

## Study Guide

### Leviticus | Priesthood

1. We are deeply loved by God. However, since Adam and Eve we are independent of God. So the story of Israel being led out into a desert to experience the presence of God becomes our story. We all have a felt need to connect with God. Each of the five offerings leads us closer into His presence. In Leviticus 8-9 the priests and the tabernacle are dedicated. At the end of Chapter 9, fire comes down from heaven and the glory of God is revealed to all the people.

*Discuss your felt need to connect with God and what that looks like in your life.*

2. Read Leviticus 8. Describe the garments of dignity (v.6-9); and the process of dedication (v.10-36). Discuss the needs a priest might have that are addressed through the ritual of dedication.

*(For example: The Breastplate, the turban, the anointing oil, the sin offering...)*

3. Discuss the Priesthood.

a. Melchizedek (see Gen. 14:18-20; Heb. 7:1&3; Heb. 6:20 & 7:17). What is the significance of an eternal priesthood?

b. NT Believers (see 1 Pet. 2:5&9; Rev. 1:6). What is the significance of the priesthood of the believer?

c. Implications of Priesthood- connecting others with God

i. Agents of Praise (1 Pet. 2:9)

ii. Agents of Prayer (Eph. 3:12)

iii. Agents of Reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18)

4. Read Leviticus 9:23-24. Describe what was happening here. What would you have felt if you had been there? Read 2 Cor. 4:6 & 2 Cor. 3:18. How do we see the glory of God today and how does it affect us? How can we miss seeing the glory of God?

**Conclusion for reflection-** *We are dedicated Priests with passion!*

How does the priesthood change how you view yourself?

What might be keeping you from seeing God's presence?

How have you drawn near to Christ and seen glimpses of His glory?

## Message Slides

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**Theme- You shall be mine!**

#### A. We Need Dedicated Priests!

Leviticus 8:1-3

“The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments and the anointing oil and the bull of the sin offering and the two rams and the basket of unleavened bread. <sup>3</sup>And assemble all the congregation at the entrance of the tent of meeting.””

*See image of Aaron*

1. Garments of Dignity (v. 6-9) – *need cleansing; identity*

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2. Process of Dedication (v.10-36) – *need power, forgiveness, worship, provision, fellowship, time.*

#### B. Priesthood Goes Way Back

*Show image of Melchizedek with Bible verses*

**Genesis 14:18-20** “And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.)”

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#### **Hebrews 7:1 & 3**

“For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, ...<sup>3</sup>He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever.”

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#### **Hebrews 6:20 & 7:17**

“Jesus has become a High Priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

#### . Priesthood Expands Way Forward

*Image of The priesthood of the believer with Bible Verses*

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1 Pet. 2:5- "you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

1 Pet. 2:9 "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

Rev. 1:6- "To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

#### **D. We are Dedicated Priests!**

1. You were washed! Cleansing
2. You were dressed in royal garments. Identity
3. You were given a tunic- Holy to the Lord- SET APART unto God
4. You were anointed with the Holy Spirit unto service- Helper
5. You were forgiven and dedicated unto God through the offerings.
6. You were given time to ponder your new identity!

Image Protestant Reformation- Martin Luther-

#### Implications- Connecting people to God!

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##### 1. Agents of Praise

1 Pet. 2:9- "...you are ...a royal priesthood... that you may proclaim the excellencies of him ..."

##### 2. Power of Prayer

Eph. 3:12 "...in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him."

##### 3. Agents of Restoration

2 Cor. 5:18- "We have been given the ministry of restoring people to God."

#### **E. Dedicated Priests...with Passion**

Lev. 9:1-7

"On the eighth day Moses called Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel,<sup>2</sup> and he said to Aaron, "Take for yourself a bull calf for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering, ... and all the congregation drew near and stood before the Lord.... <sup>4</sup>And Moses said, "This is the thing that the Lord commanded you to do, that the glory of the Lord may appear to you." <sup>7</sup>Then Moses said, "Draw near to the altar..." "

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Lev. 9:23-24

"The glory of the LORD appeared to all the people. And fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering...and when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces."

### "Draw near to the altar..." (Lev. 9:7b)

2 Cor. 4:6

"For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

2 Cor. 3:11&18

"For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

...And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."

### C.S. Lewis

*"We are halfhearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant boy who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."*

**Miller-** The poverty of the American spirit; we are "filled with fillers."

**Reflection-** *As dedicated Priests with passion:*

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*What "fillers" might be keeping you from being passionate about sharing God?*

*How does the priesthood change how you view yourself?*

