

God's Tabernacle Design: Consecration of the Priests

Exodus 29

Outline

- 1-9 | Service for consecrating Aaron and his sons as priests
- 10-14 | Sacrifice of the bull to be made
- 15-18 | Sacrifice of the first ram
- 19-21 | Sacrifice of the second ram
- 22-25 | Sacrifice of the fat of the ram, fat of the tail, fat of the entrails and liver, kidneys, one cake with oil, one wafer as a wave offering
- 26-28 | Sacrifice of the breast of the ram as a wave offering
- 29-30 | Anointing of the holy garments
- 31-34 | Flesh of the ram of ordination is food for Aaron and his sons
- 35-37 | Ordination dedication for the altar to take place for seven days
- 38-45 | Sacrifices to consecrate the altar and the tabernacle

Reflections

This chapter gives specific instructions regarding the consecration and ordination of Aaron and his sons as priests. The key verses from this chapter, other than God's specifications as to how all of this was to be done, are verses 38-46. In this last section God designates perpetual morning and evening burnt offerings that were to be performed and He promises to consecrate the tent of meeting and to meet the priests there and that He would dwell among the people. Verse 46 gives the reason for all of this.

Exodus 29:46 NASB "They shall know that I am the LORD their God who brought them out of the land of Egypt, that I might dwell among them; I am the LORD their God.

God was doing all of this to remind the people that He was greater than all and that it was He who brought them out of Egypt. He alone deserves the praise and worship!

While we might not be under the Old Testament law regarding worship in the temple and its sacrifices, we still need to acknowledge that God is the one who saves us from the bondage of sin through faith in Jesus. He alone deserves our worship and praise!

Lord God, we pray that we never forget the willing sacrifice of Your Son Jesus and His desire to accomplish Your will on earth, restoring mankind to a right relationship with You. You have consecrated us as ministers and priests to this world, serving You as we partner with You in the ministry of reconciliation. Help us never to forget that You are building Your church Your way, not my church my way. May Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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