SCRIPTURE: Leviticus 8:1-36; Matthew 3:1-17

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## INTRODUCTION: SACRIFICES, PRIESTS & PRIESTHOOD (Lev.1-5; 6,7; 8-10)

- **A. SACRIFICES: ENDS & MEANS** (*soothing aroma* (burnt, grain, peaces; c.1-3) & *atonement* (sin-guilt,c.4,5))
- **B. PRIESTHOOD: DUTIES IN SACRIFICES** (c.6, 7; climax: peace offerings, direct participation by all; Ex.19:2)
- C. PRIESTHOOD: CONSECRATION, INAUGURATION, VIOLATION (chps.8,9,10; see Gen.1,2,3)
- D. BAPTISM: CHRIST'S CONSECRATION & OURS IN HIM (Lk3:22; 4:1f,18f; Heb2:17,etc & Mt3:11; 28:19; 1Pt2:5f)

## I. <u>THE CONSECRATION OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR HIGH PRIEST</u> (see 8:1f)

- **A. HE IS OUR HIGH PRIEST** (8:2f; Heb.2:17; 3:1,etc.; Ps.110:4)
- **B. JUST AS THE LORD COMMANDED** (8:4,5&36(8:9,13,17,21,29,34,36; 9:6,7,10,21; 10:7,13,15); Ps.110:4; Heb.5:5,etc.)
- **C. PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION** (8:3-5; Mt.3:5f,13; Acts 1:22)
- **D. EQUIPPED FOR SERVICE** (8:6-9; Lk.4:18)
- **E. ANOINTED WITH OIL** (8:10-13; 1Sam.16:13//14; Is.61:1; Lk.4:18; Acts 10:38)
- **F. ATONED WITH BLOOD** (8:14-17, 34 /not!; see Heb.7:26-28; 4:15)
- **G. ACCEPTED IN TOTAL** (*burnt* offering; 8:18-21; Jn.2:17; 4:34; 8:29)
- H. ACCEPTED WITH JOY (ordination (peace) offering; 8:22-29 (7:37); Lk.3:22)
- **I. THE LORD/MOSES** (8:29, etc.; see 7:31; see Lk.3:22; Heb.3:1f)
- **J. CONFIRMATION** (8:30; see Mt.17:2)
- **K. EATING WITH SONS** (8:31-34; see Mt.26:26f)
- **L. NEW CREATION** (8:33, 35; Ex.29:35f; see Gen.2:3; see Lk.3:22; 4:1f; Gal.1:17)
- **M. NOT DIE** (8:35; see Heb.10:38; Mt.26:39f)
- N. CHRIST'S BAPTISM WAS HIS CONSECRATION AS OUR HIGH PRIEST (Lk.3:22; see Heb.5:4,10; Ps.110:4)

# II. OUR CONSECRATION AS PRIESTS IN CHRIST (8:13,etc.)

- **A. CHRIST AND HIS SONS** (8:2f; Heb.2:13; 1Pt.2:5,9)
- **B. JUST AS THE LORD COMMANDED** (8:4,5&36,etc.; see Mt.3:11; 28:18-20)
- C. PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION (8:3-5; see Acts 2:41; 10:47f)
- **D. EQUIPPED FOR SERVICE** (8:6-9 / 1Cor.12:7f,25; 13; see 2Cor.5:21; Col.3:9,10; 5f,12f; Rom.13:14)
- **E. ANOINTED WITH OIL** (8:10-13,30; Ex.29:21; see Acts 2:38; 10:47; see 1Sam.16:13/14; Is.61:1; Lk.4:18; Acts 10:38)
- **F. ATONED WITH BLOOD** (8:14-17,34; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Heb.9:13,14,22; 10:22; 12:24; 1Pt.1:2; 3:21)
- **G. ACCEPTED IN TOTAL** (*burnt* offering; 8:18-21; see 1Pt.2:5; Rom.12:1,2f; Mt.6:33; 22:37,39)
- **H.** ACCEPTED WITH JOY (ordination(peace) offering; 8:22-29; Acts10:35; 2Cor6:17 /Jn14:21f; 16:27; 2Th2:16; 1Jn3:1; 4:19)
- **I. THE LORD JESUS** (Mt.3:11; 28:19; Acts 2:33,38; see Heb.3:1f)
- **J. CONFIRMATION** (8:30; see Acts2:38,42 (1Cor.11:24f); 3:19)
- K. EATING WITH HIGH PRIEST (8:31-34; see Mt.26:26f)
- L. NEW CREATION (8:33,35; Ex.29:35f; see Gal.6:14,15; Col.2:12; Rom.6:4; 2Cor.5:17)
- **M. NOT DIE** (8:35; see 1Cor.11:30; Heb.10:38,19f; Lk.9:23; 17:31f)
- N. OUR BAPTISM IS OUR CONSECRATION AS HIS PRIESTS (Heb.2:13,17; 1Pt.2:5,9)

#### III. THE SURPRISING SIGNIFICANCE OF BAPTISM

## A. CHRIST'S BAPTISM WAS HIS CONSECRATION AS OUR HIGH PRIEST (Lk.3:22 /Heb.5:4,10; Ps.110:4)

- 1. look to **Him** to forgive your sins and give you His righteousness (Heb.2:17; 9:1f; 10:10-14; see 2Cor.5:21)
- 2. look to **Him** for graces and gifts for faithfulness as His priest (Heb.2:13; 10:19f)

### B. OUR BAPTISM INTO CHRIST IS OUR CONSECRATION AT HIS PRIESTS (Heb.2:13,17; 1Pt.2:5,9)

- 1. your baptism declares that you are saved FOR a purpose! (see Ex.7:16; 19:1-6f; 1Cor.6:19; Eph.2:5-10)
- 2. your *baptism* declares that you are *cleansed & clothed FOR service as a priest* (atoned; Lev.8:6-9; 14-17; *see 2Tm.2:21f*; 2Cor.5:21; Acts 2:38; Rom.13:14; Col.3:9,10; 5f,12f)
- 3. your *baptism* declares that you are *set apart & equipped FOR service as a priest* (*anointed*; Lev.8:9-12; see Acts 2:38; 1Cor.12:7; 7f,25 / ordination a *subset* of baptism; see Acts 6:3-6; 1Tm.3:1f; 4:14; 5:17,22)
- 4. your *baptism* declares that you are *consecrated as priests To bring* the nations together and to God in Christ by the Spirit through the Gospel with your life (Heb.9:11f; 10:19f,18; 12:22f; 13:1f; see Eph.2:14f; Mt.5:9f; Lk.9:23; 1Pt.2:5f,1ff; Rom.12:1ff; 15:16)