



## Portion:

## Title:

### SCRIPTURES

- Leviticus 6:8-8:36
- Mat. 20:1-16; 22:1-14
- Romans 6:1-13; 10:13-17
- I Corinthians 2:1-16
- Matthew 28:18-20

### CONVERTS AND DISCIPLES

- Many are Called
- Workers in the Vineyard
- Few are Chosen
- Convert or Disciple
- The Wedding Feast

*There is no doubt God has called many people to represent Him. However, the Scriptures also reveal that only some of them will answer to the higher call of the “chosen”. It seems that the free “ticket to eternity” comes with some fine print. The good news about the Good News is that if you don’t meet the requirements laid out in the fine print, your ticket does not get voided. Praise Yahweh for that!*

*That is good news; however, you also don’t get to participate in the assignments of the chosen! Yes, those are quite exciting. When the first priests were consecrated, Aaron and his sons, there were anointing rituals performed that pointed to corresponding assignments that we, the many of the Royal Priesthood, would one*

*day be commissioned to do. It is in these assignments we find our opportunity to step up from “called” to “chosen.”*

*I think I can characterize those assignments with three little words; hear, do, and go! Paul said it like this; “How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? If you take on these assignments you will transform from the many who are called to the few who are chosen. By the way, that is also how you go from a convert to a disciple!*

**THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE**

“And he brought the **second ram, the ram of consecration**. Then Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram, and Moses killed it. Also he took some of its **blood** and put it on the **tip of Aaron’s right ear, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot**. Then he brought **Aaron’s sons**. And Moses put some of the blood on the tips of their right ears, on the thumbs of their right hands, and on the big toes of their right feet. **And Moses sprinkled the blood** all around on the altar.” Leviticus 8:22-24 NKJV

**OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE**

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **Go therefore and make**

**disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name** of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them** to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen." Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV

"For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." **How then shall they call on Him** in whom they have not believed? **And how shall they believe in Him** of whom they have not **heard**? **And how shall they hear without a preacher**? **And how shall they preach unless they are sent**? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, " LORD, who has believed our report?" **So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."** Romans 10:13-17 NKJV

## Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. This portion reviews the five types of sacrifices introduced in the previous portion but this time discusses the priestly regulations pertaining to them. The last chapter of the reading describes the seven-day ordination period of Aaron and his sons

conducted by Moses, as they prepared to enter the holy priesthood.

2. **The Law of the Burnt Offering:** a few points of interest—the offering is burnt all night; the priest collects the ashes wearing one set of garments, and then changes to carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place; the fire must be kept burning continuously and never go out.
3. **The Law of the Grain Offering:** Burn some as a memorial and the rest is for the priest to eat in the court of the tabernacle. It can't ever be baked with leaven and everyone who touches them must be holy. The part that is offered shall be wholly burned. It shall not be eaten.
4. **The Law of the Sin Offering:** Kill this offering in the same place you kill the burnt offering. The priest who offers it for sin shall eat it in the court of the tabernacle. Any garment with blood on it must be washed in the holy place. Any vessel in which it was boiled shall be broken. But no sin offering from which *any* of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of meeting, to make atonement in the holy *place*, shall be eaten. It shall be burned in the fire.
5. **The Law of the Trespass Offering:** In the place where they kill the burnt offering they shall kill the trespass offering. Sprinkle blood all around on the altar. Burn the fat on the altar The

trespass offering *is* like the sin offering; *there is* one law for them both: the priest who makes atonement with it shall have *it*. The priest who offers anyone's burnt offering shall have its skin, like the priest who offers the baked grain shall have it for himself. Every other grain offering, *whether* mixed with oil or dry, shall belong to all the sons of Aaron, to one *as much* as the other.

6. **The Law of Peace Offerings:** If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then offer unleavened cakes mixed with oil, unleavened wafers anointed with oil, or cakes of blended flour mixed with oil. Plus offer leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offering. Offer one cake from each offering as a heave offering to the Lord. It shall belong to the priest who sprinkles the blood of the peace offering. The flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offering for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day it is offered. He shall not leave any of it until morning. But if the sacrifice of his offering *is* a vow or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offers his sacrifice; but on the next day the remainder of it also may be eaten; the remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day must be burned with fire. Any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offering eaten on the third day shall not be accepted, nor shall it be imputed to him; it shall be an abomination *to* him who offers it, and the person who eats of it shall bear guilt. The flesh that touches any

unclean thing shall not be eaten. It shall be burned with fire. And as for the clean flesh, all who are clean may eat of it. But the person who eats the flesh of the sacrifice of the peace offering that *belongs* to the Lord, while he is unclean, that person shall be cut off from his people. Moreover the person who touches any unclean thing, *such as* human uncleanness, an unclean animal, or any abominable unclean thing, and who eats the flesh of the sacrifice of the peace offering that *belongs* to the Lord, that person shall be cut off from his people.

