or attitudes

prominent place which the BLOOD occupies

8:22 — Ram of consecration — Rom. 12:1-2 Body is vehicle of service

G.-Given Gifts:
1-No one--not even a priest--can offer that which is naturally his own
2-He must minister in terms of what is PROVIDED in gifts & offerings
3-8:27
4-Hands filled by others, for the minister IN BEHALF OF OTHERS
5-Eph. 4:7, 11-13
6"Gifts not given so we can toot our horn, or blow our whistle, but gifts are given so we can carry our load!" — Malcolm Boone

Heb. 10: 24-25

REACTION

H.-Food For Priests:
1-8:31-32 — Burned Portion — Eaten Portion
2-God & Priests shared the offerings together — PEACE OFFERING
3-Ate God's provision prepared God's way — Only a priest before God can enjoy such intimate fellowship
4-Fellowship is thus shown as God & man shared — Feeding together on the results of accomplished atonement

I.-Separation Unto God: (Priest's)
1-8:33-36
2-FROM the common THINGS of life
3-FROM the common WAYS of life
4-John 17:15--"I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil." 17:17-"Sanctify them thru thy Truth: Thy Word is Truth"
5-Abide at the door
--Door is Christ
--Jn. 10:9--"I am the door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved,"
--Abide in Him
--Jn. 15:4, 5, 7
6-Priest's separation
--FROM the world
--UNTO God
--It takes both to be truly separated!
--1 Thess. 1:9--"..and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living & true God..."

Illus: Mrs. Freemon's experience w/ a young Bible College student to speak at T.H. in Salina Bible Ch. — "What shall I speak on?" — "Anything related to separation would be helpful to our Y.P."
The young man threw down his Bible & said "Separation! Separation! That's all some churches talk about and I HATE the term"

Ceremony lasted a full week to portray its lasting significance (8:33)

Israel had a priesthood — The Church IS a priesthood — NO SACERDOTALISM here in the Ch.

Our sphere is service in heavenly, not just earthly, spiritual, not just social

J. God does all this to prepare us for service. Can any of us then say "I'm not prepared to serve God"

II.-PERFORMANCE OF BELIEVER PRIESTS IN SERVICE (Lev. 9):

A.-Its Beginning: (Start)
1-After consecration for service — 7 days to portray lasting significance
2-After 8 days--symbolizing the RESURRECTION DAY when the priesthood of Christ came into operation
3-Even here the foreshaddowing was of "better" things to come

B.-Its Standard:
1-Involves OBEDIENCE to the revealed Word of God — 1 Sam. 15
2-Done that way and no other — No options
3-9:6--commanded by God
--"ye should do"---LAW
--accompanied by a promise when faithfully performed--
"And the glory of the Lord shall appear unto you"

C.-Its Sacrifices: (Lev. 9:15-18)
All except the meat offering.
Grand objective of the sacrificial system was to manifest that variegated glory of God.
Illus — Jn. 1:14 We see the same truth in the person of Jesus Christ
1-Sin offering--settling sin question
2-Burnt offering--settling the dedication question
3-Meat (Meal) offering--Appreciating the fine perfections of Christ our Savior
4-Peace offering--Entering into the joys & blessings of a ministry for God. Fellowship vertically + horizontally
5-ORDER is important & cannot be reversed
--sin must be dealt with FIRST
--No deep appreciation for Christ until after a dedication of self as seen in burnt offering
--No joy & blessing of a deep nature without all the others preceeding the peace offering
6-Significance of Offerings
7-Importance of Offerings

D.-Its Reward: (Lev. 9:22-24):
1-Double blessing--upon the people
--9:22; before going into Tabernacle
--9:23; after coming out of Tabernacle
--first a Priest
--second as King-Priest (As seen in Christ)
2-Glory of God was manifested — 3 mentions - 9:4, 6, 23
3-Fire came out to kindle the altar of sacrifice
--showed Divine acceptance
--Parallel to 1 Kings 18:38--Elijah on Mt. Carmel
--Parallel to 2 Chron. 7:1-3--Solomon in the Temple
4-Response showed the pleasure of the people & their worship of God. 9:24 — People saw, shouted, + fell on faces

III.-PERFIDY OF BELIEVER PRIESTS IN SERVICE (Lev. 10):

A.-The Facts:
While the congr. was still expressing thanks for the establishment of the priesthood + its ministry
1-The first day the priesthood was established it comes short of the glory of God
2-10:1-2
Illus — Uzzah in 2 Sam. 6
3-Daring act of sacrilige
Nadab + Abihu — 2 eldest sons of Aaron
4-They went beyond that which was WRITTEN
Actually did that which was PROHIBITED
5-Right men doing the RIGHT thing in the WRONG way
6-DEVOURED by fire from the Lord
- By fire they sinned + by fire they died for they slighted the value of Divine instruction
- Heb. 10:30-31
- "Devoured" in the sense of "slayed"
- DEEPLY SOLEMN
7-Illus — 2 Thess 1:7-9 — Judgment at 2nd Advent

B.-The Sins Of Nadab & Abihu: — 6 SINS
These may seem to be inconsequential + at least some of them — BUT they are VIOLATIONS of Divine standard.
The Failures
1-They each used "his own censor" & not the sacred utensils & vessels of the sanctuary
2-They both offered incense together, whereas incense was only to be offered by one priest
3-They presumptuously encroached upon the functions of the High Priest, for according to the law, the High Priest alone burned incense in a censor.

"PERFORMANCE OF THE BELIEVER-PRIEST" Lev. 9:1-24
Heb. 10:19-22

INTRO: A.-Context--Preparation For Priestly Service:

1-Nine specific steps & provisions
--"Take"--Divinely chosen (8:2)
--"Washed them"--Regeneration pictured (8:6)
--"Put upon him"--Justification pictured (8:7)
--"Poured of the anointing oil"--Spirit's work pictured (8:12, 30)
--Offerings--Sin dealt with (8:14-18)
--Blood applied--Sanctification pictured (8:23-24)
--"Put all upon Aaron's hands"--Service pictured (2
--"Aaron & his sons shall eat it"--Fellowship (8:31
--"Not go out"--Separation pictured (8:32-35)

2-8:36

3-Response of faith to the WORD is obedience

4-God does all of this to prepare the believer-priest for service

5-THEN that priest is to enter into performance in his appointed capacity

B.-Content--Performance Of The Believer-Priest:

1-The Picture----Lev. 9

2-The Present----Heb. 10:19-25

3-PROP:--To give insight as to what God expects of His servants in priestly service
--To encourage performance as believer-priests

I.-THE PICTURE-----Lev. 9:1-24:

A.-Its Start (9:1):

1-Read 9:1

2-7 days of separation (8:33-36) portrayed the lasting significance of the priest's preparation for service

3-"8th day"--After the 7 days spoken of above
--Symbolizing a NEW START
--Symbolizing Resurrection day when the priesthood of Christ came into operation
--Symbolizing the new dispensation in which we are priests
--FORESHADOWING of "better" things to come

4-"Elders of Israel"--Formerly witnesses of the priest's preparation
--Now witnesses of their service
--Evidence of Rom. 14:7-9

5-THUS, the Performance of the priests had its start on the 8th day in the company of witnesses

B.-Its Standard (9:2-7):

1-Read 9:2-6a

2-The Tabernacle was a symbolic structure. This "Tent of Meeting" was not a place where worshipers could meet one another, but a SHRINE in which the REPRESENTATIVES of the people could meet with God

3-Notice the KEY Word--"DO" in 9:6a
--Absolutely no leeway
--Done God's specified way
--No other way is acceptable
--This is the LAW !
--Isa. 8:20
--Standard of performance is according to the written, revealed Word of God
--Only then can the blessing promised actually be received
--9:6b

4-ILLUS--Story of 1 Samuel 15:1-21
--Samuel's question--15:22
--Samuel's sentence--15:23

C.-Its Sacrifices (Lev. 9:2-4, 15-21):

1-Why sacrifices now???--Already washed, clothed & anointed! Yet it is true that all who worship God, no matter what their previous experience or how high their office need "daily cleansing from defilement" and continually must rely upon the efficacy of the "blood of Christ" which cleanses from all sin.

2-SIN Offering--9:2,3,15
--Settles the sin question

3-BURNT Offering--9:2, 3, 16.
--Settling the dedication question

4-MEAL (or meat) Offering--9:4, 17
--Appreciation for the fine perfections of Christ as our Savior

5-PEACE Offering--9:4, 18
--Entering into the joys & blessings of fellowship
--Vertically with God
--Horizontally with God's people

6-NO OTHER ORDER of the offerings is acceptable!
--Sin offering always comes first
--Deliverance from guilt & penalty of sin is foundational
--Dedication (Burnt) offering follows
--Dedication can't precede salvation
--Yield to serve the One Who has saved you & Whom you are trusting as Deliverer from sin
--No deep appreciation for Christ's character & perfection until you are saved & dedicated to Him
--No joy of fellowship without a proper development of understanding & insight

7-These offerings picture--EXPIATION--Sin dealt with
--DEDICATION--Will & life & Body given over to God for service
--FELLOWSHIP--Enjoyment of the relationship

8-Grand objective of the sacrificial system was to manifest the variagated glory of God

9-ILLUS--John 1:14
--We see these truths in the PERSON of the Lord Jesus

D.-Its Success (9:22-24):

1-Double blessing--Meaning =="To invoke blessings upon men in the Name of God"

--FIRST BLESSING ** Upon the people
** Follows the offerings being made
** Before going into the Tabern.

--SECOND BLESSING
** After Moses & Aaron entered the Tabernacle
** There they saw all the furniture which speaks of Christ
** Now the people are once more blessed
** In what words? ? ?
** Probably Num. 6:22-27
** Reminds us also of the DOUBLE BLESSING of King-Priest Melchizedek upon Abraham

2-Glory of the Lord--Promised in 9:4, 6
--Only if performance was according to standard !!
--Here manifested (9:23)
--Shows God's gracious acceptance of the institution of priesthood
--Some new splendor seems to have shown forth from the Shekinah glory
--The GOAL or CLIMAX of worship is a clearer spiritual vision of God
--That "vision" is now gained by "all the people"

3-"And there came out a fire from before the Lord"
--9:24
--Further evidence of Divine acceptance
--Historic parallels
** Gideon's sacrifice
** Judges 6:21--"Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, & touched the flesh & the unleavened cakes; & there rose up fire out of the rock, & consumed the flesh & the unleavened cakes."
** Elijah's contest with the priests of Baal
** 1 Kings 18:36-38a
** Solomon's dedication of the Temple
** 2 Chr. 7:1-2

4-This 3-fold success (Blessing, Glory, & Fire)

5-Reaction of the people--"They saw"
--"They shouted"
--"They fell on their faces"
--Thus, at the conclusion of every occasion of true worship there may be in the experience of the worshipers a sense of Divine acceptance & a hymn of praise to God ** Shout of VICTORY
** Prostration of WORSHIP

6-BUT there was--NO entering within the veil
--No meeting God personally then

II.-THE PRESENT-----(Heb. 10:19-25):

A.-Present Privilege (10:19-21):

1-The Access--10:19
--Limited to Brethren
--Boldness of entrance is OURS, now!

--Access thru the shed blood of our Sacrifice, the Lord Jesus Christ
--BETTER privilege for the Believer-priest than that enjoyed by Aaron & his sons

2-The Avenue--10:20
--A New way
--A LIVING way
--Dedicated for us who are Believer-priests
--Avenue is thru Christ's Body offered as our sacrifice, given on Calvary
--"Thru the veil, that is to say, his flesh"

3-The Assurance--10:21
--What is the point of "having an High Priest over the house of God?"
--High Priest in O. T. Economy could & did die & so had to be replaced by a successor
--Christ has already died & is on the other side of death
--Because Christ--our High Priest--is ALIVE forevermore, so we also LIVE !
--His "aliveness" is our assurance of continuation in the privilege of being & performing as a Believer-priest

4-All our privilege, then, is centered on Jesus Christ, our High Priest

5-What more could we ask?

6-Our hearts should cry out--"How can I show my gratitude for all that God has done?"
--ILLUS--Acts 9:6--"Lord, what would you have me to do?"

7-In the light of this PRESENT PRIVILEGE, let's look at our.....

B.-Present Responsibility (10:22-25):

1-Begins 3 times with the parallel phrase--"Let us..."

2-Exercise of FAITH
--10:22
--Because of all that's been done to open for us a "new and living way"
--Therefore, we may "DRAW NEAR"
--Not only may we draw near without fear....
--But we may do so"with a true heart in full assurance of faith"
--What frees us to exercise such faith, & not be struck dead for such a bold approach of faith ??
--"Having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, & our bodies washed with pure water"
--Divine sufficiency of provision has been made ours
--THEREFORE we ought to exercise FAITH !

