SCRIPTURE: Leviticus 9:1-24; Hebrews 10:1-39

SERMON: <u>The Priesthood of Believers: Our Inauguration</u> 2 March 2008

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

- A. SACRIFICES: ENDS & MEANS (ends: reconciliation, c.1-3; means: atonement, c.4,5)
- **B. PRIESTS: DUTIES IN SACRIFICES** (indirect, priests, c.6; direct, people, c.7; see Ex.19:6)
- C. PRIESTHOOD: CONSECRATION, INAUGURATION, VIOLATION (c.8,9,10)
- **D.** *BAPTISM*: CHRIST'S *CONSECRATION* & OURS IN HIM (Lk.3:22; 4:1f,18; Heb.2:17,etc. & Mt.3:11; 28:19; 1Pt.2:5f; see 2/24/08 sermon)
- E. CROSS: CHRIST'S INAUGURATION & OURS IN HIM (Heb.10:20; 9:18; see Rom.6:3,4)

I. THE INAUGURATION OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR HIGH PRIEST (9:1f; Heb.10:20; 9:18)

- A. HE IS OUR HIGH PRIEST IN INAUGURATION (9:1f; see Heb.10:19-21; 9:18)
- **B. JUST AS GOD COMMANDED** (9:5-7,10,16,21; see Heb.5:5,10; 8:3; Mt.26:42,54; Lk.24:7; Is.53; Lev.!)
- **C. PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION** *CONTINUED* (8:3f,33f & 9:1f; see Lk.3:22 & Rom.3:25; Gal.3:1; Heb.6:6)
- **D. NOT FOR HIMSELF** (9:2f,7f; see Heb.7:26,27a; see 11f)
- **E. FOR THE PEOPLE** (9:3f,15f; see Heb.7:27b; 8:3; 9:7f; 11-14; 10:19-21)
 - 1. *sin* offering: *atonement* (9:7b,15; see Heb.9:14a,b; 2Cor.5:21)
 - 2. burnt offering: persons accepted (9:16; see Heb.10:19f)
 - 3. grain offering: works accepted (9:17; see Heb.9:14; 10:24; 13:1f,21; see Eph.2:10)
 - 4. *peace* offering: *joy* of acceptance (9:18; see Heb.12:(2f),22f; 13:15)

F. THE HIGH PRIESTLY *PROMISE* OF BLESSING (9:4,6,23)

- 1. after obedience (9:22; see Jn.19:30; Lk.24:49f; Acts 1:8)
- 2. *into* the Tent of Meeting (9:23a; see Heb.9:11f,14,24; 7:25)
- 3. before blessing (9:23b; see Acts 2:33)

G. THE HIGH PRIESTLY BLESSING (9:23,24)

- 1. cloud: I am Your God with You (9:23b; see Ex.40:34,35; 1Kngs.8:12; Jn.1:14)
- 2. fire: You are My people with Me (9:24; see 1:3,4; 19:6; see Judg.6:19f; 13:20f; 2Chr.7:1f; 1Kngs.18:38f; Ezk.43:27; see Acts 2:2-4,33; Rom.12:1; 15:16; *Heb.12:28,29; 1Pt.2:5*)
- **H. ONCE & CONTINUING** (9:24; see 6:12,13; Ex.29:35f,38f; see Acts 2:2-4,33,38,39)
- **I. CRY OF JOY!** (9:24; see 2Chr.7:3; 1Kngs.18:39; Acts 2:4f,11)

II. OUR INAUGURATION AS PRIESTS IN CHRIST (9:1f; see Heb.10:19-21; 9:18)

- **A. CHRIST AND HIS SONS** (9:1f,9,12,18; Heb.2:13; 1Pt.2:5,9)
- **B. JUST AS GOD COMMANDED** (9:5-7,10,16,21; Heb.5:5,10; 1Pt.2:5,9; Lk.9:23)
- C. PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION CONTINUED (8:3f,33f & 9:1f; see Acts 2:38,41 & 16:37; 1Cor.4:9f; Heb.10:33)
- **D. FOR OURSELVES: WORSHIP** (9:2f,7f; see Heb.9:14; 10:19-23; see Eph.2:5-10)
- **E. FOR OTHERS: FELLOWSHIP IN WORSHIP & SERVICE** (9:3f,15f; see Heb.10:24,25; see Rom.12:1; Col.3:5; Eph.5:25; also Rom.15:16)
- **F. GIVING A BLESSING** (9:23,24; see Rom.12:1f,14f; 1Pt.2:5,9ff; 3:9; also Rom.8:34; 26,27)
- **G. ONCE & CONTINUING** (9:24; see 6:12,13; see Acts 2:2-4,33,38,39,42,46; Lk.9:23)
- **H. CRY OF JOY!** (9:24; see Acts 2:4f,11; Ps.35:27; 95:1,2; see 32:11; 51:14; also: 66:1; 81:1; 98:4,6; 100:1; 145:7)

III. OUR HIGH PRIEST HAS INAUGURATED THE WAY HOME FOR US! (Heb.9:14f; 10:19f)

- **A.** *CRY OUT FOR JOY* **THAT GOD WELCOMES YOU HOME IN CHRIST!** (9:24,1f; see Heb.9:14f; 10:19-21; Gen.3:24; Lk.15:21f; see Acts 2:4,11; Psalms!; e.g. 100:1)
- **B.** *ENTER* **THE WAY OF LIFE INAUGURATED BY YOUR HIGH PRIEST!** (9:24,1f; see Heb.10:22-25; Gen.3:24; Rev.22:1f,14,*17*; Lk.15:17)