7. **Fat and Blood May Not Be Eaten:** You shall not eat any fat, of ox or sheep or goat; you shall not eat any blood; whoever eats fat or blood, that person shall be cut off from his people.
8. **The Portion of Aaron and His Sons:** He who offers the sacrifice of his peace offering shall sacrifice with their own hands and bring the fat with the breast; the breast may be waved as a wave offering; the priest shall burn the fat on the altar, but the breast shall be Aaron's and his sons'. Also the right thigh you shall give to the priest. He among the sons of Aaron, who offers the blood of the peace offering and the fat, shall have the right thigh for *his* part. For the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the heave offering I have taken from the children of Israel, and I have given them to Aaron the priest and to his sons from the children of Israel by a statute forever.

9. **Aaron and His Sons Consecrated:** The people are gathered; Aaron and his sons are washed with water; Aaron is clothed in priestly garments; anointed with oil used to anoint the tabernacle and all that was in it; sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times, anointed the altar and all its utensils, and the laver and its base, to consecrate them. And he poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him, to consecrate him. Then Moses brought Aaron's sons who are clothed. A bull is offered by Moses for sin offering for Aaron and his sons. The blood purifies the altar. Then he burned the fat right there, but the bull, its hide, its flesh, and its offal, he burned with fire outside the camp. Then he brought the ram as the burnt offering. Moses killed and sprinkled the blood all around on the altar, cuts the ram into pieces; and burned the head, the pieces, and the fat; he washed the entrails and the legs in water. And Moses burned the whole ram on the altar. And he brought the second ram, the ram of consecration. Moses killed and took *some* of its blood and put it on the tip of Aaron's right ear, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot. Then Moses does the same for Aaron's sons. Then he put all the pieces of the sacrifice into Aaron's hands and in his sons' hands, and waved them *as* a wave offering, then he burned *them* on the altar, on the burnt offering. They were

consecration offerings. And Moses took the breast and waved it as a wave offering. Then Moses took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood which was on the altar, and sprinkled *it* on Aaron, on his garments, on his sons, and on the garments of his sons with him; and he consecrated Aaron, and his sons, and all their garments. Boil the flesh *at* the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and eat it there with the bread that *is* in the basket of consecration offerings. What remains of the flesh and of the bread you shall burn with fire. You shall not go outside the door of the tabernacle of meeting *for* seven days, until the days of your consecration are ended. Stay *at* the door of the tabernacle of meeting day and night for seven days, and keep the charge of the Lord, so that you may not die.

## MANY ARE CALLED

### 1. Workers in the Vineyard

#### A. “The last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.” Matthew 20:16 NKJV

(1) The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard—

- (a) ““For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire **laborers for his vineyard**. Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And



he went out about the **third hour and saw others** standing idle in the marketplace, and said to them, '**You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.**' So they went. Again he went out about the **sixth and the ninth hour**, and did likewise. And about the **eleventh hour** he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, '**You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.**' "So when evening had come, **the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers** and give them their wages, **beginning with the last to the first.**' And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. And when they had received it, **\*\*they complained** against the landowner, saying, 'These last men have **worked only one hour**, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.' But he answered one of them and said, '**Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?**

Take what is yours and go your way. **I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things?** Or is your eye evil because I am good?’ So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.””

Matthew 20:1-16 NKJV

1. **Summary:** Parable of the Vineyard
  2. There is an initial labor agreement for one full day of labor.
  3. Added workers: I will give you “whatever is right!”
  4. The landowner’s steward manages the laborers.
  5. The initial laborers complained to paid more than agreed upon because all who followed, and who worked less and less hours, still got the same pay; that is what the landowner thought was “right!”
  6. The landowner declared his right to do what he wants with his own property, including making the latecomers equal with the first-comers.
- (2) The harvest is great but the laborers are few...God needs many laborers—even the latecomers!
- (a) “Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching **the gospel of the kingdom**, and healing every sickness and every

disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, **“The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”**” Matthew 9:35-38 NKJV

(3) \*Good Stewards (see steward in parable of the vineyard above)

(a) “Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover **it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.**” I Corinthians 4:1-2 NKJV

(4) \*\*Complaints about reaping for labor not performed, reaping where you have not sown...(see complaints about same pay for for less hours in parable of the vineyard above.)

