

AMBASSADORS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

EXODUS 29:1-14

February 1, 2026

THEME: The consecration of Aaron and his sons was necessary in order for the tabernacle to function as a 'tent of meeting.' First the altar had to be sanctified and atonement made for their sin. We are to serve Christ in the same way.

INTRODUCTION

God is determined to dwell among His people Ex 25:8

Their sin prevents them from approaching Him directly and freely Ex 19:12

Therefore, the priests (Ex 28:1) must undergo an elaborate ritual of consecration to atone for their sins and make them acceptable in the presence of a holy God Ex 29:1ff

GETTING READY (EX 29:1-9)

First, God told Moses to gather what was needed: (Exod. 29:1-3)

Next came the men to be ordained and their preparation. (4-6)

Finally, Aaron was ready to be ordained. (v. 7; cf. Lev. 21:10)

The other priests were also ordained. (vs 8, 9).

THREE HOLY SACRIFICES (EX 29:10-14)

The bull for the sin offering was sacrificed in the courtyard outside the tabernacle (vs 11)

Its blood was sprinkled on the horns of the altar to make atonement. (vs 12; see Lev 8:15, 17:11)

The 2nd and 3rd sacrifices involved two rams. (Milt will cover all later)

The purpose of all this: Ex 29:44-46 (Sonny will cover in detail later)

JESUS CHRIST ORDAINED AS PRIEST

The tabernacle itself pointed to Christ's dwelling with his people (John 1:14, [tabernacling] literal translation).

Christ was also revealed in the ordination of the priests. Jesus Christ is the sin offering that atoned for our sins. (2 Cor. 5:21)

As we have seen, the skin and offal of the bull were carried off and burned outside the camp v 14. Jesus was crucified for atonement outside the holy city of Jerusalem. (Heb. 13:11, 12)

Jesus Christ is the priest who enters God's presence on our behalf. Heb 2:17, 3:1, 4:14, 9:11, 10:21

Jesus was ordained for his ministry as our priest by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, who came upon him in all the fullness of his divine power. Acts 10:38a; cf. Luke 3:21b, 22a

THE CONSECRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN

Each part of their ordination service relates to a different aspect of our salvation in Christ.

First there is the washing with water (Titus 3:5; cf. 1 Cor. 6:11; 1 John 1:9; Heb. 10:22)

Next comes our robing in righteousness (Gal. 3:27)

He has also anointed us for his service (1 John 2:20; 2 Cor. 1:21b, 22a)

Finally, there were sacrifices which were their substitutes for sin. We too have a substitute. (cf. Isaiah 53:6; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24–25)

THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS

Why did God do all this for us through Christ? To ordain us as priests to serve Him. (1 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 1:6; Rev. 20:6)

Martin Luther called this “the priesthood of all believers.” He said, “We are all priests, as many of us as are Christians.”

We have been set apart to serve. (Heb. 9:13, 14)

STRIKING FACT: Consecration literally means “to fill the hand.” It is not the believer filling God's hand. In the arms of Aaron's sons were put the parts of the sacrifice which speak of the inherent richness and power of Christ. This was their acknowledgment that the power for service was not in themselves, but in another. This is consecration. We are to serve Christ in the same way.

NEXT WEEK 02/08/2026: Exodus 27:20- 28:14 - Priest Dress Code Part 1

TWO WEEKS 02/15/2026; Exodus 28:15-43 - Priest Dress Code Part 2