

# SACRED

GOD'S INVITATION TO  
DRAW NEAR

# A Royal Priesthood

Leviticus 8-10

The LORD spoke to Moses: “Take Aaron, his sons with him, the garments, the anointing oil, the bull of the sin offering, the two rams, and the basket of unleavened bread, and assemble the whole community at the entrance to the tent of meeting.” So Moses did as the LORD commanded him, and the community assembled at the entrance to the tent of meeting. Moses said to them, “This is what the LORD has commanded to be done.”

Leviticus 8:1–5 CSB

Next he presented the second ram, the ram of ordination, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram. Moses slaughtered it, took some of its blood, and put it on Aaron's right earlobe, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot. Moses also presented Aaron's sons and put some of the blood on their right earlobes, on the thumbs of their right hands, and on the big toes of their right feet. Then Moses splattered the blood on all sides of the altar.

Leviticus 8:22–24 CSB

“Do not go outside the entrance to the tent of meeting for seven days, until the time your days of ordination are completed, because it will take seven days to ordain you. The LORD commanded what has been done today in order to make atonement for you. You must remain at the entrance to the tent of meeting day and night for seven days and keep the LORD’s charge so that you will not die, for this is what I was commanded.” So Aaron and his sons did everything the LORD had commanded through Moses.                      Leviticus 8:33–36 CSB

To him who loves us and has set us free from our sins by his blood, and made us a kingdom, **priests** to his God and Father—to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.  
Amen. Revelation 1:5–6 CSB

But you are a chosen race, a royal **priesthood**, a holy nation, a people for his possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9 CSB

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**God wants wholehearted worship  
and surrender to Him,  
including our obedience.**

Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them. He came down after sacrificing the sin offering, the burnt offering, and the fellowship offering. Moses and Aaron then entered the tent of meeting. When they came out, they blessed the people, and the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people. Fire came from the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the fat portions on the altar. And when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell facedown.

Leviticus 9:22–24 CSB

**If we are faithful to do what God asks,  
He will honor it.**

Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu each took his own firepan, put fire in it, placed incense on it, and presented unauthorized fire before the LORD, which he had not commanded them to do. Then fire came from the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD. Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD has spoken: I will demonstrate my holiness to those who are near me, and I will reveal my glory before all the people." And Aaron remained silent.

Leviticus 10:1–3 CSB

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The LORD spoke to Aaron: “You and your sons are not to drink wine or beer when you enter the tent of meeting, or else you will die; this is a permanent statute throughout your generations. You must distinguish between the holy and the common, and the clean and the unclean, and teach the Israelites all the statutes that the LORD has given to them through Moses.”

Leviticus 10:8–11 CSB

**Nothing should have more control  
over your life than Jesus.**

**Is there something in your life that  
has more control over you than Jesus?**

“Now if you will carefully listen to me and keep my covenant, you will be my own possession out of all the peoples, although the whole earth is mine, and you will be my kingdom of priests and my holy nation.’ These are the words that you are to say to the Israelites.”

Exodus 19:5-6 CSB

Now the main point of what is being said is this: We have this kind of high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a minister of the sanctuary and the true tabernacle that was set up by the Lord and not man. For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; therefore, it was necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. Now if he were on earth, he wouldn't be a priest, since there are those offering the gifts prescribed by the law.

These serve as a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was warned when he was about to complete the tabernacle. For God said, Be careful that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown to you on the mountain. But Jesus has now obtained a superior ministry, and to that degree he is the mediator of a better covenant, which has been established on better promises.

Hebrews 8:1-6 CSB