(a) **Extracted from the Parable fo the Talents:** ““Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘**Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown,** and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’ **“But**

**his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.’**

Matthew 25:24-26 NKJV

(b) “For **to everyone who has, more will be given**, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.” Matthew 25:29 NKJV

1. **Summary:** Parable of the Talents
2. In the parable of the talents, the servant who does not understand the Kingdom Principle that a man can reap where he has not sown, will act unwisely, much like those who cried foul in the Parable of the Vineyard when their co-laborers “seemed” to get something they “did not earn.”
3. Does not the Father who owns everything have the right to do what He pleases with what He owns?

## **B. In due time...**

(1) It takes time—keep it on the altar no matter out long it takes

(a) “Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Command Aaron and his sons, saying, ‘This is the law of the burnt offering: The burnt offering **shall be on the hearth upon**

**the altar all night until morning, and the fire of the altar shall be kept burning on it.”** Leviticus 6:8-9 NKJV

(2) Joy comes in the morning

- (a) “Sing praise to the LORD, you saints of His, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name. For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; **Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.**” Psalms 30:4-5 NKJV

(3) To self-control ADD perseverance

- (a) “But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, **to self-control perseverance**, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.” II Peter 1:5-7 NKJV

(4) Tribulation produces perseverance

- (a) “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that **tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope.** Now hope does not disappoint,

because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” Romans 5:1-5 NKJV

(5) We shall reap if we do not lose heart

(a) “Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, **for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.** Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.” Galatians 6:6-10 NKJV

(6) Patient continuance

(a) “God will render to each one according to his deeds”: eternal life to those who by **patient continuance** in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath,” Romans 2:6-8 NKJV

1. **Summary:** In due time...

2. Consistently throughout the Word, we are admonished to persevere, no matter how hard or how long it takes.
3. We are promised in the end that we will indeed reap a harvest!

### C. A change of clothes!

- (1) The Transition: off the altar—to the side of the altar—to outside the camp
  - (a) “And the priest shall put on his **linen garment, and his linen trousers** he shall put on his body, and take up the ashes of the burnt offering which the fire has consumed on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar. **Then he shall take off his garments, put on other garments,** and carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place.”  
Leviticus 6:10-11 NKJV
- (2) Don't forget!
  - (a) “For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has **forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.**” II Peter 1:9 NKJV
- (3) Put off the old; put on the new
  - (a) “But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you **put off, concerning your former**

**conduct, the old man** which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you **put on the new man** which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness." Ephesians 4:20-24 NKJV

(4) Count all things a loss for Christ

(a) **"But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.** Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, **being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.**" Philippians 3:7-11 NKJV

(5) Forgetting the past

(a) "Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing



I do, **forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead**, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.

Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind. Philippians 3:12-16 NKJV

- (6) How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?
- (a) “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! **How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?** Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so **we also should walk in newness of life.** For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, **that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.**

For he who has died has been freed from sin.” Romans 6:1-7 NKJV [SEE SECTION TWO FOR CONT... life to death to life]

1. **Summary:** A Change of Clothes
2. A change in clothes is symbolic of an inner transformation.
3. This transformation necessitates putting off the old man and forgetting your past sins.
4. We must count all former things in life as a loss for Christ. The trade off, by far, works in our favor.
5. This entire process is like going from life—to death—to new life.

**D. Keep the fire burning— Don’t get caught unprepared to burn off all sin at all times— How? Put wood on it every morning!**

- (1) First order of business—don’t let the fire go out!
  - (a) “And **the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it shall not be put out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning**, and lay the burnt offering in order on it; and he shall burn on it the fat of the peace offerings. **A fire shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out.**” Leviticus 6:12-13 NKJV
- (2) Do not quench the Spirit

- (a) “Rejoice always, **pray without ceasing**, in everything **give thanks**; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. **Do not quench [extinguish, suppress] the Spirit.**” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19 NKJV
- (3) Endure
  - (a) “But he who **endures to the end** shall be saved.” Matthew 24:13 NKJV
- (4) Live in such a way that you are not easily ensnared by sin
  - (a) “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us**, and **let us run with endurance** the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:1-2 NKJV
- (5) Take every thought captive
  - (a) “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, **bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience**

**of Christ**, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled." II Corinthians 10:3-6 NKJV

(6) A perfect work

(a) "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But **let patience have its perfect work**, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing."

James 1:2-4 NKJV

(7) A fire that never goes out

(a) "Blessed is the man who **endures temptation**; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him."

James 1:12 NKJV

(8) Flee lusts; pursue righteousness

(a) "**Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness**, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart." II Timothy 2:22 NKJV

1. **Summary:** Keep the fire burning
2. Don't let the fire EVER go out.
3. Pray without ceasing, always give thanks, and forever give room for the Holy Spirit.
4. Lay aside all sins that will trap and entangle you.

