

Exodus 28
“A Helping Hand”

~ INTRO ~

WELL...

- As we continue in the **Exodus** Narrative...
 - We get more specific in Law of Moses.
- We're moved thru the **10-Commandment**
- We've seen the instruction in **civil matters**
- We've walked thru **religious matters**
- And today we get people specific with the **priesthood**

HERE'S WHAT WE READ... (Ex. 28:1-5)

TONIGHT WE'RE GOING TO CAMP OUT ON...

- Being set apart to God as seen with the OT Priests.
 - The Priest were to lead the people of God...
 - And communicate His word.

IN (Ex 28:1)...

- God calls & names the priest to minister TO & FOR Him.

~ Got Questions Ministry ~

MINISTERING TO THE LORD ¹

The verb translated to minister... means to serve, help, or aid the Lord by doing various commanded religious practices, especially in the performance of rites and worship ceremonies. Thus, a minister is a person specially called by God to serve and perform his duties. (Got Questions Ministry)

IN THE CHURCH...

- We like to use the acronym C.A.L.L. to sense a man's calling:

C = Confirmation among the body (Acts 16:2) & the leadership (Acts 6:2-3)

A = Abilities (Ex. 18:21) / (Rom 12:6-8) / (1 Cor. 12:1-11 & 18)

L = Longing (Phil 2:13)

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L = Life-style (1 Tim 3:1-13) & (Titus 1:15-16)

NOW... AS WE CONTINUE OUR SURVEY OF THE O.T. SCRIPTURES...

- Let's dig further around Exodus 28:1 and being *set apart*.
 - Turn to (1 Chron. 23:13) NKJV

OK...

- There are four specific things the Priest' were to do...
 - As they were *set apart* to the Lord.

FOUR THINGS PRIEST WERE TO DO

1) Sanctify holy things

- I like what Jesus said in (John 17:17-19) NKJV.
 - God's word is Holy and should be handled by those who...
 - Believe IT & LIVE it.
 - (Ps. 24:3-4) NKJV

2) Burn incense before the Lord

- (Rev. 5:8) NKJV
 - Tells us our prayers are like incense before the Lord
 - (Ex. 30:7-8) priest to burn incense twice a day.
 - (Luke 18:1) NKJV
 - (1 Thess. 5:17) NKJV

3) Minister to the Lord

- Jesus told Peter how to lead His people (John 21:15-17)
 - Jesus told His followers how to minister to Him...
 - (Matt. 25:35-40) NKJV

4) Give the blessing in His name

- God's priest were to promote God's grace (Num 6:22-27) NKJV
 - In the NT one example looks like this (Rom. 15:13) NKJV

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THESE TRUTHS?

OK...

- Let's make some personal application here.

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GOD SET’S PASTORS APART...

- As one of His tools He uses in the church...
 - To keep pointing the body of believers to His grace.

ONE WAY WE EXPERIENCE THIS...

- Comes thru discipleship.
 - A person who is discipling others helps the disciplee...
 - To make sense of the trials that come & go.

~ A.W. Towzer ~

“It is doubtful whether God can bless a man greatly until He has hurt him deeply.”

TRIALS & SUFFERING...

- A part of being shaped by God.

WHEN YOU GO THRU MOMENTS WHERE...

- You feel out of place
- You’re suffering sickness
- Health challenges are relentless
- Friendships are strained
- Family relations seem to be un-repairable
- You’re frustrated with a lack of personal progress

ALL OF THESE ARE...

- Are the avenues we walk down...
 - As God sifts us / shapes us / & grows us.

AND... THE PERSPECTIVE THE DISCIPLER BRINGS...

- (Just like the priesthood was to administer the blessing)...
 - Is to point out truth thru the turbulence:

Perspective: for trials = (James 1:2-4) NLT

Perspective: don’t be surprised = (1 Peter 4:12-13) NLT

Perspective: for thinking it only happens to me = (1 Peter 5:9) NLT

Perspective: on how long trials last = (1 Peter 5:10) NLT

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- *“This too shall pass”*

~ IN CLOSING ~

- We're learning to stay connected to Jesus...
 - By reading His word...
 - (Which helps us become familiar with His ways).
 - AND... allows Him... to direct our steps.