

## “The Necessary Consecration of the Priests”

*What is consecration and why should I care?*

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### First Things First (vv. 1-9)

- + Preparation (vv. 1-3)
- + The Place (v. 4a)
- + Washing (v. 4b)
- + Clothed (vv. 5-6)
- + Anointed (v. 7)
- + His sons (v. 8)

† Christ and His people; the priesthood of believers – *Are you washed, clothed, and anointed?*

### The Three Sacrifices (vv. 10-34)

- ◆ The sin offering – a bull sacrificed (vv. 10-14)
- ◆ The whole burnt offering – a ram sacrificed (vv. 15-18)
- ◆ The fellowship offering – a ram “of ordination” sacrificed (vv. 19-34)
- + “. . . shall lay their hands on the head . . .”
- + the blood of the sacrifice sprinkled, poured, or thrown
- + the burning of the first two sacrifices (on the altar or outside the camp)
- + the waving and eating of the fellowship offering

† Atonement, Wholly dedicated, Communion – *Do you see how Jesus Christ’s perfect, substitutionary sacrifice is the only way for the forgiveness of our sins, calls us to complete devotion, and allows us to fellowship with God?*

### The 7 Day ceremony (vv. 35-37)

- ▶ See the importance, that it cannot be rushed, and the symbol of completion

### The Twice-Daily Sacrifices (vv. 38-42)

- ▶ two lambs
- ▶ morning and evening
- ▶ “throughout your generations”

### **The Purpose of it all (vv. 43-46)**

- ◆ God says “I will”
- ◆ sin separates, God-mandated sacrifices restore a right relationship
- ◆ God will dwell among us
- ◆ He is the great “I AM”

- † We were created to draw near to God
- † In our rebelliousness and sin we’ve run away, but God has, in His amazing grace, made a way of salvation and come near to us!
- † Jesus is Immanuel, God with us!

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*Do we see the necessity of holiness to serve the Holy, Living God?*

*Do we acknowledge that we are not naturally, or inherently, holy?*

*Have you been called and consecrated by the Lord? Has He made you holy?*

### **So what now?**

1. Christ is the Perfect Great High Priest, who has offered the Perfect Sacrifice once for all!
2. Because of Him, we also are made as holy priests to God (see 1 Pt. 2:5; Rev. 1:6; cf. Ex. 19:5-6); are we living like this?
3. Is God changing you? Is the Truth changing you? How do others help you change for the better? How are your circumstances shaping you? Do you want to change?