

Sermon Notes

Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen #92

“The Setting Apart of a Priest” -- Exodus 29:1-21

I. Introduction

- A. To be ordained for a particular ministry is a significant event.
 - 1. Ordain – To invest with functions or the office of a m_____.
 - 2. Reformation emphasis.
 - 3. Example – Consider the process to become ordained in the EPC.
- B. An essential for priests to minister in the Tabernacle.
 - 1. There were no mail order ordination certificates for tabernacle priests.
- C. Today’s Text: Exodus 29:1-21

II. Exposition

- A. Exodus 29:1-3
 - 1. Without defect and in the prime of life.
- B. Exodus 29:4-6
 - 1. Symbolic cleansing.
 - 2. Sacred apparel for a sacred office.
- C. Exodus 29:7-9
 - 1. Actual ordination.
 - a. Pouring of oil (Ex. 30:22-33)
 - b. Applied to head of Aaron down the garment; Ps. 133:2.
 - c. A perpetual ordinance.
 - d. Only for the high priest.
 - 1. Aaron set apart – Lev. 21:10
 - 2. Exodus 29:8-9
 - a. Perpetual ordinance for all priests.
 - b. No room for laxity – Lev. 10:2.
- D. Exodus 29:10-14
 - 1. Bull sacrificed outside of Tabernacle.
 - a. Altar now sanctified and ready for service.
 - 2. Note laying hands on head of sacrificial animal.
 - a. Transference (Dr. John Currid)
 - 3. Note the phrase “Sin Offering,” vs. 14. First use in the O.T.
 - a. Priests were like everyone else. They, too, needed a
S_____ O_____.

E. Exodus 29:15-18

- 1. The next sacrifice included two rams.
 - a. Note repetition
 - b. Blood was everywhere
 - c. The remains of the ram go up in f_____.

F. Exodus 29:19-26

- 1. The third sacrifice involved the second ram.
- 2. This slaughter signified a sacred duty.
- 3. Blood on the altar, bodies, and garments.
- 4. Two doctrines are being highlighted.
 - a. J_____.
 - b. S_____.
- 5. Hebrews 9:22

III. Special meanings.

- A. The tabernacle prefigures the life and work of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - 1. God’s dwelling among His people – the Tabernacle and realized in Christ – John 1:14.
- B. Note special connection between ordination sacrifice and the suffering of Christ.
 - 1. Hebrews 13:11
 - 2. Jesus as sacrifice. Yes, but also priest.
 - a. Hebrews 2:17; 3:1; 4:14; 6:20; Acts 10:21

IV. Points for Reflection.

- A. The setting apart of priests also points to our consecration in Christ.
 - 1. Consider four states in a priest’s ordination.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - 2. Explanation.
 - a. Sins washed away: Titus 3:5; I Cor. 6:11; Heb. 10:26
 - b. Robed in Righteousness: Gal. 3:27
 - c. Anointed with oil: I John 2:20; II Cor. 1:21b, 22a
 - d. Sprinkled with blood.
 - 1. Sin offering
 - 2. Burnt offering.
 - a. Jesus becomes our substitute.
- B. Consequently, we have become a new order of priests.
 - 1. The New Testament applies the term “priest” to every believer.
 - a. I Peter 2:9; Rev. 1:6; 20:6