

8:13-17..the sin offering...note the distribution of this offering and the use of the blood

8:18-22..the burnt offering. It is striking, I think, that what is done totally for the Lord is done only after what is doable within our province. The man who comes to worship and to show his love for God needs to come with pure hands.

8:22-30..the ram on consecration, a peace offering

--note the application of the blood in 23-24. It indicates by symbol, no doubt, that

--the mind,

the activity,

and the walk

of the priest are uniquely recognized and claimed by God. This is one of the most moving and meaningful signs in the Old Testament and tells a great deal about what God desires of us in this age.

--note the participation in sacrifice in 27-28

--and note the completeness of the anointing in vs. 30...the priest is set apart in totality. Nothing about him is untouched by the holiness of God.

8:31-36..the priestly meal with the positioning of the family. Note the vigil at the tabernacle door.

The full scope of this initiatory rite seems not to have been repeated once the line was set in order although the sacrificial purity was practiced. But the selection having been made there was no need to repeat the confirmatory portions of the ceremony.

c. The offerings of the Eighth Day...Leviticus 9

After the seven day vigil was complete, ceremonial offerings were given to certify the correctness of the procedures and the choice of God. Four offerings are presented (the trespass offering is not) and God received them through the sacrificial fire of vs. 24. The consistent manner and use of these offerings is instructive to us in the importance of giving God what is His due and His desire. That the fire consumed the offering indicated God's pleasure with what was done.

We will not comment otherwise on chapter 9...it is a strong chapter in showing the fulfillment of the promised work and the establishment of the priestly class.

d. A Demonstration in holiness: Leviticus 10...Nadab and Abihu

--strange fire (vs. 1)

--the judgment (vs. 2)

--the lesson (vs. 11)

--a study in grief and compassion (vs. 19-20)