

Access to God
Exodus: God's Plan – Part 7

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Hebrews 8:1 (ESV) Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven,

Hebrews 8:6 (ESV) But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.

Revelation 1:5b-6 (ESV) To him who loves us and has freed us 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.

1. Be set apart for God's _____

Exodus 28:1-2 (ESV) "Then bring near to you Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the people of Israel, to serve me as priests— Aaron and Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty.

1A. _____ to serve God

Exodus 29:7 (ESV) You shall take the anointing oil and pour it on his head and anoint him.

1B. _____ to God

Exodus 29:44-45 (ESV) I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar. Aaron also and his sons I will consecrate to serve me as priests. I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God.

2. Accept your _____

Exodus 28:29 (ESV) So Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment on his heart, when he goes into the Holy Place, to bring them to regular remembrance before the LORD.

2A. Look for God's _____

Exodus 28:30 (ESV) And in the breastpiece of judgment you shall put the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be on Aaron's heart, when he goes in before the LORD. Thus Aaron shall bear the judgment of the people of Israel on his heart before the LORD regularly.

2B. Reflect God's _____

Exodus 28:36-37 (ESV) "You shall make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it, like the engraving of a signet, 'Holy to the LORD.' And you shall fasten it on the turban by a cord of blue. It shall be on the front of the turban.

3. We are part of a holy _____

3A. We are living _____

1 Peter 2:4-5 (ESV) As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, ...

3B. We are holy _____

1 Peter 2:5 (ESV) ... to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:9 (ESV) But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to the service next Sunday.

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. Why do we need to read the Old Testament through the lens of the New Testament?

Intro. How has Jesus replaced the Old Testament high priest (Hebrews 8:1)?

Intro. Why is the old covenant obsolete now that the new covenant has come through Jesus' death and resurrection (Hebrews 8:6, 13)?

Intro. Why are there no longer priests under the new covenant (Revelation 1:5-6)?

1A. How were the old covenant priests set apart to serve God (Exodus 28:1-2)?

1B. What did the anointing with oil of the high priest signify (Exodus 29:7)?

1C. Why were both physical items and the priests consecrated to God (Exodus 29:44-45)?

1D. Explain how the old covenant practices in point 1 translate to all believers in the new covenant.

2A. Why did the high priest carry stones representing the 12 tribes of Israel in the breastpiece (Exodus 28:29)?

2B. On what types of occasions do you think the high priest sought God's direction (Exodus 28:30, Numbers 27:21)?

2C. Why did the high priest wear the plate "Holy to the Lord" (Exodus 28:36-37, Leviticus 16:1-5)?

2D. Explain how the old covenant practices in point 2 translate to all believers in the new covenant.

3A. What are new covenant believers as living stones being built into (1 Peter 2:4-5)?

3B. How are new covenant believers priests (1 Peter 2:5, 9, Romans 12:1)?

3C. What is wrong with churches having an order of priests today?

3D. How can you grow in your understanding and practice as a priest?