

**Leviticus: Holy God, Holy People
The Priesthood: Consecrated to Serve
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As you come to Him, the Living Stone - rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to Him - you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house *to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.* (1 Peter 2:4-5)

The Priesthood: Consecrated to Serve (Lev 8:1-36)

- We are called by God to holiness (vs 1-9)
 - The priesthood is God's idea (vs 1-5; vs 4,5; Exo 28-29; Heb 5:4)
 - Those who serve must be cleansed, made pure (v 6; Titus 3:5; 1 Cor 6:9-11; Jn 13:6-10; 15:3; Heb 10:19-22; 1 Jn 1:8-9; Eph 5:25-26)
 - Those who serve must be properly clothed (vs 7-9; cf Exo 28-29; Rom 13:14; 1 Cor 1:30; 2 Cor 5:21; Gal 3:26-27)

 - We must receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit (vs 10-13)
 - In order to be set apart for service (1 Sam 10:1; 16:13; Acts 13:2; Rom 8;9, 15:15-16)
 - In order to be empowered for service (Isa 61:1; Acts 1:8, 4:8-10, 7:55, Eph 5:18)
- We are to offer ourselves to the Lord without reservation (vs 14-29)

By application of Christ's blood:

 - for forgiveness of sins (vs 14-17; Eph 1:7; Col 1:13-14; Heb 9:22)
 - for acceptance and reconciliation (vs 18-21; 2 Cor 5:18-19; Rom 5:10-11; Col 1:22)
 - to dedicate ourselves to the total work of ministry (vs 22-30; 1 Cor 10:31; 1 Pet 4:11)

 - We are to remain in the presence of the Lord (vs 31-36)
 - We are to feed on the finished work of the Lord (vs 31-32)
 - We are to remain continually on duty (vs 33-36)

**Jesus was ordained our High Priest after He made the perfect sacrifice once and for all.
(Heb 7-10; 5:8-10; 10:10-25)**