3-Exercise of HOPE--10:23
--Margin reads, "the confession of our hope"
--Why ought we to confess our hope without wavering?
--After all, wavering is rather a human characteristic
--We are to hold fast because the exercise

of our hope centers in the unwavering God, Who has promised us our hope as believer-priests

4-Exercise of LOVE--10:24
- --Very often provoked
- --Very easily provoked
- --But.....to what end?
- --Not always to love & good works
- --But we are to consider--look carefully--at each other, so we can find a way to stir up the exercise of love
- --Eph. 2:10--"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

5-Exercise of ASSEMBLING
- --10:25
- --Notice this verse doesn't begin: "And let us not be forsaking..."
- --No "Let us" exhortation to do this
- --Rather our assembling faithfully & regularly with other believer-priests is the encouragement so we
  - ** Exercise FAITH
  - ** Exercise HOPE
  - **Exercise LOVE
- --Only as we are TOGETHER can we have a mutual interaction in our ministering as believer-priests
- --The hour is late
- --The age of grace is far-spent
- --Evil is more and more rampant
- --The day of Christ's return is approaching
- --SO------we need to exercise our present responsibilities toward each other & toward the Lord
- --ILLUS--

Talking one day on the advantage of church membership for true believers, Henry Drummond said: "I would remind you that for climbers of the Alps the only way of safety is to fasten each other together with a rope, and for you, too, a great way of safety is to join yourself to someone else.

Ask your companion if he will allow you to draw a little strength from him. He will most likely tell you in his next breth that it is just what he is wanting himself, & you two will be stronger than if you had been alone.

The young man who lives in a lonely room & never enjoys christian fellowship is going to stand a poor chance of withstanding temptation. Christianity is a social thing; as well as a spiritual relationship. That is one reason why Christ instituted the Christian church and its fellowship that there might be a bond of union between His followers.

CONCLUSION:

A.-The Message:

1-In Picture--
- --Its Start--On Resurrection ground
- --Its Standard--Acc. to the Word
- --Its Sacrifices--Ancticipating Christ
- --Its Success **Double blessing
  - ** Glory manifested
  - ** Fire came out

2-In the Present--Present Privileges
** The Access
**The Avenue
** The Assurance
--Present Responsibilities
** Exercise of Faith
** Exercise of Hope
** Exercise of Love
** Exercise of Assembling to accomplish these responsibilities

B.-The Application:
1-Response of the people in Moses' day
2-Lev. 9:24b
3-Response of the people in Elijah's day
4-1 Kings 18:39--"And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, 'The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God."
5-Response of the people in Solomon's day
6-2 Chr. 7:3--"And when all of the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, & the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, & worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For He is good; for his mercy endureth forever."
7-PROP. review--To give insight into what God expects of His servants in priestly service
--To encourage performance as a believer-priest

8-What, then, is YOUR RESPONSE? ? ?
--Seeing God's presence clearly ?
--Bowing down in worship ?
--Praise in word and deed ?
--Acceptable service?
.....What will it be?

DO (O.T.) — DONE (N.T.)

Where do you stand?

CHOIR- "It Will Be Worth It All"

Westbrae--2/11/68

His Loving Kindness — 499
Christ Liveth In Me — 512
Launch Out — 468

"PERFIDY OF A BELIEVER-PRIEST" Lev. 10:1-13
Ps. 89:6-8

INTRO: A.-The Setting:
1-Priests prepared for service according to Divine pattern (Lev. 8)
2-Priests performing in behalf of others (Lev. 9)

B.-The Stain:
1-Man spoils everything
2-Sad blot on the page of Sacred History
3-An IMMEDIATE stain
4-Situation of Nadab & Abihu
--Not of being spurious priests
--Not of being pretenders to Divine office
--Duly appointed & inaugurated
5-Sin of Nadab & Abihu---Simply summed up
--They departed in their worship from the plain instructions of the Word of God
--They had been fully trained
--But they did according to their own will
--That was their PERFIDY
6-Lev. 10 records this sad stain on the record of Divine service

C.-The Story:
1-The Facts
2-The Failures
3-The "FOR US" Lessons
4-PROP:--Show improper service costs the believer-priest in very serious terms
--Show proper service standards for the believer--Priest

I.-THE FACTS:

A.-Biblical Presentation:
1-Lev. 10:1-2
2-The FIRST DAY of the activity of the priesthood's ministry after it was established, and it comes short of the glory of God
3-While the congregation was still expressing thanks to God for the establishment of the priesthood
4-A DARING ACT OF SACRILEGE
5-Nadab & Abihu---Aaron's 2 eldest sons were involved
6-They went beyond what was written
--Adtually did that which was prohibited
--Correct worship must be "as prescribed"
--The WORD is the standard
7-Right men doing the right thing the WRONG WAY
8-10:2--"Devoured"in the sense of "slayed them"
--By fire they sinned & by fire they died
--Because they slighted the value of Divine instruction for acceptable service of worship
--Heb. 10:30-31--"For we know Him that hath said, 'Vengeance belongeth unto Me, I will recompense,' saith the Lord. And again, 'The Lord shall judge his people.' It is a fearful

thing to fall into the hands of the living God.'"
--DEEPLY SOLEMN occurence !

B.-Biblical Parallels:
1-2 Sam. 6:1-13--Intention of bringing the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem
--Set the Ark on a NEW CART
--Scofield note on P. 361
--What was wrong in using a cart?
--God had appointed the way of transport
--Ex. 37:3-5--"And he cast for it 4 rings of gold, to be set by the 4 corners of it; even 2 rings upon the 1 side of it, & 2 rings upon the other side of it. And he made staves of shittim wood, & overlaid them with gold. And he put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark to bear the ark."
--This means of transport is an intrusion of a humanly devised alternative to God's way
--Chuck-hole rocks the cart & the Ark in it
--Uzzah put up his hand to steady the ark
--6:7--"And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; & God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God."
--Uzzah's action is understandable & might even be considered commendable--EXCEPT--that God had given orders for a contrary means of conveyance
--Uzzah's actions, thus, were a sin of intrusion beyond the revealed pattern
--Scripture NEVER TEACHES in any situation that "THE END JUSTIFIES THE MEANS"
--David's reactions:
** 16:8--"And David was displeased..."
** 16:9--"And David was afraid of the LORD that day, & said, How shall the ark of the LORD come to me?"
--Unable to "see" the issues at the moment, David leaves the Ark in the home of Obed-edom
--God blesses Obed-edom & his household
--3 months later David determines once again to move the Ark to Jerusalem
--This time he does it GOD'S WAY---"And it was so, that when they that bare the ark..." 16:13
--So we see here:
** Blessing does not follow good intentions in the service of God
** Judgment must follow violations of God's Word for believers
** Blessing is found in the path of OBEDIENCE

2-2 Thess 1:6-9
--This deals with the UNSAVED at the 2nd advent
--God will recompense tribulation
--By means of His holy angels
--HOW ?? ??

--"In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, on them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ"
--What will be their end? ?
--1:9
--Se we see here
** Divine judgment by fire
** Yet future; at end of Tribulation
** Upon unbelievers who reject Christ & His gospel
** Same as in Lev. 10--"Devoured by fire"

II.-THE FAILURES:

A.-Six Sins (Either stated or strongly implied):

1-These may seem to be inconsequential--at least some of them--BUT they are VIOLATIONS of the Divine standard

2-Sin #1--10:1
--They each used "his own censor"
--They rejected the sacred utensils & vessels of the sanctuary
--Sought humanly to provide something of their own in Divine worship

3-Sin # 2--10:1
--They both offered incense together
--The divine standard was that only 1 priest would offer incense at 1 time
--This, then, was a "going beyond" their instructions

4-Sin # 3--They encroached upon the office of the High P.
--Only the H. P. was to offer the burnt incense in a censor before the Lord
--Presumptuous intrusion into that which was the function of Aaron alone

5-Sin # 4--They offered incense at an unauthorized time
--Incense was to be burnt in connection with the morning & evening sacrifices
--At no other time was incense to be burnt in a censor
--They did this apart from the prescribed sacrifice occasions

6-Sin # 5--10:1
--They filled their censors with "STRANGE FIRE" or "common fire"
--Slighted the value of holy fire
--Holy fire given in 9:24
--This alone was to be used
--Lev. 16:12--"And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, & bring it within the vail"
--Rev. 8:5--"And the angel took the censer, & filled it with fire of the altar,.."
--This was,doubtless, the worst sin so far !

--Rejects "HOLY FIRE", which speaks of Divine power in worship

--Intrudes "STRANGE FIRE", which is acting in the things of God without seeking the mind of God; This is WILL WORSHIP; This is using carnal means to kindle the fires of devotion & praise

--Modern Parallels
- ** Speaking in Tongues
- ** Healing services
- ** Elaborate ritual
- ** Elevated clergy
- ** Political action messages
- ** Social service ministry

--We need to learn today that much which has come to be regarded as true worship is really "strange fire"
- ** In pagan lands, yes
- ** In "christian lands" also
- ** Dress & architecture
- ** Infant baptism
- ** Unregenerate membership
- ** Unqualified leadership
- ** Uncalled ministers, etc.

--Scriptural injunctions
- ** Jn. 4:23--"God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit & in truth."
- ** Col. 2:23--"Which things (Modernism, Ritualism, Legalism, Spiritism, Mysticism, Individualism, & Asceticism) have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship..."

--Can't come
- ** With "strange fire" & still please the Lord
- ** With a meal offering of our own hands as Cain did without the blood offering of Christ as our SUBSTITUTE

7-Sin # 6--Quite probably a sin involved here, though we cannot be absolutely certain

--10:8-9

--Rather an abrupt intrusion of a seemingly unrelated subject

--Most reliable commentators conclude that Nadab & Abihu were "under the influence"

--Probably partook of the DRINK OFFERING & so performed their duties in a state of intoxication

--Drink offering was to be POURED OUT, not POURED DOWN

--If Nadab & Abihu had had their senses & sensibilities dulled by alcohol, it would explain their daring acts of SACRILIGE

--Notice: I said the alcoholic influence would explain their actions; bit would NOT EXCUSE such perfidy in their service.

--It seems impossible to me, to logically explain such daring, brazen acts apart from concluding that they were innebriated---Thus, not thinking logically or spiritually !

B.-Summarily Settled:

1-It is manifestly clear that these were contrary to the command of God

2-10:1--"...which He commanded them not" == lit., "against which He had specifically warned them" according to a peculiar Hebrew idiom of a negative more strongly than a positive to present a prohibition.

3-By fire they sinned, & by fire they died !

4-10:2

5-Why ??

6-Because--They violated God's laws
--They slighted Divine fire
--They intruded "strange fire"

III.-THE "FOR US" LESSONS:

Not TO us, but FOR us

As— Jeremiah — No wife
— Noah - Build an Ark

Yet practical lessons for us

A.-Presumptuous Self-Will:

1-This is serious

2-This will be dealt with by God directly

3-Natural piety or ecclesiatical will-worship cannot be accepted by God

4-Presumptuousness will be judged
--Sometimes not directly & immediately
--Sometimes very immediately

5-ILLUS--Acts 5:1-11
--Pretended piousness
--Possession was THEIRS ** To keep
** To sell
** To dispose of as they pleased
--SIN came in that they "kept back part of the price", while making it appear that they were giving it ALL
--Such deception is Satanic
--5:3
--Immediate judgment fell on Ananias
--Later his wife came in & she told the same untruthful story
--Evidence of planned connivance to deceive
--She also was judged with death immediately

6-Keep in mind, this is not a question of their eternal salvation, but of the acceptability of their service--Nadab & Abihu
--Korah & company
--Achan & family
--Ananias & Sapphira
--These were all saved persons
--Assurance of their eternal salvation is not in doubt
--BUT, they do clearly show the serious cost of failure in discharging priestly function

B.-God Will Be Glorified:

"God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, + to be had in reverence of all them that are about him."

1-10:3

2-Ps. 89:7

3-God has spoken this, so it is SURE:
--Either by OBEDIENCE
--Or by JUGMENT
--God is not indifferent to our response to His laws for us

4-SANCTIFIED in the lives of the priests "that come nigh Me"

5-GLORIFIED "before all the people"
--By approval of proper service
--By judgment of violations of Divine standards

6-No obedient one will go unrewarded

7-No guilty one will escape

C.-Alcohol For The Believer:

1-Already indicated as--Probable cause of Nadab & Abihu's sins
--OUT OF BOUNDS for a believer
--10:8-9
--Priests are to serve "IN the Spirit"
--Priests are not to serve "UNDER the spirits"
--Eph. 5:18

2-There is a connection between the specific sin and the general law

3-Error in judgment followed intoxication
--Excitement of the flesh
--Not calm & careful consideration of their office
--Violation of solemn responsibility

4-Biblical standard on alcohol
--Elders
--1 Tim. 3:2-3a
--Deacons
--1 Tim. 3:8
--Timothy
--1 Tim. 5:23
--Medicinal usage or Dietetic usage
--Not told to "drink" wine, but to "use a little"
--Mighty frail as a magna charta for alcoholic indulgence
--BARONIUS--"The practice of abstinance was so widespread among early christians, and prized so much, that in any place scandal was given if a christian were seen to depart from it and drink intoxicating wine."
--In this light we can see that Timothy needed an Apostolic recommendation even to touch it for health's sake in a medicinal usage
--C.H.M.--"Some, perhaps, may think that the wording of Lev. 10:9 affords a warrant for occasional indulgence in those things which tend to excite the natural mind, inasmuch as it is said, 'Do not drink wine nor strong drink...when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation'.
"To this we may reply that the sanctuary is not a place which the Christian is occasionally to visit, but a place in which he is habitually to serve & worship. It is the sphere in which he should 'live, and move, and have his being.'"

5-INTOXICATION--with wine
--With power
--With prestige
--With any FALSE STIMULANT which beclouds

Illus - Formula 44 Cough Medicine - "USE" a spoonful, but no one would DRINK the stuff

the mind ought to be AVOIDED TOTALLY !!

