

F. Old Testament and New Testament Priesthood

1. Some quick notes on Continuity and Discontinuity

- a. a lot of arguments surface!
- b. Some items of continuance:
  - (1) the nature of man
  - (2) the requirements of God
  - (3) The basis of grace
  - (4) the means of justification

c. Some items of discontinuity:

- (1) certain "offices"
- (2) the theocracy
- (3) mechanics of worship
- (4) Priestly status or performance function

And in both categories there are many other things..  
our study in this course should help us discern some  
and recognize denial of others.

- d. And there are some items that are subject to fuller understanding  
by virtue of the progress of revelation...you can likely think  
of some....priesthood as a service may be one of those.

2. Quick notes on the Old Testament priesthood (I have an elective  
next quarter that will look at it in detail)

a. Patriarchal and pre-patriarchal periods of the Old Testament

b. The formal priesthood

(1) Priests and Levites

The distinction follows the lines that all priests are  
Levites but not all Levites are priests. This is seen  
rather well in contrasting the priestly duties with  
the assigned Levitical service as in Numbers 3-4.

(2) Priestly orders:

- (a) Institution: Exodus 28:1-3  
Numbers 25:10 ff  
Leviticus 8-10

(b) Qualifications and restrictions:

Leviticus 21, et al

(c) Provisions:

- care
- cities and lands

(d) Duties:

- altar administration (sacrificial work)