

Series: Law and Order

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Text: Leviticus 8-10

Title: Priests

Felt Need: Do you matter? Your role in God's Kingdom?

Gospel Need: We are all priests in the Great High Priest!

Story

Fire-pan prayers in the CBSM student building.

Bible

Read Leviticus 9:22-24

Leviticus 9:22 Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them, and he came down from offering the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings. 23 And Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting, and when they came out they blessed the people, and the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people. 24 And fire came out from before the Lord and consumed the burnt offering and the pieces of fat on the altar, and when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.

Why did the fire of God come out? Its because God was pleased with the priesthood among His people!

The Old Testament Priests would do 3 things:

- 1. Make Sacrifices for Sin (Leviticus 9:22)**
- 2. Go to God for People (Leviticus 9:23a)**
- 3. Go to People for God (Leviticus 9:23b)**

Series

Most Christians have never read it. Most Preaches have never preached through it.

Last Wednesday we had 6 students saved through Leviticus!

We don't just want you to understand it, but believe it and live it.

The very next verse...

Leviticus 10:1 Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it and laid incense on it and offered unauthorized fire before the Lord, which he had not commanded them. 2 And fire came out from before the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord. 3 Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the Lord has said: 'Among those who are near me I will be sanctified, and before all the people I will be glorified.'" And Aaron held his peace.

The Priesthood just got serious! What did they do so wrong that would deserve instantaneous death by fire? They didn't worship God in the way that He commanded them to.

Story

DJ and the flaming golf balls.

What if my wife wanted to show me that she loved me by setting my car on fire? What if she set our new house on fire?

What in the world do this have to do with us today?

Bible - Gospel - Personal is our process to understand every passage.

A. God commanded His people to have Priests. (Leviticus 8-10)

Leviticus 8-10

B. Jesus Christ became our Great and Final High Priest.

Hebrews 2:17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

C. God has called us His Royal Priesthood. (1 Peter 2:4,9)

1 Peter 2:5 You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ

What if there was something awesome about yourself, but you didn't know it? I remember one time I was \$11,000 richer than I thought! What if you were a millionaire? What if you were related to a superstar? What if

Tonight, I want to help you understand why God called for Priests with His Old Testament people, how Jesus fulfilled the Priesthood, and how we are called to live as Priests today. I also want to call out periods of time in my life that I haven't been living like a priest like I should.

1. Make Sacrifices.

A. The Old Testament Priests

Our confused culture today needs clarity, confidence, and conviction from the church.

B. Jesus Christ

Jesus wasn't a priest who made a sacrifice, but He is the High Priest who became our sacrifice. God laid our sin on Him!

C. New Testament Priesthood of Believers

D. Unauthorized Worship

Believe that Jesus a way, not the way.

Only worship and read the Word while at church.

E. Authorized Worship.

Be a living sacrifice by living out the Gospel to the world.

Since Jesus sacrificed his life to save ours, we should sacrifice our lives by saving the world for Jesus!

2. Go to God for the People

A. The Old Testament Priests

B. Jesus Christ

C. New Testament Priesthood of Believers

D. Unauthorized Worship

Only pray for yourself and never for God's glory.

Think we can talk people into believing in Jesus.

E. Authorized Worship

Go to God for people by praying the Gospel with them.

Lay your hand on their shoulder and pray for them.

3. Go to the People for God

A. The Old Testament Priests

B. Jesus Christ

C. New Testament Priesthood of Believers

D. Unauthorized Worship

Talk about God, but not about Jesus.

Call people out on their sin, but never call them to Jesus.

E. Go to people for God by sharing the Gospel with them.

Gospel

When we think through this, its easy to get discouraged and say "I'm such a terrible priest." Our failure at being priests can be depressing. But we've got to understand that **Our High Priest was sacrificed for our sin so we could be successful!** Not only has He forgiven us of our priests failures, but He's also given us His priestly powers.

Look to Jesus as your High Priest to be a better priest!