D.-Priests are "DIFFERENT":
1-10:10
2-To act DIFFERENTLY !!
--High level of expectation because they serve as Priests to the Living God
--Holy instead of unholy
--Clean instead of unclean
--This proclamation grows out of the liquor problem. Soberness & purity are necessary so as to discriminate between legal and illegal actions.
3-Governed by the WHOLE WORD
--10:11
--Know the Word to be able to teach it to others
--613 statutes in Law of Moses ** 365 negative ones
**248 positive ones
--The priests were charged with teaching of all this to the people of God
4-ILLUS of FAILURE--Ezek. 22:23-29
--Conspiracy of prophets to devour souls
--Priests have violated God's laws
--Princes become like ravening wolves
--PEOPLE follow in sin
--"Like priest, like people"
5-If the people are to be what they ought to be, it must begin with the PRIESTS of God
6-That "DIFFERENTNESS" is to "show" in not bewailing at death--10:3d-7
--Aaron & 2 surviving sons were to be SILENT
--Sympathy restrained when God has judged sin
--To mourn openly & unrestrainedly might seem to question the justice of the sentence & impugn God
--Not said that they were not to mourn at all (inwardly)
--Priests were to go on ministering
--1 Th. 4:13--"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope."
--Rather, to be instructed as to their eternal hope
--ILLUS--When Dr. Barnhouse presided at his own wife's funeral, e he said he'd told others that the grace of God is SUFFICIENT !
--Now he wanted to show others that sufficient grace of God in his own life
--Appointed & anointed Believer-Priests
** Not to weep,
** But to worship
** Not to bewail
** But to bow

CONCLUSION:

A.-The Resume':
1-The FACTS of the case--Judgment on sin is sure
2-The SINS of Nadab & Abihu
3-The Lessons "FOR US"

--Presumptuous self-will is to be forsaken in spiritual worship & service
--God will be glorified; let's cooperate
--Alcohol is OUT, totally, for a believer-priest
--Priest's lives are to be "DIFFERENT"

B.-The Priestly Service That's Acceptable:

1-What we are
2-1 Pet. 2:9a
3-PURPOSE of what we are
4-1 Pet. 2:9b
5-Our EXHORTATION
6-1 Pet. 2:11-12
7-How's your priestly service? ?
--Unacceptable & fit to be judged??
--Pleasing to God ??
--Testifying of God's goodness & mercy to all around us ??

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HOLY FOOD FOR A HOLY PEOPLE — Lev. 11--Read 1 Pet. 1:13-Heb. 12:13-15 — 2:3

INTRO:

A.-Holiness:

1-A very controversial term
- --Wildfire camp abuses it
- --Fundamentalists tend to avoid it
- --There is a proper place for it

2-Bible term
- --Lev. is God's Book on HOLINESS
- --Holiness in Divine Worship
- --Used 95 times in 27 chapters, or about 4 times per chapter
- --Key word in this Handbook on Worship is "Holiness"

3-Def.
- --As related to God, Holiness implies His freedom from all creature imperfections & limitations
- --As related to objects, times or places, Holiness indicates a separation from common use and dedication to the service of God
- --As related to men, Holiness denotes a moral and spiritual character & conduct as becomes those who have been separated from evil & dedicated to God

B.-Holiness Ceremonies For Israel:

1-As to food---Lev. 11
2-As to purification after childbirth---Lev. 12
3-As to Leprosy---Lev. 13-14
4-As to bodily issues (hemorages)--Lev. 15
5-As to ATONEMENT--Lev. 16
6-Each of these had in view the emphasis that a HOLY PEOPLE were to live a HOLY LIFE before God.

C.-Our Message (Lev. 11):

1-Holy Food
2-Reasons For Holy Food
3-Modern Applications As To Holy Food
4-PROP:
- --To show the eternal principles of holiness from Leviticus
- --To impress the practical need for "Holy Food" for God's HOLY PEOPLE in the church

I.-HOLY FOOD-----(Lev. 11:1-43):

A.-The Message Revealed:

1-11:1
2-Message came to BOTH Moses & Aaron
3-Legislator & Teacher; Leader & Administrator
4-Because BOTH would be involved in the people's obedience
5-11:2
6-Relates to their "HOLY FOOD for a HOLY PEOPLE"

B.-The Message Received (11:3-43):

1-Large land animals
- --11:3-8
- --2 Characteristics required to be clean
  - ** Cloven hoofs---------Their WALK
  - ** Chewing of the cud---Their DIGESTION
- --Some quadrupeds would meet these requirements
  - ** Oxen & cattle
  - ** Sheep
  - ** Goats
  - ** These were CLEAN
- --Some quadrupeds would not meet these requirements
  - ** Camel
  - ** Coney == 4-toed animal similar to a rabbit, but with a foot like elephant
  - ** Hare--an animal unidentifiable today
  - ** Swine
  - ** Others eliminated--Cats, dogs, lions, etc.
  - ** These were UNCLEAN
  - ** These were not to be eaten or touched

2-Water fowls--11:9-12
- --Fish that have both scales & fins are OK
- --Water life without fins & scales
  - ** Not to be eaten
  - ** An abomination

3-Fowls & birds--11:13-19
- --360 to 400 varieties of birds in Palestine
- --18 are forbidden as "off-limits"
- --Mostly because they were scavengers, birds of prey, & willing to eat dead & decaying flesh

4-Winged creeping things
- --11:20-23
- --These are SWARMING INSECTS
- --Not to be eaten
- --Exceptions ** Locust
  - ** Bald Locust
  - ** Beetles
  - ** Grasshoppers
- --All others are "an abomination"

5-Carion (Dead flesh) And Rodents
- --11:24-40
- --Off limits because in a hot climate the parasites & diseases were unlikely to be very prevalent among such, whether already dead or predatory by nature
- --Contact with these was also defiling, so defilement is seen to be communicable

6-Reptiles--11:41-43
- --Creeping things
- --"Shall not be eaten"

7-God's message was very detailed & specific.....WHY ?

II.-REASONS FOR HOLY FOOD (Lev. 11:44-47):

A.-Four Verses:

1-Not always do we find the "WHY" for God's commandments

2-We are to obey God's Word, whether we understand the "WHY", or not

3-Here we are given in 11:44-47, 4 verses....and...

B.-Four Reasons:

1-Reason # 1:--11:44
--God is a HOLY GOD
--God expects His people to be holy also
--Holiness in God is seen in His lack of creature imperfections
--Holiness in God's people is seen in their moral & spiritual conduct
--Not "to defile yourselves"
--1 Pet. 1:15-16--"But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation for it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy."

2-Reason # 2:--11:45
--God is a DELIVERING GOD
--He has brought His people out of Egypt's bondage
--Israel is God's people by right
** Of Creation
** Of Redemption
--THEREFORE, they owe Him full allegiance & obedience
--"Ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy"
--BECAUSE you are redeemed

3-Reason # 3:--11:46
--God is a PROTECTING GOD
--He prescribes dietary restrictions
--Probably given because
** Of hot climate
** Of diseases & parasites
** Of lack of refrigeration
--C. R. Erdman: "Natural instinct, the practice of civilized nations, and the precepts of modern science all unite in confirming the wisdom of these laws. Not all the creatures proscribed are equally repulsive, not all are equally dangerous as food; but, on the whole, such specifications could easily be understood and would be safeguards against disease. Today such rules may be modified by methods of refrigeration & by various climatic conditions." (Lev.--P. 57)
--So, the holiness of God's people is to show in their diet as well
--God is protecting the health of His Holy People

4-Reason # 4:--11:47
--God is a SEPARATING GOD
--He designs that His people will be separate in all their ways from the heathen about them

--A "DIFFERENCE" between the godly & the ungodly should reach into every area of life
--Not to be "like the world", but "Like our God"
--That means to be SEPARATE from the pattern of the world
--1 John 2:15-17

5-So we see--God prescribed Holy Food for Holy People
--God explained His reasonsto them
** God is HOLY
** God is DELIVERING
** God is PROTECTING
** God is SEPARATING

C.-Relation Of The Church To These Dietary Laws:

1-ONLY addressed to ISRAEL--Lev. 11:1-2
--Ex. 19:3-5
--Never to the GENTILES
--Never to the CHURCH

2-Message To Peter--Acts 10:9-13
--A very RADICAL INSTRUCTION for a Jew to hear & to obey in the light of Lev. 11, with its specific delineations between clean & unclean
--HERE were "all manner of four-footed beasts of the earth, & wild beasts, & creeping things, & fowls of the air."

3-Peter's reply--Acts 10:14
--CONTRADICTION in terms
** "Not so"
** "Lord"
--Excuse--"I've never done that before"

4-Clarification--Acts 10:15
--This is a removal of such dietary restrictions
--The Church never was under dietary laws
--Israel is now released from dietary laws

5-Only exception--Acts 15:28-29
--Probably the reason for these 3 dietary "remnants" is not that they themselves are wrong, but that they would be an OFFENSE TO THE JEWS, whom we might seek to win

6-But, do we have some parallel, some modern situations in which Lev. 11 is instructive in principle for us? Let's see some.....

III.-MODERN APPLICATIONS AS TO HOLY FOOD:

A.-Holy Food For The Body:

1-The foods themselves--1 Tim. 4:1-3
--One of the signs of spiritual apostasy is to have a religious system seek to impose abstention from certain foods
--ILLUS--Romanism's fish on Friday
--ILLUS--S.D.A.'s continuance of

2-Rather--1 Tim. 4:4-5
--Receive your food with prayer & thanks

3-Some "Foods" for the body won't fit this pattern of being to be received "with thanks" to be "sanctified by the Word of God & prayer"--Tobacco
--Alcohol
--Drugs
--Gluttony of "acceptable" foods

4-1 Cor. 6:19-20

5-If you are one of God's HOLY PEOPLE, then seek to "feed" your body on HOLY FOOD

B.-Holy Food For The Heart:

1-Some things are not wholesome for the HOLY People of God

2-We've seen that the HEART is the REGULATOR OF LIFE
--De. 6:5-6--"And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:"
--Prov. 4:23--"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

3-Heart is to XX put away that which is BAD FOOD
--Col. 3:8-10
--1 Pet. 2:1--"Wherefore laying aside all malice, & all guile and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,"
--Such food will bring a heart of bitterness & can not exemplify the relationship of a Holy People to their Holy God

4-So, Holy people need that which will nourish & nurture our hearts in godliness

5-God has given us Holy goals & standards in His Word, which leads us to.....

C.-Holy Food For The Mind:

1-"You become what you read, or see"
--Pornography
--Movies
--Good books
--School texts
--Bible

2-Paul's example--2 Tim. 4:13--"The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments"

3-Paul's exhortations--1 Tim. 4:13-16
--Phs. 4:8--"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

4-Peter's simile--1 Pet. 2:2-3--"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious."

--Have you tasted??

--ILLUS--"You tell me that your book is the Word of God, but you do not prove it so." So said the owner of an orchard in North Italy to Colporteur Mariani, who offered him the Scriptures as he stood admiring the fruit trees.

"What fine looking pears," replied the colporteur, suddenly changing the subject; "but what a pity they are of such poor quality."

"What!" exclaimed the orchard owner. "Of poor quality? It is plain that you have not tasted them. Pick one or two and try them!"

The colporteur did as he was bidden, and began to eat. "Yes, you are right," he said, smacking his lips, "the pears are excellent; but sir, you must deal with my book as I have dealt with your pears. TASTE and you will find that the Word of God is GOOD!"

--Are you desiring--"craving"--the Word?

--Are you born again?

--Your CRAVING for spiritual food--Holy food for a a Holy people--is the proof of your spiritual life.

--Is there such a "desire", such a "craving" in you?

5- 1 Cor. 10:31 — Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God

CONCLUSION:

A.-Reasons For Holy Food:

1-God is HOLY, and He's our God

2-God is DELIVERER, and He's delivered us

3-God is PROTECTOR, and He desires to spare us from the filth of the world around us

4-God is SEPARATOR, and He wants His people to have a testimony to the world, not be enmeshed in it

5-Thus, we see that a HOLY FOOD is not legal, but very needful if we are to maintain our character as HOLY PEOPLE of the Holy God

6-Don't expect the unsaved to appreciate or understand your desire for Holy Food--for your body
--for your heart
--for your mind

7-They march to a different beat than you & I do; they have cravings for other things than HOLY FOOD

B.-The Key To Holy People:

1-Decision is the Key Word
--Decision to be one of the redeemed--SALVATION
--Decision to walk worthy of the Lord--DEDICATION
--Decision to walk apart from the world--SEPARATION

2-How is this arrived at????

3-BY GOD'S WORD

4-1 Pet. 2:2--"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby."

5-ILLUS--Patrick was an Irish Catholic, who for years had longed for the assurance of peace with God. A visiting tourist, who fell into conversation with him, left him a copy of the New Testament, the Douay version, approved by the officials of his Church. Through reading this, Patrick was brought to a saving

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knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and from that time on read & studied his Testament with eagerness, ever seeking a deeper knowledge of the things of God.

The parish priest, who had missed him from the regular services, called on him and found him deep in the study of the Word.

"Pat," he asked, "what is that book you are reading?"

"Sure, your riverence," was the reply, "it's the New Testament."

In horrified accents the priest exclaimed, "The New Testament! Why, Pat, that's not a book for the likes of you. You'll be getting all kinds of wild notions from reading it and will be running off into heresy."