5. Take all thoughts captive and bring them into obedience to Christ.
6. Let all challenges have their perfect work in you and flee from all temptations and lusts.
7. Instead, pursue righteousness.

**E. Leave nothing on the table—nothing in the tank!**

(1) All burned up!

- (a) “The priest from among his sons, who is anointed in his place, shall offer it. It is a statute forever to the LORD. **It shall be wholly burned.** For every grain offering for the priest **shall be wholly burned.** It shall not be eaten.”

Leviticus 6:22-23 NKJV

(2) Sacrifice your whole life—it’s reasonable

- (a) “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a **living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, which is your **reasonable service**. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that **good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**” Romans 12:1-2 NKJV

(3) Don’t leave room for the devil, not even an inch!

- (a) “Therefore, putting away lying, “ Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of

one another. “Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, **nor give place to the devil.** Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.” Ephesians 4:25-28 NKJV

(4) He is a roaring lion and will devour you if you do leave an inch!

(a) “Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. Be sober, be vigilant; **because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.**” 1

Peter 5:6-8 NKJV

(5) How? Resist him!

(a) “Therefore submit to God. **Resist the devil and he will flee from you.** Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.” James 4:7-8 NKJV

(b) “**Resist him**, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have

suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen." I Peter 5:9-11 NKJV

(6) When you do not resist!

(a) "For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. **You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.** And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons... [11] Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it." Hebrews 12:3-8, 11 NKJV

(7) Sinful desires conceived!

- (a) “But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, **when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.**” James 1:14-15 NKJV
- (8) Nothing corrupt, only grace!
- (a) “Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, **but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace** to the hearers. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”  
Ephesians 4:29-32 NKJV
1. **Summary:** Leave nothing on the table
  2. Our sacrifice to God needs to be total and complete; it’s the only reasonable option.
  3. Don’t leave any openings for the enemy to sneak in. Resist him and he will flee.
  4. You must resist even unto you own life because when sin is conceived it will cost you your life anyway.

F. **No double dipping!**



- (1) If the blood of a sin offering was used in the tabernacle—you cannot then eat the flesh of that animal.
- (a) “But **no sin offering** from which any of the **blood** is brought into the tabernacle of meeting, to make atonement in the holy place, **shall be eaten**. It shall be burned in the fire.” Leviticus 6:30 NKJV
- (2) Do not return to your vomit
- (a) “For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, **than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment** delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: **“A dog returns to his own vomit,”** and, “a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.”” II Peter 2:21-22 NKJV
1. **“As a dog returns to his own vomit, So a fool repeats his folly.”** Proverbs 26:11 NKJV
- (3) How can you live in sin any longer?
- (a) “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! **How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?**” Romans 6:1-2 NKJV
- (4) You cannot server two masters; choose either the Lust of the Flesh or the Fruit of the Spirit!

- (a) **“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”** Matthew 6:24 NKJV
- (b) **“I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.** For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now **the works of the flesh** are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not

become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another." Galatians 5:16-26 NKJV

1. **Summary:** No Double Dipping
2. Don't sacrifice for a sin and then go back to that same sin.
3. That is like a dog who goes back to eat his own vomit.
4. Don't die to sin and then still live in that sin.
5. That is like serving two masters!
6. You cannot walk in the flesh and in the Spirit at the same time.

### **G. Timing is everything**

(1) Same day or next day, but no longer!

- (a) "The flesh of the sacrifice of his **peace offering** for **thanksgiving** shall be eaten the **same day** it is offered. He shall not leave any of it until morning. But if the sacrifice of his offering is a **vow or a voluntary offering**, it shall be eaten the **same day** that he offers his sacrifice; but on the **next day** the remainder of it also may be eaten; the remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice on the **third day must be burned with fire.**" Leviticus 7:15-17 NKJV

(2) Fill the need when it is needed!

- (a) “What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” **but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?** Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” James 2:14-17 NKJV
- (3) You know better...
- (a) “Therefore, **to him who knows** to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.” James 4:17 NKJV

## **H. A Portion for the Priests**

- (1) Laborers should get a piece!
- (a) “Also the **right thigh** you shall give to the priest as a heave offering from the sacrifices of your peace offerings. He among the sons of Aaron, who offers the blood of the peace offering and the fat, **shall have the right thigh for his part.** For **the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the heave offering I have taken from the children of Israel,** from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and I have given them to Aaron the priest and to his sons from the children of Israel by a statute forever. **This is the consecrated portion for**

