

A Holy Priesthood (II)

Jesus fulfills sacrificial types of OT

- a. Burnt offerings, Lv.1. Ep.5:2
- b. Grain offerings, Lv.2. 1 Co.15:20
- c. Peace offerings, Lv.3. Ro.5:1
- d. Sin offerings, Lv.4. 2 Co.5:21
- e. Trespass offerings, Lv.5:14... Ro.4:25

OT priests are types – Lev.8

- Divinely chosen, 2. Hb.5:4
- Cleansed, 6. Hb.7:26
- Clothed, 7-9. Rv.19:13
- Anointed, 10-12, 30. Ps.133. Ac.10:38
- Consecrated, 33. Jn.17:17. 2 Co.10:5

Fire consumed burnt offering on altar

- Hb.9²⁴ For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us
- Jesus needed no consecration ceremony:
High priesthood was based on oath
- Hb.7²¹ The LORD has sworn and will not relent, You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek

Unholy element introduced into worship leads to disaster. Lv.10 –

1: Nadab and Abihu inserted unauthorized [strange, foreign] fire – not from altar of sanctuary (16:12)

- Had not commanded them – silence of Scripture prohibits. “Will worship”

- **Profane** (NKJV); **Strange** (NASB); **Unholy** (NRSV); **Unauthorized** (ESV)

- Hb.7:14

- Jer.10:23

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2: God fought fire with fire (*'from the Lord'*)

- Sin is serious
- Will worship invites wrath. Col.2:23
- Nadab and Abihu did not treat Lord as holy;
He saw that it didn't happen again

3: God will be revered as holy. We can learn
the easy way or hard way

Disobedience and disrespect have always invited God's wrath

- Great privileges imply great responsibilities
- Nadab and Abihu did not take God seriously
 - Ex.24:9-10, no excuse
- Forsook God's will for their own
 - Lv.10:8-11 ? ?
- Judgment of God is impartial
 - Aaron's sons could not escape...

I. Jesus: Our High Priest

Affirmed 16x in Hebrews

1. Without blemish

- 1 Pt. 1¹⁹ precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish without spot
 - OT: of sacrificial animals – physically perfect
 - Christ: morally perfect

2. Teaching

- Jn.1¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him
 - Truth came through Jesus (14)
 - If do truth, come to light, 3:21
 - Worship in truth, 4:23
 - Declared Him (18): revealed; made Him known

3. Blessing

- Jn.20²⁹ Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed, Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed

4. Offering

- Hb.10⁵ when He came into the world, He said: Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me.
⁶ In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come – In the volume of the book it is written of Me – To do Your will, O God

I. Jesus: Our High Priest

II. Every Christian: a priest

1. Without blemish

- Phil.2¹⁵ that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world
 - **Blameless:** without fault
 - **Harmless:** pure, innocent
 - Hb.10:22 . . . Ac.22:16 / 1 Jn.1:7
 - 2 Pt.3:14
 - 1 Pt.1:18-19, redeemed with His blood

2. Teaching

- 1 Pt.2⁹ that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light
 - 1 Co.12²⁸ first apostles, second prophets, third teachers...
 - Importance of ¹spreading and ²teaching the word
 - How many seeds in an apple...

3. Blessing

- Ro.15²⁹ But I know that when I come to you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ
- Ac.28, Rome: first to Jews; then soldiers (Ph.1,4); others; Christians; four epistles...
- Ja.3:9-10 (Mk.14:61)
- 1 Pt.3⁹ not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing

4. Offering

We make no offering for sin (Jesus did that)
but of thanks and fellowship

- Ro.12:1 present bodies a living sacrifice...
(Mk.12:33)
- Ro.15:16 converts are firstfruits (16:5)
- Ep.5:2 walk in love, as Christ...
- Ph.4:18 received sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice...
- 1 Tim.2:1 intercession (Ex.28)
- Hb.13:15-16 sacrifice of praise / doing good
- 1 Pt.2:5 holy priesthood, offer up sacrifices...

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- 1 Pt.2:5, holy priesthood, offer up sacrifices...
They... We...

Had a house	Are a house
House of dead stones	Are living stones
Approached God through a priesthood	Are the priesthood
Offered material sacrifices	Offer spiritual sacrifices