"But, your riverence," remonstrated Pat, "I have just been reading here--it's the blessed Apostle Peter himself that wrote it--'As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that you may grow thereby,' and sure it's a newborn babe in Christ I am, and its the milk of the Word I'm after. So I can't see the harm of reading the Testament"

"Ah," said the priest, "It's perfectly true, Patrick, that you need the milk of the Word, but the Almighty has appointed the clergy to be the milkmen. The clergy go to college and the seminary, and learn the meaning of the Word, and then when the people come to the church, we give it to them as they are able to bear it, and explain it in a way that they won't misunderstand."

"Well, sure, your riverence," said Pat, "you know I keep a cow of me own out there in the barn, and when I was sick, sometime ago, I had to hire a man to milk the cow. I soon found he was stealin' half the milk & fillin' the bucket up with water, and sure it was awful weak milk I was gettin'. But now that I am well again, I have let him go & I am milkin' me own cow, and so it's the rich cream I am gettin' once more."

"And your riverence, when I was dependin' on you for the milk of the Word, sure it was the blue, watery stuff you were givin' me. But now I'm milkin' me own cow and enjoyin' the cream of the Word all the time."

We may well emulate Patrick, and each for himself, milk his own cow--and thus get God's Word firsthand as He opens it up by the Holy Spirit.

6-From that "sincere milk of the Word", we'll see...
- --Eternal principles of holiness
- --Continual need for more"Holy food"
- --Practical areas of obedience as "Holy People"

7-The multiplication of Bibles & versions & translations that stand upon book shelves, or lie upon tables is an easy matter; but to multiply copies of WALKING SCRIPTURES, in the form of HOLY MEN who can say, "Thy Word have I hid in my heart", is a much more difficult matter.

8-Is it any wonder Peter counselled:

2 Pet. 3:18--"But grow in grace and in the know-

ledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and for ever. Amen"

9-Have you decided on the Holy food for your diet?

10-It was such a decision that led one of the Jewish Christians to write of her week with our missionaries, the Fleischers, at Mt. Hermon:

"You led me to this hallowed spot
for time to share with You
in solitude, a time apart - -
with little else to do,
but pray and meditate, and heal
the scars the world has carved;
and feed my malnutritioned soul
the food for which it starved."
(Margaret O Richardson)

11-Will you "feed your malnutritioned soul
the food for which it starves?"

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"Leprosy" Lev. 13 & 14 Lk. 17:11-19

Intro: A.-What is this world's most LOATHESOME disease?
1-Cancer, Heart Trouble, Polio?
2-Leprosy

B.-What is Leprosy?
1-Disease which affects the body--Lev. 13:2; the clothes--13:47; & the home--14:35
2-Contagious???---semi-contagious, esp. in early years. Must be isolated from clean people
3-What kind of infection????---Not of the flesh,
---But of the BLOOD

C.-What is Involved?:
1-Power of God demonstrated in inflicting & removing leprosy
2-Judgment of God demonstrated because Leprosy was inflicted due to sin in the life
3-Not STATED that Leprosy is a TYPE of SIN, but character, repulsiveness, consequences, & cure of Leprosy make it a good PICTURE

I.-CASES OF LEPROSY:

A.-Moses--Ex. 4:6:
1-Put the fear of God in Moses
2-Show God's power
3-Sign of authority of Moses over Israel

B.-Miriam--Num. 12:10-16:
1-Because she spoke against Moses---God's servant
2-God was angered
3-Smote her leprous for her SIN--12:11
4-Moses could intercede, but ONLY God could heal

C.-Naaman--2 Kings 5:1-19
1-Great man--BUT---Leprous
2-Told by servant maid that God, thru His servant, could heal.
3-In pride he refused God's remedy as too simple--5:11
4-Yet, bowed himself & was healed.
5-Acknowledged God's power---5:15

D.-Gehazai--2 Kings 5:20-27
1-Elisha's servant wanted a profit for Naaman's cure
2-Misrepresented Elisha as having sent him to "shake down" Naaman for a reward
3-Caught in the lie-----Judged with incurable leprosy

E.-Uzziah--2 Chr. 26:16-21
1-Godly man who was king in Israel
2-Prospered by God UNTIL...
3-Errogated priestly authority to self & offered sacrifices
4-Smitten with leprosy for this transgression---Incurably

F.-Also in CLOTHING & HOMES but issue is not WHERE, but WHAT & WHY?

II.-CHARACTERISTICS OF LEPROSY:

A.-Outward In The Flesh:
1-Rising of skin, scabs, bright spots---13:2
2-Flesh turned white--13:3
3-Raw flesh--13:10
4-Swelling of a boil--13:18
5-Scalp, hair, & beard---13:29
6-Ch. 13 is given over to DIAGNOSIS

B.-Inward In the Body:
1-Disease is not of the flesh, tho in the flesh
2-Disease is of & in the BLOOD

III.-CONSEQUENCES OF LEPROSY:

A.-Quarantine:
1-13:46--dwell alone & without the camp
2-Gal. 3:22--Quarantine of God on sin
3-Clothes to be rent or ceremonially torn--13:45
4-Cover lip with mask----Call out "Unclean, Unclean"

B.-Complet Separation:
1-Excluded from Family group
2-Excluded from city or town
3-Excluded from national affairs---13:46
4-Excluded from the worship of God---Nu. 5:2-3

IV.-CURE OF LEPROSY:

A.-By A Miracle ONLY:
1-Minute directions for diagnosis
2-Minute directions for cleansing
3-NO directions for cure---Probably no priest had ever seen an Israelite cured of leprosy until cured by Jesus.
4-Imposed by God & only relieved By God

B.-Today-----A Cure???
1-Early cases---quite often---Gov't gives a "Bill of Health"
2-Advanced cases (the vast majority)---arresting the disease is the best to be hoped for.
3-No restoration to perfectness.

V.-CEREMONY OF CLEANSING OF LEPROSY:

A.-Birds:
1-Two living clean birds with a rod of cedar
2-Kill 1 bird over running water; pour ingredients & blood in a bowl
3-Dip the living bird & then sprinkle leper 7 times---Link with Rom. 4:25
4-Ceremonial cleansing, washing, shaving done & repeated in 7
5-Offer sin & trespass offerings--GOD LINKS SIN & LEPROSY

B.-Meaning of Leprosy To the Israelite:
1-Ceremonial defilement from worship
2-Separation & exclusion from the group
3-Judgment of God
4-Related to SIN

NB

Concl:------A.-Recapitulation:
1-Cases of Leprosy---related to sin
2-Characteristics----Varied from person to person
3-Consequences-------Living Death
4-Cure----------By God ONLY
5-Cleansing----------Pictures Death & Res. of X.-Rom. 4:25

B.-LEPROSY A PICTURE OF SIN:
1-Loathesome & repulsive---Picture of the lost man before God--Isa. 64:6
2-Often has small beginnings--Not big, but can lead big
3-Progresses until it will consume a person:
--Living in process of death--Gen. 2:17
--No PAIN--dead in trespasses & sins
--No CURE--man unable to help much. GOD must work
4-Religious exclusion--Shut up to test
--Shut out when found out

C.-QUESTION???--Are YOU a leper in God's sight due to sin?
Mt. 8:1-4

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT
or
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MOSES

Lev. 16:1-34
Read Heb. 9:1-28
Ps. 80:1-3

INTRO:

A.-Holy Days Of O. T.:
1-Passover--Beginning of Jewish religious year
--Personal relationship to God "by faith" is established
2-Many other "Feasts of Jehovah"---Lev. 23
3-Only one "FAST of Jehovah
--special day anually
--affliction of soul exhibited by fasting
--no work done at all
--day of National Repentance for sin
4-Day Of Atonement
--"Yom Kippur"
--High point of Jewish calendar
--Beginning of civil year
--Day of National atonement, as opposed to personal dealing with sin in Passover
--Comes in September or October each year
--~~Oct. 8, 1962~~
--Deal with this today as the High point of the Book of Leviticus---GOD'S BOOK OF WORSHIP
5-Four Reasons for treating:
(1)--To acquaint ourselves with the "Picture Book Gospel According To Moses"
(2)--To rejoice in the riches of the Revelation of the Old Testamnt, as made crystal-clear in the N.T.
(3)--To prepare ourselves to witness to Jews about the fulfillment of the Day of Atonement
(4)--To dispel the error of the Seventh Day Adventists about the Scapegoat pre-figuring Satan

B.-Occasionment Of Lev. 16:
1-After death of Aaron's 2 sons in Lev. 10
2-Because worship had been performed contrary to instructions
3-Specific limitations are now set--16:1-3
4-Ch. 16 is highly typical
--Heb. 9 is God's Divine commentary
--O.T. & N.T. paralleled & contrasted

C.-O.T. Concept Of "Atonement":
1-Not the FULL theological concept of all that pertains to the sacrificial death of Christ & His redemptive provision for us
2-Heb. word--"KAPHAR" — from which "Kippur" comes
--meant "to cover", "passed over" (Rom. 3:25), or "overlooked" or "winked at" (Acts 17:30)
--contrasted with "to take away"
--"covering" of sin was from year to year, but could not give final "forgiveness of sin"
3-Atonement according to the O.T. was not to make God willing to save & forgive men, but to make a way for

forgiving love of God to operate, so that He might be JUST and yet JUSTIFY everyone that believeth

4-Rom. 3:26--"To declare, I say, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."

5-Thus, God would save Israel "ON CREDIT" in ANTICIPATION of the sin-purging sacrifice of Jesus Christ

6 - PROP. - Our purpose is to see in picture + in reality this atonement for sin according to God's pattern

I.-RITUAL IN LEVITICUS 16:

A.-Priest's Preparation:

1-Ordained by God to serve in behalf of the Nation--Heb. 5:4

2-Separated from any ceremonial defilement

--7 days separation from his family prior to Day of A.

--Ceremonially sprinkled with water & the ashes of the Red Heifer 2 times, according to Jewish tradition

3-Divested of the High Priest's garments of beauty & glory

4-Cleansed by thorough bathing because a SINNER isto be serving in behalf of SINNERS - 16:4

5-Clothed in "holy linen"---white in color

16:4 ---speaks of both purity & humiliat'n

B.-Priest's Entrances & Offerings:

1-Sin offering of a bullock--16:6, 11

--for self & own family

--because a sinner

Entrance of Preparation

2-FIRST entrance--16:12-13

--With a censor of coals & incense

--To cover the Mercy Seat & protect himself as the ministering High Priest from death due to seeing God face-to-face

Entrance of Personal Offering

3-SECOND entrance

--16:14

--Returns with the blood of the bullock of sin offering for himself & his family

--Sprinkles that blood upon & before the Mercy Seat 7 times

4-THIRD entrance--16:7-9

Entrance of National Offering

--2 goats presented before the Lord

--Lots are cast over the 2 goats

--Prov. 16:33--"The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the L."

--16:15-16

--Kills the goat of the sin offering for the nation, upon which "the Lord's lot fell"

--Sprinkles the blood of the goat upon & before the Mercy Seat 7 times

--The blood of the slain goat together with the blood of the slain bullock was sprinkled upon & before Jehovah's Throne, the Mercy Seat, in order to show that all the claims of that throne were answered in the blood of atonement.

--Lev. 17:11--"For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon

the altar to make an atonement for your souls for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."

Lev. 16:16

5-High Priest moves out to the Holy Place & purifies it & the golden Incense Altar therein, & then the court of the Tab.

6-Purifying is to hallow it from the uncleanness of the people amongst whom God dwells.

Hidden places
Open places
BOTH needed to be cleansed

7-Scapegoat--Sinns confessed over & upon it
--"ALL" transgressions passed to the goat
--16:21-22
--Goat taken to the wilderness & let go
--Picture of expulsion of sin
--It takes BOTH goats to complete the picture

8-High Priest washes & changes from linen garments to garment of beauty & glory --16:23-24

* 9-THEN---after sin has been dealt with--the BURNT offering is presented as an evidence of praise to God from the High Priest & all the people

10-Bodies of the sin offerings (bullock & goat) are burned: "outside the camp"

11-FOURTH entrance--High Priest returns to the Holy of Holies for the censor

II.-PICTURES OF TRUTH IN LEVITICUS 16:

By the Vail + From the court

A.-Separation Of Israel From God:

1-Shut out from God, for the Tabernacle is a picture of heaven--Heb. 9:24--"For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself..."

2-Strict ritual is prescribed & followed

3-God & Man are apart, even at the time of sacrifice

4-Yet, God provided a "Mercy Seat"--not an image--as a place of meeting with God --16:19

5-Affliction of soul--fasting *
--no working
--Rom. 4:5--"But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."
--personal & National repentance
--Lk. 13:3--"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye likewise repent, ye shall all likewise perish."
--Not joy, but mourning for sin
--INVOLVEMENT of every Israelite here!

6-How much different for us for whom the VAIL IS RENT, & we have access to come at any & every time!

B.-High Priest:

1-Offering for himself--because a sinner
--no correspondence with Christ in this
--Heb. 7:26-27 (Read)

2-Divesting of robes of glory
--Parallel of Phs. 2:5-8
--2 Cor. 8:9--"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus

Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye thru His poverty might be rich"
--Humility & purity were both demonstrated by the divesting himself of the garments of beauty

3-Sacrifice was accomplished by the High Priest ALONE!
--16:17 — No help from Mary or the Saints
--Heb. 1:3--"Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:"
--He is the central figure in the Day of Atonement!