**Aaron and his sons**, from the offerings made by fire to the LORD, on the day when Moses presented them to minister to the LORD as priests. The LORD commanded this to be given to them by the children of Israel, on the day that He anointed them, by a statute forever throughout their generations.” Leviticus 7:32-36 NKJV

(2) A worker is worthy of his wages

(a) “For it is written in the law of Moses, **“You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain.”** Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that **he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things?** If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ. **Do you not know that those who minister the holy things eat of the things of the temple, and those who serve at the altar partake of the offerings of the altar? Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel.** But I have used none of these things, nor have I

written these things that it should be done so to me; for it would be better for me to die than that anyone should make my boasting void." I Corinthians 9:9-15 NKJV

- (b) **“Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.** For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain,” and, “The laborer is worthy of his wages.”” I Timothy 5:17-18 NKJV
- (c) “Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. **Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts,** nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; **for a worker is worthy of his food.**” Matthew 10:8-10 NKJV
- (d) “For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we were not disorderly among you; nor did we eat anyone’s bread free of charge, but worked with labor and toil night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, **not because we do not have authority,** but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us. For even when we were with you, we

commanded you this: **If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.**" II Thessalonians 3:7-10 NKJV

(3) Give from the heart

(a) "So let each one **give as he purposes in his heart**, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." II Corinthians 9:7 NKJV

(4) Don't rob God!

(a) "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, '**In what way have we robbed You?'** **In tithes and offerings.**" Malachi 3:8 NKJV

1. **Summary:** A Portion for the Priests
2. A portion of all giving is for those who serve!
3. Those who minister the holy things should partake in the offerings.
4. Elders are to counted worthy of double honor.
5. A worker is worthy of his wages.
6. Each should give to the work of God as purposed in his own heart.
7. But, while doing so...DO NOT ROB GOD!

**Summary:** Many are Called

1. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Of the many called by God, few will go all in!

2. You must be willing to accept that the kingdom economy allows for reaping where you have not sown!
3. Timing is everything: you must be willing to persevere. And that means you need a plan to “keep the fire burning.”
4. Transformation takes a change in “garments.” You must take off the old man and put on the new!
5. To keep the fire burning, you must be willing to lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares you, take every thought captive, and be patient.
6. You also must be willing to leave nothing on the table; discipleship is an ALL-IN endeavor.
7. Resist the devil along the way and he will flee.
8. You can’t live in transformation and sin at the same time!
9. You cannot serve two masters. Pick either the Lusts of the Flesh or the Fruit of the Spirit.
10. Those in service to God are worthy of their wages, so don’t “muzzle an ox who pulls your plow.”

## FEW ARE CHOSEN

### **2. Don’t miss the wedding feast!**

#### **A. The Parable of the Wedding Feast**

- (1) “For many are called, but few are chosen.” Matthew 22:14  
NKJV



(a) “And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: “The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged **a marriage for his son**, and sent out his servants **to call those who were invited to the wedding**; and they were **not willing to come**. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. **Come to the wedding.**” ’ **But they made light of it** and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘**The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy**. Therefore **go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.**’ So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. **And the wedding hall was filled with guests.** **“But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment.** So he said to him, ‘Friend, **how did you come in here**

**without a wedding garment?’** And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ “For many are called, but few are chosen.”” Matthew 22:1-14 NKJV

- (2) You must come and you must be dressed appropriately (make yourself ready)!
  - (a) “Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, **for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.**” And to her it was granted **to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.**” Revelation 19:7-8 NKJV
1. **Summary:** The Parable of the Wedding Feast
  2. Many are called to the wedding.
  3. A lot of those who are called just won’t go.
  4. And some of them who do show up are dressed inappropriately.
  5. Don’t make either of these mistakes!

## **B. Made ready—Washed, Dressed and Anointed**

- (1) Washed
  - (a) “Then Moses brought Aaron and his sons and **washed them** with water.” Leviticus 8:6 NKJV

1. “Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that, **He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet**, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, “Lord, are You washing my feet?” Jesus answered and said to him, **“What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this.”** Peter said to Him, “You shall never wash my feet!” Jesus answered him, **“If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.”**” John 13:3-8 NKJV

(2) Dressed

(a) “And he put the tunic on him, girded him with the sash, **clothed him with the robe**, and put the ephod on him; and he girded him with the intricately woven band of the ephod, and with it tied the ephod on him. Then he put the breastplate on him, and he put the Urim and the Thummim in the breastplate. And he put the turban on his head. Also on the turban, on its front, he put the

golden plate, the holy crown, as the LORD had commanded Moses.” Leviticus 8:7-9 NKJV

1. “And to her it was granted **to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.**” Revelation 19:8 NKJV

(3) Anointed

- (a) “Also Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was in it, **and consecrated them.** He sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times, anointed the altar and all its utensils, and the laver and its base, to consecrate them. **And he poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron’s head** and anointed him, to consecrate him.” Leviticus 8:10-12 NKJV

1. **Summary:** Made Ready
2. Priests are Washed clean (like Y’shua did with His disciples at the Last Supper).
3. Change your clothes: dress for the job!
4. Receive the anointing!
  - a) “John answered, saying to all, “I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**” Luke 3:16 NKJV

### C. The Great Commission (Consecration)

(1) Hear—Do—Go!

