

“Among Those Who Are Near Me: Consecrated by God” (Part 1)

Leviticus 8:1-10:9

What is the fear of God? The fear of God is to have a reverence for God; it is to take God more seriously than anything else in our lives. We have been called to commitment, not comfort.

- The Consecration of Aaron, his sons, and God’s people:
 - *Consecration*: To devote something or someone to the service of God. To be given to holiness; to be given to honor and glorify the Name of God (Leviticus 10:3).
 - *Leviticus 8:2 & 9:5-7*: Aaron and his sons were going from being ordinary people to extraordinary servants of God (1 Peter 1:14-19).
 - *Leviticus 8:5 & 23-24 & 9:22-24*: We are called by God into both relationship and service (1 Corinthians 1:26-31; 1 Corinthians 3:5-9). We don’t choose Him, we don’t choose our service, and we don’t choose our terms (1 Corinthians 12:11).
 - *Leviticus 8:6-9*: The call of God is always by grace and not earned or deserved (Ephesians 2:1-9).
 - *Leviticus 8:1-36 & 9:1-24*: The call of God is most often offered through someone and affirmed by someone (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Timothy 3:1-7 & 4:11-16 & 5:22).
 - *Leviticus 8:4-5 & 9:5-6*: The call of God is a public reality in both relationship and service. This is because of the cost, accountability, and responsibility (1 John 2:4-6; 1 John 3:9-10; 1 John 3:16-18).
 - *Leviticus 8:1-9:24*: To serve God we need cleansed (1 John 1:9), equipped (Hebrews 13:20-21), tested (Colossians 1:10-11; 2 Corinthians 13:5), empowered (1 Peter 4:10-11), and consecrated (Hebrews 12:14).
- Why the week-long process of Consecration (Luke 14:25-35)?:
 - Leviticus 8:31-36:
 - Leviticus 8:34: The sacrifices and amount of time pointed to the depth of their sins. God has made atonement for them and it is a costly atonement (1 Peter 1:18-19 & Hebrews 10:10-12).
 - Leviticus 8:35: To ponder that the destruction of disobedience takes a moment but that sanctification is a slower process (Leviticus 10:1-3).
 - Leviticus 8:31-32: To understand that God-glorifying service must flow out of intimacy with God. *A healthy relationship with God is both joy and reverence. One without the other is an abuse of grace.*
 - Leviticus 8:35: Waiting is a healthy and essential component of being prepared and ready for service (1 Timothy 3:1-7).
 - Leviticus 8:36: Obedience is a mark of true conversion and a mark of readiness for service (James 2:14-26).

Worship: How Great Thou Art (Various Artists)

He Will Hold Me Fast (Norton Hall Band)

Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7