4-High Priest entered the Holy of Holies as Christ entered heaven itself to present the BLOOD and to PROVE the completion of the sacrifice. There the High Priest covers the Throne of Judgment so that it can be called a "MERCY SEAT" — That was TEMPORARY

5-Heb. 9:11-12 — This is ETERNAL

C.-The Two Goats: — Spotless

1-"Presented" (16:7) to prove they were "fit" animals
2-Already had been proven by observation in advance
3-Lots were cast for the 2 goats
--"The Lord's Lot"
--"The Lot of Azael"-==="The Lot of the Wilderness"
--If either of these can equally represent Christ in death, or in His ministry of being alive from the dead to carry away our sins from us, and If it takes both goats to complete the one picture, inasmuch as there is no such thing as the resurrection of a goat to complete the picture, THEN, it can be clearly seen that since both goats represent the ministry of Christ as "our sacrifice" for covering and forgiveness of sin, then NEITHER goat can represent SATAN as the Seventh Day Adventists teach of the scapegoat.
4-Part of the offering is "the Lord's portion" in the death of Christ, and it is doubtless beyond our feeble ability to comprehend what that death meant to the Father in heaven
5-Takes BOTH goats--as in 14:4-7 with the 2 birds
--As in Rom. 4:25--"Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification."
--As in the Chorus of "One Day"

D.-Atonement==COVERING, Is Accomplished:

1-Not final, for it had to be repeated — Not yet eternal satisfaction
2-16:34
3-But temporarily until next year when repeated
4-Heb. 10:1-4
5-Anticipatory of a "putting away" & "final forgiveness" of sin in the fulfillment of this ritual
6-Heb. 10:12
7-Salvation was "ON CREDIT", but was effective for those with faith--Ps. 103:12--"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us."

--Jer. 50:20--"...the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve."

--Heb. 8:12--"For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, & their sins & their iniquities will I remember no more."

B.-Burnt Offering:

1-When Aaron had performed the ceremony connected with the Scapegoat, he once again entered the Tabernacle. He removed his garments of white linen, & when he had again bathed, he assumed his imposing robes " for beauty & glory" and came forth to sacrifice the burnt offering for himself and the people "IN TOKEN OF COMPLETE RECONSECRATION TO THE SERVICE OF GOD". Then the bodies of the sin offerings were removed & burned by fire ...

2-Thus, when one has accepted anew the truth concerning the atoning work of Christ, he naturally desires to consecrate himself wholly to the service of his Savior & his Lord.

*3-We, too, need to experience a "burnt offering" of re-dedication to the will of God in consequence of a reminder of what God has done for us in FREEING us from sin & its penalties forever!

III.-BOOK OF HEBREWS CLARIFICATION:

A.-Shedding Of Blood (PAST):

1-Heb. 9:25-28a
2-Final sacrifice is accomplished in Christ
3-Full & free salvation is assured

B.-Interceeding Ministry (PRESENT):

1-Heb. 9:24
2-Keeps us saved NOW
3-Heb. 7:25
4-Considerable interval in the ritual between (1) the death of the goat as a sacrifice for Israel's sin, and (2) the confession of the people of Israel
5-Typical of the long interval between the death of Christ & Israel's confessing Him as Savior
6-Zech. 12:10--13:1
7-But that confession will come, as surely as Christ shall come!
8-Hos. 5:15--6:1--"I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction will they seek me early. Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for He hath torn, and He will heal us; He hath smitten, and He will bind us up."

C.-Coming Again (FUTURE):

1-Heb. 9:28b
2-As Aaron came forth from the Holy of Holies to an expectant & waiting people, so shall Christ also come again out of Heaven to us!.....HALELUJAH"

3-Then shall there be even greater praise to Him as we see HIM face-to-face!

CONCLUSION:

A.-The Past IN Picture And In Fulfillment:

1-There was a Day of Atonement anually in Israel to "cover" sins until the Savior would come

2-There was a Day of Atonement when Christ fulfilled all of this on Calvary, and granted final forgiveness

3-ILLUS--

B.-The Personal Appropriation:

1-There must be in every man's experience a "DAY OF ATONE* MENT" when that provision is made our own!

2-God requires an "affliction of souls" in that we must honestly & squarely face our responsibility in this matter of our soul's salvation

3-John 8:24--"...for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins."

4-Are you rejoicing,
looking,
waiting,
and serving?

5-Are you yet needing this to be
YOUR
"Day of Atonement"?

The "gospel according to Moses shows you the way. Have you yet believed in God's Divine provision?

ILLUS--In the market places of the Orient, merchants display their articles for sale. The purchaser lays down the price beside something he wishes to purchase. The moment the merchant lifts the price the sale is made. The act is an indication that the price lifted has been accepted.

At the cross, Christ laid down His life. On the third day, God lifted the price!

As one has written: "When Christ was crucified, the law was magnified, justice was satisfied, sin was nullified, God was satisfied, and the sinner was justified."

Westbrae — 1/7/67- "Why Should He Love Me So?" — 90
"One Day" — 137
"Verily, Verily" — 205

HOLINESS OF A BELIEVER PRIEST — Lev. 21:1-24

Heb. 7:23-26

INTRO: A.-O. T. View Of Priests:

1-"Cream of the crop" as far as holiness was concerned

2-Example to all the people--"Like Priest; Like People"

3-Entered Priesthood by:

--Divine Choice--Lev. 8:2

--Family Birth---Lev. 21:1

--Theirs was not a position which had been achieved or one which they could abandon at will

4-Conduct prescribed & circumscribed because they were to enter into the presence of God for the people

5-Priest's conduct was more stringently demanding than that of the "common people" as recorded in Lev. 18-20

6-Requirements for a Priest's life are the RESULT of relationship, & not the GROUND of that relationship

B.-N. T. View Of Priests:

1-No "DOUBLE STANDARD" set up by God

2-Every child of God is a believer-priest in this age:

--1 Pet. 2:5--"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus C."

--1 Pet. 2:9--"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light:"

--Rev. 5:10--"And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."

--Rev. 20:6--"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection...they shall be priests of God

3-C.H.Mackintosh--"He may be very ignorant, but his position as a priest is not founded upon knowledge, but upon life; his experience may be very shallow, but his place as a priest does not depend upon experience, but upon life; his capacity may be very limited, but his relationship as a priest does not rest upon an enlarged capacity, but upon life." LEVITICUS, P. 323

4-Same standard of holiness is expected of one as of another.

5-All are to follow the pattern of our Savior

--Heb. 7:26-27--"For such an High Priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens..."

6-Therefore, what the O. T. said of priests, while not literally binding upon us, embodies principles of abiding significance for the followers of Christ, for we must be fit for the presence of God.

7-The spiritual priesthood, together with the spiritual functions attaching thereto, is the necessary appendage to spiritual birth

C.-Clarifying Word:

1-The capacity to enjoy the privileges & to discharge the functions of a position must not be confounded with the position itself.

2-Position must ever be kept distinct in our mind from the exercise of that position's responsibilities
3-Relationship is one thing
4-Capacity is quite another thing.
5-ILLUS--In looking at the family of Aaron, we see that nothing could break the relationship between Aaron & his sons. There were many things which would interfere with the full enjoyment of the privileges of that relationship.
--DEFILEMENT might temporarily debar from priestly serv
--DEFECT might permanently debar from priestly service
--But neither defilement nor defect could cause Aaron's sons to cease to be his sons, and thereby to be priest

6- PROP: To show those standards of priestly holiness which God sets forth — and to encourage a holy walk + service

I.-CEREMONIAL DEFILEMENTS THAT DEBARRED A PRIEST (Lev. 21:1-9):

A.-What Is A Defilement?: — Definition:
1-Not something inherent within the individual
2-Something caused because of human relationships or actions
3-Defilements barred from ministry
4-As long as defilement lasted, so long the debarrment lasted

B.-Defilement Thru Death (21:1-3):
1-21:1
2-Contact with death made one temporarily unfit for priestly ministry
3-This was to be avoided:
--either in touching dead bodies
--or in lamenting departed persons
That's why Aaron's 2 younger sons were not called on to carry away Nadab + Abihu
That's why Aaron + his 2 younger sons weren't to bewail judgment of Nadab + Abihu
4-Exceptions--21:2-3
--Close relatives where the priest had family responsibilities
--This was allowed for "regular priests"
--But not for the High Priest (21:10-12)

C.-Defilement Thru Profaning (21:4-6):
1-"Profaning"=="making things common" that are special & God-related; Remember that God's people are to be SEPARATE + DIFFERENT
2-Profaning of self
--21:4
--Priest is one who is "looked to" because of position
--Life is to be commensurate with position
--Not to appear as though God gives no consolation at death of loved ones, but to be an example of others
--1 Cor. 11:1--"Be ye followers of me, even as I am also of Christ."
--1 Tim. 4:12--"Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers,..."
3-Profaning of body----21:5
--Not to be like other priests of heathen nations and demonic religions
--Egyptian priests shaved all hair every 3 days
--Midianite priests kept their hair & beards trimmed short
--Distinctive of O.T. Priests was to show their difference from all merely earthly religions by obeying God's command against imitating the world
--Rom. 12:2

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, + acceptable, + perfect will of God."

4-Profaning the NAME of God
--21:6
--Ex. 20:7 "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain"
--To be avoided before self
--To be avoided before Israelites
--To be avoided before Gentiles
--Because it is their task to minister for man before God
--Because they must be "holy" in order to represent a holy God
--Isa. 52:11--"...be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord."

D.-Defilement Through Marriage (21:7):
1-F.B.Meyer--"It will be observed that celibacy was no law for the priesthood of God, though it is for that of Rome."
2-Marriage was the expected pattern:
--for the good of the priest
--for procreation of the priestly family
--for an example to the people
--for developing sympathetic understanding in the priest concerning the problems of those for whom he ministers
3-Definite limitations on marriage
--21:7
--no woman of the streets
--no "common" woman, who was not of the tribes of Israel
--no divorcee
--1 Cor. 7:39--"only in the Lord"
--2 Cor. 6:14--"not unequally yoked together"
--The proper marriage partner for a priest was-- and is--a very important issue, for it either enhances or hinders the spiritual ministry of the priest of God
--ILLUS --Elders & Deacons according to 1 Tim. 3 are to be "husbands of one wife" and to have her "in subjection". That means that any who bear the scar of divorce, or an unrully wife are automatically defiled and barred from such a ministry because of disobedience to the express command of God.

Summary of Defilements
1- Contact w/ death
2- Personal Profaning
—of SELF
—of BODY
—of NAME of God
3- Unlawful marriage

II.-PHYSICAL DEFECTS THAT DEBARRED A PRIEST (21:16-24):

A.-Explanation Concerning Defects:
1-Defilement occurred because of actions of the will & contacts of the physical body
2-Defects were caused either by malformations at birth, or by subsequent accident.....called "blemishes"; 21:17, 21
3-BOTH equally barred from priestly service
--DEFILEMENT is for as long as the defilement persisted
--DEFECT is for life, generally
4-GREAT DIFFERENCE between defilement & defects
--defilement can be cleansed
--defects can be overcome--in some cases
--defilement is a moral matter
--defects were a physical matter which might reflect spiritual malformations

5-Relationship as Sons of Aaron & thus priests is not in question but service is limited because of either defilement or defects

B.-Defects Themselves (21:16-20):

1-"Blind"--No vision (21:18)
--Pr. 29:18 "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he."
--2 Pet. 1:9 "But he that lacketh these things is blind, & cannot see afar off, & hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins."
--Cure--Rev. 3:18--"I counsel thee to...anoint thine eyes with eyesalve that thou mayest see."

2-"Lame" or "Brokenfooted" (21:19)
(21:18)
--walk is not right
--some area of improper adjustment — How does your walk measure up?
--Eph. 5:15--"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise."
--Cure--Heb. 12:13--"And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

3-"Flat Nose"--Poor discernment (21:18)
--Perhaps doesn't know when to "stick it in" & when not to
--Can't get a good clear "whiff" to tell what's good & what's not
--1 Chr. 12:32--"And of the children of Issachar which were men that had understanding of the times to know what Israel ought to do..."
--Ezra 8:16--"Then sent I for...men of understanding"
--1 Jn. 4:1 "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they be of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."
--1 Th. 5:21 is Cure — "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good"

4-Superfluous parts--Too much or too little (21:18)
--Limbs not of equal or proportionate size — Physically
--Adding to what is the normal Xn. Life — SPIRITUALLY
**Baptism of the Spirit as an experience
**Second Blessing as evidence of spirituality
**Tongues as an evidence of the reality of one's salvation experience
--Subtracting from what the Bible says of its full-orbed truth
**Security of the believer
**Doctrinal standards
**Separation of life
--Deut. 4:2--"Ye shall not add unto the Word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you."
--Titus 1:9--"Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort & to convince the gainsayers."
--Isa. 8:20
CURE

5-"Brokenhanded"--Can't serve well (21:19)
--Eccles 9:10a--"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might..."

