Lesson 7

1/27/19

Priests

I Peter 2:4-10

The goal for this lesson is to explain why those who follow Christ are described as priests.

Who were the priests?

-The Levites were one of the twelve tribes of Israel.

-The priests were from the tribe of Levi & direct descendants of Aaron.

-The first high priest was Aaron & future priests who filled this role were to be members of his family.

In Exodus 19:6, God told the Israelites, “You shall be to me a kingdom of priests & a holy nation”. Why would God refer to the entire nation as priests?

What were some of the duties of a priest?

-Exodus 27:20-21, maintain the lamp that wouldn’t go out

-Exodus 29:38-44, perform various animal sacrifices

-Leviticus 6:12-13, maintain the altar fire that wouldn’t go out

-Leviticus 11-16, oversee purification with regard to childbirth, leprosy, bodily discharge, & other impurities

-Leviticus 24:5-9, prepare showbread for the table each Sabbath

-Numbers 6:22-27, pass on a blessing to the people that they were given by God

-Numbers 10:1-10, blow trumpets to signal gathering & movement as well as during feasts & battles

-Deuteronomy 17:8-13, decide legal matters; their decisions must be followed under penalty of death

-Malachi 2:7, “For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, & people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.”

1) Review Exodus 28 & 39 as well as the attached diagram of the high priest’s garments. What are the physical or spiritual purposes of each item?

Garments:

Exodus 28:2 -> Purpose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Linen Undergarments:

Exodus 28:40 -> Purpose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Blue Robe:

Exodus 28:31-35 -> Purpose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ephod:

Exodus 28:6-7 -> Purpose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Breastplate, Urim & Thummim:

Exodus 28:15, 29-30; Numbers 27:21 -> Purpose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sash/Girdle/Band:

Exodus 28:27-28 -> Purpose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Turbin with a Plate of Gold:

Exodus 28:36-38 -> Purpose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2) The priests were not given a land inheritance. According to the following passages, what were they given as an inheritance? How were they supported? Deuteronomy 18:1-5; Numbers 5:5-10; Numbers 18:7-20; 25-28

3) Exodus 29 provides the law for the consecration of the priests & verse 44 explains that they were consecrated by God. Leviticus 8 & 9 describe the initial consecration of Aaron & his sons before they begin their new roles.

A. Who was assembled for the consecration? Leviticus 8:1-4

B. After Moses washes Aaron & his sons, what happens next? Leviticus 8:5-13

C. Next, the bull for the sin offering is sacrificed (Leviticus 8:14-17). Then, the ram of the burnt offering is sacrificed (18-21). How does Moses use the blood from the third animal, the ram of ordination, to consecrate Aaron & his sons (22-29)?

D. After the sacrifices, Moses again anoints Aaron & his sons with oil then sprinkles them with blood. Once these rituals are finished, the priests were to remain at the entrance of the tabernacle for seven days. Leviticus 8:31-36

E. On the last day of the consecration, after additional sacrifices & offerings were made, how did God display his acceptance of Aaron & his sons as priests? Leviticus 9:22-24

F. How are we consecrated today? I Thessalonians 5:23-24

4) Review Leviticus 21 & 22:1-16. List at least four ways in which a high priest or priest could become unclean.

As you go through these verses, pay special attention to the following words & how they relate to the priests.

-Consecrate, Sanctify, Holy

-Profane, Unclean, Blemish

5) Consider the role given to the priests under the law of Moses. On the other hand, what attitudes & actions did the priests display during Jesus’ life? Matthew 26:3-5, 59

6) Are you a priest? If so, what is your duty as a priest? I Peter 2:4-10; Romans 12:1-2; Hebrews 13:15-16