(a) “And he brought the **second ram, the ram of consecration**. Then Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram, and Moses killed it. Also he took some of its **blood** and put it on the **tip of Aaron’s right ear, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot**. Then he brought **Aaron’s sons**. And Moses put some of the blood on the tips of their right ears, on the thumbs of their right hands, and on the big toes of their right feet. **And Moses sprinkled the blood** all around on the altar.” Leviticus 8:22-24 NKJV

1. **Ear:** to hear (“*My beloved brethren, let every man be **swift to hear**, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.*” James 1:19-20 NKJV)—One must listen to what God has commanded!
2. **Thumb:** to do (“***Be doers** of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*” James 1:22 NKJV)—Faith without works is dead!
3. **Toe:** to go—(“***Go therefore** and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them*

*to observe all things that I have commanded you...*"

Matthew 28:19-20 NKJV)—How will anyone know if someone is not sent to tell them?

4. **Blood:** life to death to life (*"For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,"* Romans 6:5 NKJV)—The old man is crucified with Christ so the body of sin may be done away with! (Passover, Circumcision) The consecration of the priest transformed him from private citizen to representative of God!
  - a) **Life to death to life:** "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who **died to sin** live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His **death**? Therefore we were **buried** with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was **raised** from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in **newness of life**. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His **death**, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His **resurrection**, knowing this, that

our **old man** was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we **died with Christ**, we believe that we shall also **live with Him**, knowing that Christ, having been **raised from the dead**, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the **death that He died**, He died to sin once for all; but the **life that He lives**, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be **dead indeed to sin, but alive to God** in Christ Jesus our Lord. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And **do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.**" Romans 6:1-13 NKJV

1. **Summary:** the Great Commission
2. The Priest is anointed to hear, do and go!
3. The Blood insures they are equipped.

4. The spilling of His blood affords us the chance (should we believe) to go from life—to death—to life.

#### **D. The Shema (Hear—Do—Go!)**

##### (1) Hear—Do!

- (a) “Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess, that you may fear the LORD your God, to **keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you**, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. Therefore hear, O Israel, and **be careful to observe** it, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you— ‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’”

Deuteronomy 6:1-3 NKJV

- (b) ““**Hear [Hebrew shaw-mah: to hear, listen to, and obey]**, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.”

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 NKJV



(2) Go!

(a) ““And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. **You shall teach them diligently** to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall **bind them as a sign on your hand**, and they shall be **as frontlets between your eyes**. You shall **write them** on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” Deuteronomy 6:6-9 NKJV

1. **Summary:** The Shema

2. Hear—do—go!

3. Listen, Obey, Teach

**E. As a Christian, you also have been consecrated from private citizen into the priesthood**

(1) You are the holy priesthood

(a) “Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, **a holy priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” I Peter 2:4-5 NKJV

(2) You are royal priesthood

(a) “But you are a chosen generation, **a royal priesthood**, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may

proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy." I Peter 2:9-10 NKJV

**F. A Holy Priesthood (Transitioning from the CALLED to the CHOSEN): Hear, Do and Go therefore!**

(1) Hear and Do!

- (a) **"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only,** deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. **But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work,** this one will be blessed in what he does." James 1:22-25 NKJV
- (b) "What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says **he has faith but does not have works?** Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? **Thus**

**also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.**

But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” **Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.**” James 2:14-18  
NKJV

(2) Go therefore!

(a) “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name** of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them** to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.”  
Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV

(b) What does it take to be a Disciple (chosen)?

