Exodus 29:1-46 "Moving Forward In The Mission"

~ INTRO ~

WELL...

- As we continue in the Exodus Narrative...
 - > Let's take a moment to condense the entire book of Exodus.

AT THE START OF THE BOOK...

- God introduced a man (Moses)...
 - ➤ Who became the person He used to influence a nation Israel.

NEXT...

- He captured the attention of Israel...
 - ➤ And performed miraculous signs as He directed them.

AND WHAT WE'VE COVERED IN OUR MOST RECENT STUDY...

- Is God teaching His people about life with Him.
 - > The same lesson you're learning.

THEY LEARNED TO FOLLOW GO BY...

- The **<u>10-Commandment</u>**
- The instruction in <u>civil matters</u> (social standards)
- Details in <u>religious matters</u> (how God wants to be worshiped)
- The specifics with the **priesthood** (being Holy)

HERE'S WHAT WE READ TONIGHT... (Ex. 29:1-4)

<u> ONE MAIN IDEA TONIGHT – CONSECRATION</u>

Consecration / hallowed...

- IS A CONCEPT THE CHURCH SHOULD UNDERSTAND!

Easton's Bible Dictionary...

• **Hallowed:** ¹ To make holy or render sacred.

- The idea is <u>set apart</u> for a particular purpose.
- Got questions article "CONSECRATION."² (for further study)

¹ <u>Hallowed</u> definition taken from the public domain in Easton's Bible Dictionary. Credit to: M.G. Easton M.A., D.D., Illustrated Bible Dictionary, Third Edition, published by Thomas Nelson, 1897.

² Consecration – Got Questions Ministry Article: <u>https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-consecration.html</u>

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NOW BEFORE YOU DISREGARD THIS...

- By saying... well, I'm not a priest. So who cares !?!

STICK WITH ME...

- (v.1) = Set apart to God (2 Cor 6:17) NKJV
- (v.4) = Wash them (Eph. 5:25-26) NKJV
- (vv.5-6 & 8-9) = Cloth them (Gal. 3:27) NLT

BEING CLOTHED...

In ancient Rome, <u>the toga virilis</u>, (the clothing of manhood) was a plain white toga worn by Roman males as a symbol of manhood and full citizenship... [it]signified... entry into the public sphere and the assumption of civic responsibilities.³

God has also recorded this for us:

- (Ex. 19:5-6) NLT
 - Universal priesthood of God's people (Israel).
- (1 Peter 2:9) NKJV
 The priesthood of all believers (Church).
- (Rev. 1:5-6) NLT
 - Our life is to be used in service to God.

BELIEVER'S...

- Are NOT just passive recipients of God's grace.
 - > We're active participants in offering all of our life to God.

THIS OLD TESTAMENT EVENT WITH THE PRIESTS...

Has a like kind implication for the Church in the New Testament.

BELIEVERS ARE...⁴

1) Privileged to be chosen by God

³ Toga Virilis as defined by Wikipedia.com & AI Generated search results from the same phrase.

⁴ The believers priesthood details sourced from Got Questions Ministry <u>https://www.gotquestions.org/priesthood-believers.html</u>

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- 2) Chosen for a purpose...
 - a. To offer up spiritual sacrifices (Heb. 13:15-16).
 - b. Totally committed to doing His will (Titus 2:14) NLT.
- There should be no such thing as a lazy Christian!
 - ➢ We're the army of the Lord...
 - Advancing His mission as ambassadors (2 Cor. 5:20).

GOD'S WORD...

- Provides direction... if we become spiritually dull.
 - Here's an example: (Heb. 5:11-14) NLT

OK...

- One more idea before we close... (vv.10-25).
- Burnt offering = Total surrender
 ➤ (Heb. 13:11-15) NLT
- (v.20)...
 - *Blood on right ear* = Consecrated / dedicated / set apart...
 - To listen to God's word.
 - Obedience... find out what is acceptable to God & do it.
 - **Blood on the right thumb** = Consecrated / dedicated / set apart...

To do God's work.

- Learn how to assume responsibility.
- Blood on the right big toe = Consecrated / dedicated / set apart... ➤ To walk in God's ways.
 - Apply God's truth in how you live.

~ IN CLOSING ~

(Rom. 12:1) NLT