6-"Crookbackt"--Doesn't look up (21:20)
--Can't view things with a proper perspective

--Too close to problems to see them as they are
--Always in a dither over something because of this distorted viewpoint
--Cure--Col. 3:1-2 (READ)

7-"Dwarf"--Never grew up — Spiritually speaking (21:20)
--Still a baby on formula of milk, in diapers & bawling for attention
--That's expected of babies.....but not of Priests
--Eph. 4:14--"That we be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men & cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive"
CURE --Heb. 5:12--6:3 — (READ)

8-Other Blemishes--Whatever else may be in the life that stands between you and usefulness as a priest of God (21:20)

C.-Causes Of Defects In Priests:
1-Related to BIRTH (Improperly dealt with at salvation)
--led to trust in Christ PLUS forms, rituals, denominations, people, etc — Methods are often sacrosanct,
--not led to assurance on the basis of the WORD ALONE, but also to lean on man's word & fluctuating feelings
--not led to see the spiritual life is not one of WORKING UP TO VICTORY, but of WORKING DOWN FROM VICTORY

2-Related to ACCIDENTS (Sins committed that leave lasting scars)
--some of these are hangovers from pre-natal days as pre-conversion experiences that still hamper
--some are as a result of stumbling when we receive counsel that is not wise
--some are as a result of offence from the testimony of another believer
--ILLUS--Louis Rico's defects today as a result of Rev. Bill Leonard's unchristian dealings with businessmen in a Church Building Program
— ILLUS — Pre conversion marriages & Divorces

D.-Effects Of Defects In Priests:
1-Limits capacity of service in some realms--21:17, 21
2-Limits enjoyment of privilege of being a believer priest
--automatically disqualified from some services
--robbed of joy because not living in the full light of the truth of God, as with Eternal security & 2nd Comin
3-Doesn't stop RELATIONSHIP — NOTE THIS WELL!
--crippled
--but still a child of Aaron
--and still a priest of God
4-Fellowship may remain unharmed---21:22
5-Those with PHYSICAL defects can be real giants spiritually
6-Those with SPIRITUAL defects can become conformed to the image of Christ--Rom. 8:29
--~~Rom. 12:2~~
--~~Col. 2:10~~
--So that those defects of today need not be our deterrents of tomorrow

CONCLUSION:

A.-All Are Priests:
1-Israel HAD a priesthood
2-Church IS a priesthood
3-No double standard — God expects as much of you as He does of anyone else.

B.-All Are To Serve:
1-Each in his own God-appointed place — FIND YOUR NICHE & Fill it!
2-With God taking first place in the life
3-Lk. 14:26-27, 33

C.-Deterred By Defilements: — 1 John 1:9
1-Forsake & confess these
2-Find cleansing thru the blood of Christ
3-Find preventive thru the Word of God

D.-Deterred By Defects:
1-Know them
2-Cure them by the power of the Spirit as we are "made like Christ"
3-Progress from them
4-Prov. 4:18--"...the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more & more unto the perfect day."

E.-C. H. Mackintosh--"The spiritual application of all this is as simple as it is practical. To be a child of God is one thing; to be in the enjoyment of priestly communion & priestly worship is quite another. The latter is, alas, interfered with by many things. Circumstances & associations are allowed to act upon us by their defiling influence. We are not to suppose that all Christians enjoy the same elevation of walk, the same intimacy of fellowship, the same felt nearness to Christ. Alas! alas! they do not.

Many of us have to mourn over our spiritual defects. There is lameness of walk, defective vision, stunted growth; or we allow ourselves to be defiled by contact with evil, & to be weakened & hindered by unhallowed associations. In a word, as the sons of Aaron though being priests by birth, were nevertheless deprived of many privileges thru ceremonial defilement & physical defects; so we, tho we, being priests unto God by spiritual birth are deprived of many of the high & holy privileges of our position by moral defilement & spiritual defects. We are shorn of many of our dignities thru defective spiritual development. We lack singleness of eye, spiritual vigor, whole-hearted devotedness. Saved we are, thru the free grace of God, on the ground of Christ's perfect sacrifice. "We are all the children of God, by faith in Christ Jesus;" but then, salvation is one thing; obedience is quite another.

These things should be carefully distinguished. The section before us illustrates the distinction with great force & clearness. If one of the sons of Aaron happened to be "brokenfooted or brokenhanded", was he deprived of his sonship? Assuredly not. Was he deprived of his priestly position. By no means. It was distinctly declared, 'He shall eat the bread of his God, both of the most holy and of the holy.' What, then, did he lose by his physical blemish? He was forbidden to tread some of the higher walks of priestly service & worship---'Only he shall not go in unto the vail

nor come nigh unto the altar.' These were very serious privations; & tho it may be objected that a man could not help many of these physical defects, that did not alter the matter.

Jehovah could not have a blemished priest at His altar or a blemished sacrifice thereon. Both the priest & the sacrifice had to be perfect. 'No man that hath a blemish of the seed of Aaron the priest shall come nigh to offer the offerings of the Lord made by fire.' (21:22)". (LEVITICUS, 324-26.)

Thank God the words of Heb. 10:19-25 are for us today!

E. - All Are To SERVE

1 - Each in his God-appointed place!
2 - Find your niche ——— and fill it!
3 - With God having first place in your life
4 - Serving in Priestly Holiness!

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SEPARATION OF THE BELIEVER PRIEST- Lev. 22:1-16
2 Cor. 6:11--7:1
De 7:6-8a

INTRO: A.-Principles Of Separation (Lev. 22:1-16):

1-Separation Is PERSONAL
--"separate themselves"
--22:1-2
--deals with those who are priests before God
--Involves a negative side----"FROM"
--Separation is to avoid profaning the Holy Name of our God — Reason
--Also to avoid profaning holy things--22:15

2-Separation is PERPETUAL
--"among your generations
--22:3
--Not just for 1st generation believers out of heathendom
--But the rules apply for children & children's children for all generations, perpetually

3-Separation in PROSPECTIVE
--Failure to maintain separation leads to being "cut off"
***not a loss of life
***but a loss of enjoyment of the benefits of fellowship with God
--ILLUS---22:4-6a
--Defilement requires forfeiture of privileges for he "shall not eat of the holy things"--22:6b

4-Separation has a PROCEEDURE
--"wash his flesh with water"---22:6c
--Action of the Word & the Spirit is pictured in the water
--Action of the person's own will is pictured in washing of own self.
+ Time when coupled w/ cleansing — 1 Jn 1:9 is instantaneous

5- How we need to see clearly the DIVINE IMPERATIVE of Scriptural separation!

B.-Reasons For Separation:
1-Priests deal with holy things
2-Priests are the Lord's servants
3-Priests represent the people to God
4-Quote — Erdman — Top of P. 155 of my Bible

I.-APPEAL TO SEPARATION (2Cor. 6:11-16a):

Drive home the outline

A.-Introduction (6:11-13):
1-Translation by J. B. Phillips--"Oh, our dear friends in Corinth, we are hiding nothing from you and our hearts are absolutely open to you. Any stiffness between us must be on your side, for we assure you there is none on ours. Do reward me (I talk to you as though you were my own children) with the same complete candor!"

B.-Instruction (6:14a):
1-"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers"
2-"Ye"----Believers are addressed
3-Commanded not to be unequally yoked
4-Yoke with unbelievers is expressly forbidden! Reference is to a unionism with those who repudiate any part of the

Bible Margin for explanation

Word of God

5-REALMS--Business [illegible]--De. 7:2 partnerships
--Marriage--De. 7:3 & 1 Cor. 7:39
--Religiously--De. 7:5-6; De. 22:9
Spiritual → --Service--De. 22:10; Amos 3:3
--We are to go TO them with the gospel; not to go WITH them with the gospel
C.C. quote
--Manner of life--De. 22:11-12
--etc.....including all realms of life

C.-Interrogation (6:14b--16a)---FIVE KEY QUESTIONS:
1-QUESTION NO. ONE--"For what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?"
2-QUESTION NO. TWO--"And what communion hath light with darkness?"
3-QUESTION NO. THREE--"And what concord hath Christ with Belial?"
progressive decline in these 5 verbs
4-QUESTION NO. FOUR--"Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?"
5-QUESTION NO. FIVE--"And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols?"
6-These 5 questions culminate in the obvious, though unstated, conclusion that there is no realm of common part!

II.-ENCOURAGEMENT TO SEPARATION (6:16b-18):

A.-Privilege of the Separatist (6:16b-d):
1-Temple of the living God
2-God dwelling in us------PRESENCE
3-God walking in us-------PRACTICE
4-I will be their God----PROVISION
5-They shall be my people--POSITION

B.-Position Of The Separatist (6:17a-c):
1-"Wherefore"----On the basis of these privileges
2-"Come out"--the answer to the unequal yoke is to shed it!
3-Scofield footnote, P. 1234--"The underlying principle is that in a moral universe it is impossible for God to fully bless and use His children who are in compromise or complicity with evil. The unequal yoke is anything which unites a child of God & an unbeliever in a common purpose"
4-"From among them"--means leaving behind that which is an unequal yoke
5-"And be ye separate"--God expects His children to be separatists
--Separation FROM sin
--Separation UNTO God
--SPURGEON--"As soon as I saw, or thought I saw, that error had become firmly established, I did not deliberate, but quitted the body at once. Since then my ***** counsel has been 'Come out from them'. I have felt that no protest could be equal to that of distinct separation".
--SCOFIELD--"Separation is not from contact with evil in the world, or the church, but from complicity with and conformity to it." P1.1234, Note.
6-"Saith the Lord"--This is on the authority of God, not of man

7-"And touch not the unclean thing" — in heart attitude toward God
--Separation has not only to do with the heart
--For one can be separated & not be a separationist
--But also with our external relationships & affiliations
--Not even to TOUCH that which is not godly

8-Illus - Dick Cantwell's story to modernist church members on showing "Darkness" At New Delhi — "Sometimes you must take horses snatched from a burning barn — you'll run right back in — to your peril!" It happened to me at Calvary Ch

C.-Portion Of The Separatist (6:17d-18):
1-If we obey this command to be separate, we are sure to be despised, scorned, & mistreated
2-We will thus stand in need of succor from someone in that hour of trial
3-GOD will be that "someone" 6:17d-18
4-What a thrill!
5-What an assurance!
6-What a blessed portion!
7-"The simplicity of the command is such that ecumenical councils or churchly interpreters are not needed to make it sensible. Prompt obedience is so much more to be desired than compromising delay." G. Archer Weniger CBA Pastor in Oakland

Illus — The Great Albatross — P. 288

D.- Pattern Of The Separatist:

III.-EXHORTATION TO SEPARATION (7:1): — CHRIST — Heb. 7:26

PROMISE
A.-The [redacted] Of The Exhortation (7:1a):
1-"Having, therefore, these promises"
2-PHILLIPS--"With these promises ringing in our ears..."
3-God exhorts to action because He has already promised peace & contentment & assurance available in no other way, than thru obedience in separation.

B.-The Persons Of The Exhortation (7:1b):
1-"Dearly Beloved"
2-Term of intimacy & tenderness to true believers
3-God doesnot bludgeon us with commands — N.B.
4-But God does woo us with winsomeness
5-We are exhorted to be separate from sin & unto God because we are so precious to Him as His "Dearly Beloved"

PURPOSE
C.-The [redacted] Of The Exhortation (7:1c-d):
1-"Let us"--personal--each must decide this for himself
--voluntary--God wants OUR decision to be separate
--deals with those who are already priests & Kings
2-"Cleanse ourselves"--something we can do
--something we must do
--something no one else can do for us
--WE MUST TAKE THE INITIATIVE
--Process: 6c
**"Wash his flesh with water" Lev. 22:
**Action of the Word & the Spirit is pictured in the water
**Action of our own will is pictured in the washing of ones own self
--Jude 20-21--"But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."

3-"From all filthiness"
--off the realm of the flesh .....BODY
--of the realm of the spirit.....SOUL & SPIRIT
--Put off the OLD MAN. These are FILTHY in God's sight
--Put on the NEW MAN.....N. T. terminology
4-"Perfecting holiness in the fear of God"=="Let us prove our reverence for God by consecrating ourselves to Him completely." PHILLIPS

D.-The Alternative To The Exhortation:
1-Not stated here in so many words
2-Implied here in that only those who are separated are promised the enjoyment of the intimacy with the Father which has been provided
3-Clearly stated in Lev. 22:3------"CUT OFF"
4-Fellowship is not enjoyed
5-Eph. 5:8, 10-11--"For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:... Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them!."

CONCLUSION:
A.-The Separated Life For A Christian:
1-Thus we see that the Bible teaches a pattern of behavior that has come to be called "THE SEPARATED CHRISTIAN LIFE". Now biblical separation is not isolation; it is not a retreat from the main stream of humanity into a monastary. It is not a pattern of abnormal dress or peculiar religious behavior, though some have mistaken it for this. Nor is it legality, parading under the guise of spirituality.
2-Biblical separation is actually twofold:
FACET #1
3-It is a positive dedication of body, time, talents, and every issue of life into the hands of the Christ who has redeemed us. We are not our own, for we have been bought with a price (1 Cor. 6:19-20). It is the voluntary commital of the whole man to God--the "presenting of your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1). SEPARATION is first of all unto God.
FACET #2
4-On the negative side, separation is a steadfast refusal on the part of the Christian to be identified with the world in her sinful pleasure & godless behavior. To paraphrase Rom. 12:2, we are to do the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
5-There are certain familiar habits and entertainments which fill the horizon of the unregenerate, but can never cease to lead astray those who have been born into the family of God.
6-It is not our purpose now to mention by name these unclean or doubtful practices. Let it suffice to give the methods by which they may be tested.
7-Put that questionable practice to the following tests, & the Spirit of God will reveal to your heart what is the mind of the Lord in the matter.