1. “Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, “**If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.** And **whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.** For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he

has enough to finish it — lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish’? Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. So likewise, **whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.**” Luke 14:25-33 NKJV

(3) Convert or Disciple? (See KEM’s [Statement of Faith](#))

(a) **CONVERT...**(the many who are called!) *“For **“whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”** Romans 10:13 NKJV*

1. “And I, brethren, when I came to you, **did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom** declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus **Christ and Him crucified**. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were **not with persuasive words of human**

**wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.”** 1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
NKJV

- a) No fancy convincing words are necessary to preach to the unbeliever.
  - b) A straightforward declaration of Christ Crucified (in any simplified rendition) will do, and furthermore, it is the preferred way to introduce Christ.
  - c) This insures that any demonstration of faith by the hearer is by the power of the Spirit and won't be confused with an emotional response to exciting or convincing words of man.
  - d) This is the Gospel of Salvation.
- (b) **DISCIPLE...**(the few who are chosen!) *“Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”* Matthew 7:14 NKJV
1. **“However,** we speak **wisdom among** those who are **mature,** yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak **the wisdom of God in a mystery,** the **hidden wisdom** which God ordained before the ages for **our glory,** which none of the rulers of this age knew; for

had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But **God has revealed them to us** through His Spirit. For **the Spirit searches all things**, yes, **the deep things of God**. For what man knows the **things of a man** except the **spirit of the man** which is in him? Even so no one knows the **things of God** except the **Spirit of God**. Now **we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God,** that we might know the things **that have been freely given to us by God**. These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. **But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him;** nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But **we have the mind of Christ."**

**I Corinthians 2:6-16 NKJV**

- a) However, the message to those who already believe can be quite exciting!
- b) God wants teachers to reveal deep mysteries and hidden wisdom!
- c) This is possible because a born-again person is no longer confined to thinking like only a man can think, with all its limitations; he is capable of processing the things of God through the Holy Spirit working in his mind.
- d) Conversely, if you try to reveal the same deep things to the unredeemed mind, it will be received as absolute foolishness.
- e) God makes this wisdom available to His children both for our own glory and so we can practice accessing the mind of Christ!
- f) This is the Gospel of the Kingdom.

(4) Please see the following three reference links for teachings on discipleship:

- (a) [The Path to the Divine Nature—Foundational Teaching](#)
- (b) [The Path to the Divine Nature—Workshop](#)
- (c) [The Path to the Divine Nature—Scripture Resources](#)

1. **Summary:** A Holy Priesthood—Hear, Do and Go therefore!

2. Be a doer of the word not a hearer only.
3. Faith without works is dead.
4. A Convert: Gospel of Salvation
5. A Disciple: Gospel of the Kingdom
6. Go make disciples.
7. A disciple must forsake all!

**G. How will they know? Whom will I send?**

(1) Whom shall I send?

(a) “For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.” **How then shall they call on Him** in whom they have not believed? **And how shall they believe in Him** of whom they have not heard? **And how shall they hear without a preacher?** **And how shall they preach unless they are sent?** As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “ LORD, who has believed our report?” **So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”** Romans 10:13-17  
NKJV

1. “Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: “**Whom shall I send**, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “**Here am I! Send me.**” And He said, “Go, and tell



this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.'" Isaiah 6:8-9  
NKJV

(2) Manifest Him!

- (a) "But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: "Their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world." But I say, did Israel not know? First Moses says: "I will **provoke you to jealousy** by those who are not a nation, I will move you to anger by a foolish nation." But Isaiah is very bold and says: "I was found by those who did not seek Me; **I was made manifest to those who did not ask for Me.**" But to Israel he says: "All day long I have stretched out My hands To a disobedient and contrary people."" Romans 10:18-21  
NKJV

(3) Go—Be salt and Light (You've been sent!)

- (a) "**You are the salt of the earth;** but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. "**You are the light of the world.** A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so

shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:13-16 NKJV

1. **Summary:** How will they know? Whom will I send?
2. For those to call upon Him they need to hear about Him.
3. For those to hear about Him, they need a preacher preaching about Him.
4. For the preacher to preach about Him, he must be sent!
5. Be salt and Light—You’ve been sent!

#### **H. Seven days—and then?**

(1) Shut in with Yahweh!

- (a) “And **you shall not go outside the door of the tabernacle of meeting for seven days**, until the days of your consecration are ended. **For seven days he shall consecrate you.** As he has done this day, so the LORD has commanded to do, to make atonement for you. Therefore you shall **stay at the door of the tabernacle of meeting day and night for seven days**, and keep the charge of the LORD, so that you may not die; for so I have been commanded.” So Aaron and his sons did all

the things that the LORD had commanded by the hand of Moses.” Leviticus 8:33-36 NKJV

## I. Seven days! Because on the eighth day...

### (1) Circumcision

- (a) “This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and **it shall be a sign** of the covenant between Me and you. **He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised**, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant.” Genesis 17:10-12 NKJV
- (b) “And **on the eighth day** the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.” Leviticus 12:3 NKJV
- (c) **John circumcised and named on the eighth day:** “So it was, **on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child**; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias.” Luke 1:59 NKJV
- (d) **Y’shua circumcised and named on the eighth day:** “And when **eight days were completed for the circumcision** of the Child, **His name was called JESUS**, the name

given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb." Luke 2:21 NKJV

(2) You too will get your new name—on the eight day! Is this not exactly what happens on the day a bride gets married?

