

Access to God Exodus 27-30

I. Court of the Congregation - 27

1. How can a sinful Israelite gain access?
A courtyard was for the people to come
2. Bronze Altar for Sacrifice - 27:1-8
Altar in the Courtyard outside the Holy Place
Sin must be dealt with before one can enter
Directions for building the altar
Built of acacia wood overlaid with brass – 1-2
Horns on the four corners of the altar
Grates and ash pans with instruments – 3-4
To collect and dispose of the ashes
Brass rings, wood poles overlaid with brass– 4-7
To carry the altar when they move
3. Hangings for the Courtyard - 27:9-19
Fence around the court was fine linen - 9
20 posts stand erect in brass sockets – 10-15
Hangings at gate were fine linen – 16-19
Blue, purple, scarlet with needlework
4. Olive Oil for the Lamp-stand – 20-21

II. Intermediator for People – 28-30

1. Prophet (like Moses) speaks for God
2. Priest (like Aaron) speaks to God
3. O.T. priesthood - type of Christ ministry for us.
He is our great High Priest (Hebrews)
4. Christ's priesthood is order of Melchisedec
But we can learn of priesthood from Aaron
5. God chose Aaron & his sons to serve
God determines who can enter His presence & serve Him.
6. N.T. believers are priests (Rev.1:6; 1Pet.2:9)
In Christ we have direct access to God
Hebrews 10:19-22

III. Priests' Garments - Ex. 28

1. Purpose- for glory & beauty, set him apart – 2-3
2. List of garments & materials to be used - 4, 5
3. The Ephod - 6-14
Made of gold, blue, purple, scarlet –
fine twined linen
Girdle, waistband to pull ephod together at the waist
Onyx stones at shoulder with tribes engraved
Gold chains extend from gold settings
4. The Breastplate - 15-29
Woven linen doubled over to make a square pouch
12 Gem stones attached in four rows - engraved
Attached by golden chains to the shoulder pieces
Names of tribes engraved on stones as He went before the Lord
The Urim and the Thummin were put in the pouch

5. Robe of Ephod - 31- 35
Blue cloth with hole to slip over his head
Hem of robe had pomegranates & gold bells
6. Turban (miter) with Gold crown - 36-38
Gold crown is attached to front of the turban
Crown engraved with "Holiness to the Lord"
7. Common linen garments & turban - 39-43
Coat, breeches, turban & girdle worn by all priests
To be worn when they minister in the tabernacle

IV. Priests' Consecration - Ex. 29

1. The Ceremony of Consecration - 1-9
Prepare an offering - 1-3
Ceremonial washing of the priests - 4
Clothing and anointing the High Priest - 5-7
Clothing the priests for their ministry
2. Sacrifices Offered at Ceremony -10-28
Bull offered as sin offering for priests - 10-14
Ram offered as burnt offering for priests - 15-18
2nd ram's blood used with oil to anoint - 19-21
2nd ram with bread as a wave offering - 22-28
3. Succession of New High Priest - 29-30
7 day consecration service for New High Priest
4. High Priest & priests eat offerings - 31-34
Fellowship time is part of consecration service
5. Consecration service is 7 days - 35-37
Altar is cleansed & consecrated with priests
6. Duties of consecrated priests – 29:38-30:10
Offer daily sacrifices, morning, evening - 38-41
Meet with God as people's representative - 42-46
Minister before the Lord on behalf of people
Minister at Golden Altar of Incense - 30:1-10
Made of wood overlaid with gold
In Holy Place in front of veil to Most Holy Place
Offer up incense (worship, praise, prayer) to the Lord - Revelation 5:8
Collect atonement money & use for Tabernacle
Given by each member of Israel – 30:11-16
7. Wash at Laver before entering – 30:17-21
In courtyard between altar & Holy Place
Brass wash basin for priests to wash hands
Also had a foot basin for washing their feet
Must wash before entering the Holy Place
8. Priests were anointed with Oil – 30:22-33
Special formula given by God – 22-25
Tabernacle & furniture also anointed – 26-29
Formula not to be duplicated – 31-33