B.-Practical Tests Of [redacted] Questionable Items:

1-Is it expressly forbidden by the Word of God, or does it violate any plain teaching of Scripture? (1 Th. 5:22)

2-Would its participation dull the keen edge of my spirituality or rob me of fellowship with my Lord? (Col. 3:2)

3-Recognizing that I have within me two opposing natures, which one does this practice feed, the old or the new? (Col. 3:5-10)

4-Do the best Christians I know participate in this thing? Even more important, could I imagine Christ doing it? (2 Thess. 3:6).

5-Can I confidently ask God to bless it? (Col. 3:17; 2 Tim. 2:4)

6-Would I like to be so engaged when Christ returns? (Titus 2:12-14; 1 John 3:3).

7-Might it cause me to be a stumbling block to some weaker brother? (1 Cor. 8:9, 13)

8-Will it involve a waste of God's money, time or talents [redacted] entrusted to me (1 Cor. 4:2)

9-How will it affect my testimony? Would I be willing for my friends to know all about it? (Phil. 2:15)

10-Is it one of the world's typical amusements? Does it cause me to be with God's crowd, or with the Devil's crowd? (1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4).

11 - Illus - P. 288 — Topo + Marbles

C.-Final Word:

1-Worldly amusements have been defined as "The devil's anesthetic to deaden the pain of an empty heart" (L.S.C.)

2-Those who walk with God have little need for certain kinds of popular entertainment, deliberately calculated to amuse frivolous lives and occupy shallow minds.

3-All earnest and mature christians can testify that the good things of God quickly replace the inferior pleasures of sin.

4-Thus, in calling the Believer Priest to a life of separation, God has not given us a negative creed, but a positive walk of faith and obedience in fellowship with the Lord as our standard.

5-QUESTION:---How do we stand in our separation as Believer Priests?

6- Let us be well assured this is an applicable truth from the N.T. as well as the Old T.

— It's PERSONAL
It's PERPETUAL

Illus - Phil + Kathy try were asked by adoption agency mon "Is Church + church activity all you ever do?"

H.A.I:- "The strength of the Christian is in his separation from the world + his devotion to Christ."

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PRIESTLY HOLINESS (Lev. 21-22) Read Lev.21:16-24; 1 Cor.10:6,11

Intro: O.T. Priests were the "cream of the crop" as to what God expected from His people.
--However---No Double Standards.
--All Believers are priests 1 Tim. 4:12
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— Requirements for life are the RESULT of relationship + not the GROUND of relationship.

I.-PRIEST'S RELATIONSHIPS

A.-Death:
1-Normal rule--21:1--don't get defiled because of it--touching dead
--lamenting
2-EXCEPTION--21:2-3--for regular priests when it is close relatives.
3-Not to "Profane" self--by acting like heathen do
--by making holy things common
--by acting as though God gives no HOPE or CONSOLATION
Israelites + Priests were to be DIFFERENT
4-High Priest given no exceptions--because of exalted position.

B.-Marriage: 21:7 — Not forbidden, except w/ certain limitations
1-Definite limitations--no woman of streets
--no "common" woman
--no divorcee
2-Other limitations--1 Cor. 7:39--"only in the Lord"
2 Cor. 6:14--"not unequally yoked together"
3-ILLUS--Deacons & Elders in 1 Tim.3 are to be "husbands of one wife" & to have her in "subjection"

II.-PRIEST'S DEFECTS

A.-Explanation:
1-Defects--caused at birth or by accident
2-Defilement--because of actions & will
A great deal of difference between.
3-Relationship is still real & true regardless of defects; Service is limited because of defects, however. Sonship was not interrupted, but Service was.

B.-Defects Themselves:
1-Blind--no vision in spiritual things
2-Lame & broken footed--halting walk
3-Flat nose--poor discernment "stuck his nose into it"
4-Broken hand--can't serve well
5-Crooked Back--doesn't look up
6-Dwarf---Stunted growth & never grew up
7-Superfluous Parts--To much or too little--adding or subtracting from the normal Christian person.

C.-Causes of Defects in the Priest:
1-Improperly dealt with at salvation--(spiritual birth)
--a- not led to truly trust Christ, but also forms + ritual
b- not led to accept salvation on Bible's authority alone, & not depend on man's word or feelings
c- not led to a true assurance of salvation as well as the experience
2-Accidents in the Spiritual realm when caused to stumble because of some other Christian's testimony or counsel.
--ILLUS---Louis Rico's defects in service because of Rev. Bill Leonard's un-Christian attitudes & actions.

D.-Effects of Defects in the Priest:
1-Limits capacity of service in some realms ---21:17, 21
2-Limits enjoyment of privilege--ILLUS--Defect of not seeing Eternal Security robs of JOY.
3-Doesn't STOP RELATIONSHIP--may be crippled, but still a child
4-Fellowship MAY be unharmed--21:22
5-Can OVERCOME DEFECTS & become a SPIRITUAL GIANT.

III.-PRIEST'S DEFILEMENT

A.-What Things Are Defiling???
1-Contact with sinful world & sinful man--it rubs off
2-Broken fellowship because of sin--leprosy & running issue
3-Contact with death & strangers--speaks of unsaved
4-Unwitting Defilement--ILLUS--1 Cor. 11:28-29--Lack of a serious view to serious issues.

B.-Cure For Defilement:
1-Washing with water (22:6)--Laver in O.T. Economy
--Eph. 5:26--Water of Word
--1 Jn. 1:9--Blood that Cleanses
2-Time--22:7--Helpful to overcome the influence of defilement on others, but only when coupled with cleansing.

C.-Reason For Seriousness Of Defilement:
1- 22:15-16--They deal with holy things
--They are the Lord's servants
--They represent the Lord to others.
2-God's standard of Priesthood--Heb. 7:26-27

IV.-PRIEST'S SACRIFICES

A.-Attitude of Sacrifice:
1- 22:19--out of a willing heart--VOLUNTARY
2- 22:21--"it shall be perfect" ILLUS--2 Sam. 24:24--Desire to Present God with our BEST
ILLUS---Virginian who was saved & became a heavy giver. Went to the smokehouse to get a ham for a visiting preacher. Reached for the best ham in the smokehouse & Satan said, "Not that big one, this little one over here in the corner." The Virginian shook his head, & reached again for the big ham. Satan again chimed in, "Well, if not the littlest one, at least just give him this medium sized ham over here." The Virginian said, "If you don't shut up, I'll give him the whole smoke-house."----AND SATAN SHUT!!!

B.-Quality of Sacrifice:
1-God expects the BEST the Spirit can produce in us
2-The STANDARD IS EXPLICIT--22:20-25
3-EXCEPTION--Expression of love in an offering may find us presenting an imperfect offering, because our freewill offering of love will be only as near perfection as our appreciation of what Christ has done for us in His death for us.

CONCL: Application & Appropriateness:

A.-Application:
1-Read Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:6, 11
2-These should show us clear lessons as to what God expects.

B.-Appropriateness:
1-Israel HAD a priesthood; the Church IS a priesthood.
2-Priestly standards haven't been lowered.
3-NO DOUBLE STANDARD--applies to ALL Christians

C.-Recaps:
1-Relationships--God comes first--Lk. 14:26
--Life, death, marriage, & all else
2-Defects--To be overcome
--Will limit service if continued
3-Defilement:--To be avoided
--To be cleansed
4-Sacrifices--Willingly given
--Perfect in Quality.

SACRIFICES OF A BELIEVER PRIEST — Lev. 22:17-33
Rom. 12:1-2; Heb. 13:10-16

INTRO: A.-ILLUS--A rich business man & a prominent attorney were traveling around the world. They saw many impressive sights, but agreed that something they saw in Korea was most impressive of all.

One morning as they walked along a country road in Korea, they saw a boy pulling a plow which was steered by an old man. It amused the attorney so much that he insisted on taking a picture of the scene with his little pocket camera. Later he showed the picture to a missionary in the next village, remarking about the peculiar spectacle.

"Yes," said the missionary, "it seems a very strange way to plow a field, but I happen to know the boy & old man well. They are very poor. However, when the little church was built here in the village, they wanted to contribute something. They had no money. They had not grain to spare & winter was coming on, so they sold their ox & gave the money to the church building fund, & now, minus the valuable animal, they have to pull the plow themselves."

The men looked at each other for a moment, then the attorney said, "But what a stupendous sacrifice! Why did you allow it?"

"They did not feel that way about it. They regarded it as a great joy that they had an ox to give to the Lord's work."

B.-It is sacrifice exacted from a heart of love that brings joy unspeakable! — TODAY WE WANT TO EXAMINE....

I.-PRINCIPLES OF SACRIFICE THAT LEAD TO JOY (Lev. 22:17-33):

A.-Sacrifices Are To Be From Believers:
1-22:10, 25
2-Unbelievers do not know God
3-Unbelievers can not worship a God they do not know & love
4-Unbelievers' sacrifices cannot be accepted by God
5-Warning to us that our sacrifices, as a church, not include the sacrifices of unbelievers, as Israel is warned here
6-ILLUS---Gift of an organ offered from an unsaved man to Minnetex Community Church.....REFUSED, and it led to the man's conversion

B.-Sacrifices Are To Be Voluntary:
1-Prescription of what & when to bring was delineated by God
2-But the bringing was not in the form of a tax
3-22:19a
4-Sacrifices to God were to be voluntary & of a "free will"
5-ILLUS--Once many years ago an old farmer in Scotland dropped a shilling in the kirk plate instead of a penny. Noticing his mistake he tackled the elder at the end of the service. "It wud be sacreeledge, Sandy, tae luft it oot noo," the elder said. "Weel, I'll git credit for it in Heaven," replied the farmer. "Na, na; ye'll only git credit for a penny, for that was a' ye intendit tae put in."

C.-Sacrifices Are To "Cost":
1-22:19b-22
2-Perfect & blemish-free
3-Because they speak of Christ
--for sin offering
--for peace offering
--for vows
4-Therefore, no imperfections allowed
5-Mal. 1:7-8 (READ)
6-Not to give to God what is of no worth to man
7-RATHER-----2 Sam. 24:24

D.-Sacrifices Of Love:
1-Certain sacrifices were "expected"-----these must be perfect
2-Certain other sacrifices were optional — 22:23
--given above the prescribed sacrifices
--evidence of a deep love for God
--these could be blemished because they represented a human love for God & thankfulness of spirit which could never match the perfection of God's love to us expressed in Christ
--These were "free-will" offerings above the "expected"

E.-Sacrifices Are To Be Offered:
"For every H.P. taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts + sacrifices for sins
1-This is one of the key ministries of a priest
2-High Priest--Heb. 5:1
--Heb. 8:3 "For every H.P. is ordained to offer gifts + sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat to offer
3-Believer-Priest--1 Pet. 2:5 READ
4-Why?--Because God says so
--Because this draws us into "involvement" with God
--ILLUS--Rationing in W.W. 2 was not only to conserve food, but also to involve the civilian populace in a joint effort of SACRIFICE with the men in the military
5-God works on a similar premise to engage us in His divine purposes
6-God prescribes 4 sacrifices for N. T. Believer-Priests

II.-SACRIFICES OF A BELIEVERPRIEST:

A.-Preparation For Worship---The Sacrifice Of The Body (Rom. 12)
1-Rom. 12:1-2
2-Addressed to believers
3-Based on the mercies of God---DETAILED in Rom. 1-11 (SIN, JUSTIFICATION, SANCTIFICATION, SOVEREIGN PURPOSE)
4-Appeal--Give your body to God; VEHICLE of your life
--Give it as a sacrifice over which you relinquish all claims; VEHICLE under His control
--Give it to LIVE, not to DIE
5-Sacrifice is to be:
--Holy...Pure in what is allowed
--Acceptable ...on God's terms
--Unto God...for, after all, it is HIM that we're seeking to please & worship!
--ILLUS--One of the most glorious things said of Jesus was said in derision by His enemies: "He saved others; Himself He cannot save." It is always so. On Dr. Adam Clarke's tomb in London

is carved the figure of a candle expiring in its socket with the words underneath, "In giving light to others, I myself have been consumed" Shortly after the death of Phillips Brooks, his oldest brother said to Dr. McVicker, "Phillips might have saved himself, & so prolonged his life. Others do; but he was always giving himself to any who wanted him." Dr. McVicker answered, "Yes, indeed! He might have saved himself, but in doing so he would not have been Phillips Brooks. The glory of his life was that he did not save himself." Wear out or Burn out — But for God's sake dont RUST OUT!

6-This is "your reasonable service" ...
- --the expected thing for every believer
- --does God ask too much?
- --each must ask & answer this question!
- --Must ultimately agree with God!
- --Giving ourselves to God is an eminently "reasonable service"

7-First of the "spiritual sacrifices" we are to offer to God
- --1 Pet. 2:5
- --Must preceed all the other sacrifices if those that are to follow are to have real meaning & significance

8-HOW of presenting your body
- --"present =="yield"
- --specific once-for-all realization of God's claims
- --1 Cor. 6:19-20
- --specific once-for-all response to God's claims
- --By YIELDING to Him all we are & have & expect to be!
- --Then, daily reckoning that yielding to still be true & operative in your life
- --Ps. 118:27 — "God is the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.
- --AND, "stop being conformed to this world"
  - **How?
  - **By getting into the word of God
  - **By getting into fellowship with the Father
  - **By getting into fellowship with believers
  - **By regular worship & prayer
  - **By taking up some task of service
  - **Thereby you'll be spared from your attachment that wraps you around the world & its standards
- --And "be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind
- --ILLUS----Three guidance lights at the entrance to Panama harbor. Only safe to enter when all 3 were clearly seen to be in a straight line.
  - (1) Conscious yielding of Body
  - (2) Conscious stopping of the being conformed to this world
  - (3) Conscious enjoyment of the experience of being renewed in the mind by the Holy Spirit

w/o this, nothing of worth to God can be done

9-THUS, this giving God the sacrificial offering of your body is the foundational preparation for true & spiritual worship of our God.