(a) ""He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **To him who overcomes** I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone **a new name** written which no one knows except him who receives it. " "" Revelation 2:17 NKJV

(b) "He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. **I will write on him the name of My God** and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name." Revelation 3:12 NKJV

(3) Last Great Day

(a) "**On the last day, that great day of the feast [this is what the eighth day of of the [Feast of Tabernacles](#) is called]**, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke

concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.” John 7:37-39 NKJV

(4) Wedding Feast, on the eighth day, when the seventh day, the Millennial Kingdom is complete.

(a) **First we much be ready!** “Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and **His wife has made herself ready.**” And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.”

Revelation 19:7-8 NKJV

1. Then the Groom (Christ) comes on His white horse; the beast is defeated; Satan is bound for 1000 years as resurrected martyrs rule and reign with Christ; Satan is released and his final rebellion is crushed; the final judgement takes place; and then the bride (the Church) is united with her Groom—and given her new name!

(b) “Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

prepared as a **bride adorned for her husband.**"

Revelation 21:1-2 NKJV

1. **Summary:** Seven days—and then?
2. The eight day—circumcision, a new name, the last great day of the Feast of Tabernacles
3. And the Marriage supper of the Lamb to His bride.
4. She better be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright!
5. "that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, **not having spot or wrinkle** or any such thing, but that she should be **holy and without blemish.**"

Ephesians 5:27 NKJV

6. "For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. **For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.**" II

Corinthians 11:2 NKJV

7. See [Without Blemish or...Apostate Religion](#)

**Summary:** Few are Chosen

1. You have gone from private citizen into the priesthood of God, and are invited to the wedding feast; you better show up, **DRESSED APPROPRIATELY!**
2. That means washed, dressed in fine linen, and filled with the Holy Spirit.

3. The imagery of blood being placed on the priest's right ear, right thumb, and right big toe is symbolic for us today.
4. We might see this as the: ear to hear, the thumb to do, and the toe to go.
5. And the blood, of course, is symbolic of life—to death—to life!
6. Hear, Do, and Go is a pattern we see in the "great commission" of Moses in Deuteronomy 6:1-9, of Y'shua in Matthew 28:18-20, of Paul in Romans 10:13-17, and of James in James 1:22-25 & 2:14-18.
7. The message to **converts** is simple and can be summarized easily in I Corinthians 2:1-5; "Preach Christ crucified and the Gospel of Salvation to the lost."
8. The message to the **chosen** is deep and can be summarized easily in I Corinthians 2:6-16; "Preach the mysteries of God and the Gospel of the Kingdom to the mature in the faith."
9. Converts are the many CALLED; Disciples are the few CHOSEN!
10. Be the salt and light.
11. Get ready to receive your new name; that's what a bride gets on her wedding day!
12. And you best be DRESSED APPROPRIATELY!

## QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

- 1. Consider the parable of the workers in the vineyard:**
  - A. What did the land owner do that was so odd?
  - B. What did the workers accuse him of?
  - C. What was his explanation?
- 2. Aaron and his sons were instructed to keep the fire of the altar burning continually.**
  - A. What is the important imagery for Christians?
  - B. Relate this idea to perseverance.
- 3. We see priestly rituals that require a change of clothes:**
  - A. How does this relate to your transformation into a new creature in Christ?
  - B. How does this relate to dying to sin?
- 4. Some offerings were required to be burned completely:**
  - A. How might this relate to your life in Christ?
  - B. Describe how this image can be used to differentiate a convert from a disciple.
  - C. Contemplate and discuss how this might relate to a living sacrifice.
  - D. Contemplate and discuss how this might relate to resisting the devil.



**5. The priests were to be given a certain portion of the sacrifices for their personal use:**

- A. How does this relate to a worker being worthy of his wages?
- B. How might it relate to a life in ministry today?

**6. Consider the parable of the wedding feast:**

- A. How does this relate to the great commission in Matthew 28:18-20 and Romans 10:13-17?

**7. The priests were anointed with blood on their right ears, right thumbs, and right big toes:**

- A. How does this relate to Matthew 28:18-20 and Romans 10:13-17?
- B. What might each of those body parts represent (ears, thumbs, toes)?
- C. How does this relate to being salt and light?

**8. The consecration ceremony of the priests lasted seven days:**

- D. What happened on the eighth day?
- E. How might this relate to circumcision, naming babies, the Last Great Day, and the marriage supper of the Lamb?