

Sermon Notes

Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen #89

“Those Who Transacted the Business of God -- Priests”
Exodus 27:20 – 28:14

I. Introduction

- A. Noting the place we do financial business.
 - 1. Pastor Don’s experience.
 - 2. Banks and credit unions as institutions where we do our business.
- B. The tabernacle was the place where the spiritual business of God was conducted.
 - 1. Today’s financial institutions offer many services through technology and attendants (clerks or tellers). Sometimes we help ourselves through “self-service.”
 - a. Not so in the tabernacle. The attendants were the P_____.
- C. The priests performed many duties.
 - 1. They had a long list of responsibilities.
- D. Reading of the text: Exodus 27:20 – 28:14.

II. Exposition

- A. Exodus 27:20-21
 - 1. Note review of the parts of the golden candlestick.
 - a. Symbolized life and light.
 - 2. There was special oil.
 - a. No pulp meant smoke-free burning.
 - 3. The light was always lit, but maintained by a priest.
 - a. Nightly or 24 hour care.
 - 4. An everlasting ordinance.
 - a. Psalm 134:2
 - b. A bit of heaven on earth.
- B. Exodus 28:1
 - 1. Aaron is sovereignly designated as high priest.
 - a. Moses’ brother.

- b. There was no candidating: appointment was from God Himself. -- I Samuel 2:28a

C. Exodus 28:2-5

- 1. Special clothing for the high priest.
- 2. Note three key words.
 - a. Holy
 - b. Glory – “For Glory.” Also translated as “dignity.”
 - c. Beauty.
- 3. The colors of the high priest’s garments were the same as the tent.
 - a. Note further texts: Isa. 6:3; Ps. 27:4; 29:2

D. Exodus 28:6-14

- 1. The ephod
 - a. Its appearance and meaning.
 - b. The adornment with two inscribed stones assured that the Israelites understood that they were all represented before God.
 - 1. Ex. 28:12b; 19:5-6a; Lev. 9:7
- 2. While holding a most important office, the high priests proved (repeatedly) that they were not up to the job.
 - a. Examples: Ex. 32, Lev. 10:1-2; I Sam. 2:12-25; Hos. 3:4

III. Special meaning.

- A. God’s people needed a perfect priest.
 - 1. In the Old Testament, three offices over Israel are apparent.
 - a. P_____
 - b. P_____
 - c. K_____
 - 2. Jesus fulfills all t_____
 - a. Heb. 4:14; 7:11; 7:26-28; 1:3

IV. The Point for Reflection.

- A. Jesus is our high priest who presents us to God, having made a final atonement for our sin.
 - 1. It is not up to us to make ourselves presentable to God. This is the priestly ministry of Christ.
 - a. Isaiah 49:16a; Heb. 8:1-2; 3:1; 6:19-20