10-This the first offering of a Believer-Priest

See note at the end

B.-Content Of Worship--The Sacrifice Of Praise (Heb. 13:15):

1-It is "by Him"--that we live & move & have our being
- --that we are saved
- --that we worship
- --ILLUS--Thomas K. Beecher told the story

of substituting for his famous brother, HENRY WARD BEECHER at Plymouth Church, Brooklyn. Many curiosity seekers came to see & hear Henry Ward Beecher. Upon Thomas K. Beecher's appearance in the pulpit, the sightseers started for the doors. THOMAS K. BEECHER raised his hand for attention, & made this announcement: "All those who came here this morning to worship Henry Ward Beecher may now withdraw from the church; all who came to worship God may remain. WE MUST KNOW WHO WE ARE WORSHIPPING!"

2-It is voluntary
- --"...therefore let us offer"
- --Only obligation to praise God grows out of the response of the redeemed heart that can not forbear!
- --Ps. 103:2-"Bless the LORD, O my soul, ~~and all that is within me~~ & forget not all his benefits"
- --Ps. 107:2-"Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy."
- --Ps. 119:18

3-Sacrifice of Praise to God:
- --Remembering who God is
- --Realizing that God loves us
- --Thanking HIM for Himself, and for what He has done!
- --"Worship--the highest occupation of man as he contemplates his God and praises Him." Anon.
- --Ps. 50:23-"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me..."

4-Continually this praise is to flow
- --1 Thess 5:16-18
- --So in the early church
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To heed His call, to give my all,
And praise His Name forever."

7-What's God's attitude toward these praises?
- --13:16
- --"well pleased"

C.-Expression Of Worship----Sacrifices Of Works & Giving:

1-See next message clipped to this one for use on a subsequent Sunday.

CONCLUSION:

A.-Principles Of Sacrifice To God:

1-Sacrifice leads to joy
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3-Sacrifice is to be voluntary
4-Sacrifice is to cost us something---more of this in the next message
5-Sacrifice is the expression of our love
6-Sacrifice is expected to be offered

B.-Sacrifices Themselves:

1-Preparation for worship---Sacrifice of BODY
2-Content Of Worship--------Sacrifice of PRAISE
3-Expression of Worship-----Sacrifices of WORKS & GIVING

C.-Where Do You Stand?

1-Unable to sacrifice to God because you've rejected God's sacrifice of His Son for your sins?

2-Saved----but so as by fire?

3-Began with the sacrifice of your body, but not daily renewing that vow & binding your "living sacrifice" to the horns of the altar?

4-Still just a receiver of God's goodnesses without so much as a "THANK YOU"?

5-If so--why not settle these issues now?
--why not receive the grace of God by faith?
--why not begin to exhibit the characteristics of a FAITHFUL priest?

6 — This is the path of life abundant
of joy unspeakable
of glory everlasting

N.B.- May be omitted from this message + included in the next if time so indicates, for it is included therein.

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SACRIFICES OF A BELIEVER PRIEST (Cont.) Lev. 22:16-33
WORSHIP Heb. 13:10-16
Ep. 2:8-10

INTRO: A.-Appreciation Is Shown In Sacrifice:

1-Appreciation is shown in sacrifice. The Magi were ashamed to go into the presence of a King without suitable tribute. The real wise men of all generations are those who know when & to whom to pay tribute with mind & heart.

2-There are foolish spendthrifts of spiritual resources who throw away the priceless on the worthless. What shall we think of people who devote precious treasures to the things of earth, and bring nothing but crumbs to the King of heaven? Let not the story of the widow's mite be brought forward in defense of such stinginess. The mite is precious to Christ only when glorified with the sincere wish that we had far more to bring. ~~Niggardly~~ sacrifiices disclos bankrupt appreciation.

3-What would we think of a man professing great love of art who refused to cross the street to see a great masterpiece? What are we willing to deny ourselves, if need be, to get a fresh view of the Christ? How much we really think of Him is shown by the tribute of self-denial we are willing to bring Him.

4-If you would discover the Christ afresh, set out today on a journey of heroic consecration.

B.-Principles Of Sacrifice To God (Lev. 22:17-33):

Last week's message

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7-1 Pet. 2:5

C.-Sacrifices Acceptable From A N. T. Priest:

1-Body----------Preparation For Worship
2-Praise----------Content Of Worship
3-Works & Giving--Expression Of Worship

4-Let us see the Bible teaching on these Sacrifices as they speak to us ——→ today!

I.-PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP---THE SACRIFICE OF THE BODY: (Review from last week's message)

A.-Rom. 12:1-2

B.-"Consecration is an act of choosing. God does not demand us to give up all to follow Him. He does, through the Apostle Paul, say, 'It is your reasonable service', but that is the strongest He says concerning it. But we should deem it a privilege to give all to Him, who did so much for us. If every saint of God would see the glory awaiting the really separated, consecrated ones of God's fold, they would let go of everything that they are holding on to, & run for the privilege of giving their lives to be used up in the service of the Lord. Ah, it is no 'must' service,

but a real 'glad' service. He gives Himself to those who give themselves, and to have Him is to have all. Hallelujah!" A. L. Meisinger.

II.-CONTENT OF WORSHIP--THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE (Heb. 13:15):

(If this was covered in last message, then only review this point. If not, preach it as it is)

A.-It Is "By Christ":

1-That we live & move & have our being
2-That we are saved
3-That we worship---13:15 "By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His Name."
4-Illus---Thomas K. Beecher told the story of substituting for his famous brother, HENRY WARD BEECHER at Plymouth Church, Brooklyn. Many curiosity seekers came to see & hear Henry Ward Beecher. Upon Thomas K. Beecher's appearance in the pulpit, the sightseers started for the doors. Thomas K. Beecher raised his hand for attention, & made this announcement: "ALL THOSE WHO CAME HERE THIS MORNING TO WORSHIP HENRY WARD BEECHER MAY NOW WITHDRAW FROM THE CHURCH: ALL WHO CAME TO WORSHIP GOD MAY REMAIN We must know WHO we are worshipping!"

B.-It Is Voluntary:

1-"...therefore let us offer"
2-Only obligation to praise God grows out of the response of the redeemed heart that can not forbear!
3-Ps. 103:2--"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:"
4-Ps. 107:2--"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed out of the hand of the enemy."

C.-It Is To God:

1-Praise belongs to God above!
2-Remembering WHO God is
3-Realizing that God loves us
4-Thanking HIM for Himself & for what He has done!
DEF. 5-"Worship--the highest occupation of man as he contemplates his God & praises Him." Anon.
6-Ps. 50:23--"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.

D.-It Is To Be Continuous:

1-1 Thess. 5:16-18--"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."
2-So in the early Church
3-Acts 2:42, 46-47
4-Where is it today? Are YOU praiseful?
5-Illus - Like the 2 wings of a bird to fly — Wing of PRAYER, Wing of PRAISE

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And praise His Name forever."

F.-It Is "Well-pleasing" To God:
1-13:16b"...for with such sacrifices God is well-pleased."
2-This moves the heart of God with joy.
3-Is not this a worthy occupation!

III.-EXPRESSION OF WORSHIP--THE SACRIFICES OF GOOD WORKS AND OF GIVING:

"But to do good...forget not"

A.-The Sacrifice Of Good Works (Heb. 13:16a):
1-One of the purposes of our redemption is good works
--Eph. 2:10--"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."
--OUTworking of the salvation that God has performed in INworking of our redemption is seen in good wks.
--Good works; ordained or Divinely planned by God
--"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: & he delighteth in His way." Ps. 37:23
--ILLUS--As the vine bears fruit as an evidence of its life, so the Christian is expected to show forth good works as a testimony of the new life within--Jn. 15:8--"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."
2-Redemption is to inspire us to be "zealous of good wks"
--Titus 2:14
--Redemption & purification "set us up in business" as a peculiar people
--Close to the heart of God, for we cost Him His Son
--This closeness is to lead to a zeal for good works
--Tit. 3:1
--Tit. 3:8 — 3:14
** Belief comes first
** Evidence or expression of belief is in good works performed by one who is a believer.
--ILLUS--Some years ago the Standard Oil Company wanted 2 extra men & out of the 20 who applied Mr. Li was one of the 2 chosen. He was housemaster in a boy's boarding school of

Read these texts

the China Inland Mission. His wages were to be double what he was earning in the school. Mr. Li prayed much about the matter. He accepted the position, but when he found he would have to work on Sunday, he gave it up. The manager offered him 3 times higher wages than he had as a teacher and gave him his Sundays free. He returned to the office but became very unhappy & in the evening after praying with the head teacher of the school, he wrote the following letter in English: "I AM SORRY I CANNOT COME & WORK FOR YOUR COMPANY. I HAVE DECIDED TO WORK FOR GOD & WIN BOYS TO JESUS CHRIST. I BEG YOU A THOUSAND PARDONS."

The Manager said to one of his friends: "I thought I did well to employ a christian, but I see that real Christians put Jesus first and business second."

3-Spiritual fruitfulness & increased growth in the Lord GO TOGETHER

--Col. 1:10--"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God."

--This is the "worthy walk"

--INTER-RELATIONSHIP of WORKS and KNOWLEDGE needs to be kept in balance

God spare us from both.

--No premium on zeal in ignorance

--But neither is there approval of sloth in the face of "deep truth"

--End in view is HARMONY in joint labor

--Heb. 13:21--"Make you perfect (fitted together nicely as a hand in a glove) in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory for ever and ever."

--Phs. 2:17--"Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all."

--Paul considered it a priestly ministry of good works by serving God in any capacity which brings glory to God. — Teacher Elder Cook Dishwasher, etc

4-Joint responsibility

--Pastor to lead you on in your knowledge & obedience to God

--People to exhibit good works as an expression of worship

5-This sacrifice does not escape the eye of God:

--Heb. 6:10--"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have shewed toward His Name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

--Matt. 25:40--"And the King shall answer and say unto them, 'Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

--2 Cor. 5:10--"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according as he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

--ILLUS--Garibaldi, the great Italian reformer of a past generation, in a fiery speech urged some

thousands of Italy's young men to fight for the freedom of their homeland. One timid young fellow approached him, asking, "If I fight, Sir, what will be my reward?" Swift as a lightning flash came the uncompromising answer, "Wounds, scars and perhaps death. But remember, that through your bruises Italy will be free." "THEN," said the young man, "I WILL FOLLOW TO THE DEATH."

Are you not willing to endure the scars in order to liberate the souls of men and glorify God by your good works?

B.-A Sacrifice Of Giving:

1-Heb. 13:16b
- "and to communicate, forget not"
- Margin: "and to share what you have with others, don't forget."
- GIVING is clearly taught
- REMEMBRANCE is obviously jogged!

2-Eph. 4:28--"Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth."

3-Phs. 4:13-18 ← Biblical example

4-God wants WHAT WE HAVE
- --not just good intentions
- --POEM--"When My Ship Comes In"

"I'll help the poor & needy ones who wait on every hand
I'll send a bit of happiness to every race and land.
I'll help to stem the current of this old world's woe & sin.
I'll do my honest duty--when my ship comes in.

I'll see that not an orphan child is left without the fold
I'll see that not a fireside anywhere around is cold.
I'll scatter joy and comfort wide. When, Well I shall begin
Redeeming every promise--when my ship comes in.

Meanwhile, I do as others do, I look thru sun & gale,
I scan the far horizon. But some day I will face the judgment
Throng with all my human kin and say, 'I would have done it, Had my ship come in."

- --ILLUS--Jn. 6:1-13--Giving to Jesus what we have & seeing it multiplied many times over. Selfishness with much can do LITTLE; Love with little can do MUCH.

5-Thus, giving is a priestly ministry of sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.
- --Phs. 4:18
- --1 Pet. 2:5
- --Heb. 13:16

"Ye also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

"But I have all, + abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God."

6-ILLUS--In his book, STEWARDSHIP STORIES, Guy L. Morrill tells of a S.S. class of boys who for a number of weeks had studied stewardship. As they came to the end of their study of this subject, their teacher asked them to write out what they thought stewardship meant. One boy wrote this: "Stewardship means that

life is a great ship, loaded with a rich cargo of many things to be delivered to many peoples in many places. GOD is the OWNER, but I amdthe CAPTAIN of the ship."

How do you think of yourself? As the OWNER or as the CAPTAIN of the things you possess? Are you DELIVERING the goods?

CONCLUSION:

A.-The Sacrifices Of A Believer Priest:
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- 3-Works & Giving---Expressions of worship

Let's REVIEW

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Let's INQUIRE

C.-How Do We Measure Up?
- 1-Sacrifices given to God
  - --with what attitude?
  - --what sacrifices given?
  - --which sacrifices are missing?
- 2-Was that sacrifice from us from a real believer? Sure?
- 3-Was it voluntary; of a free heart?
- 4-Did it cost me something, yet bring joy to my heart?
- 5-Did it express my love: — This the ultimate purpose of God's desiring Sacrifices
  - --For God?
  - --For Brethren?
  - --For the Lost?

— To God
— To Myself
— To those about me.

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