

What Are You Doing Here?

Intro

- What are you doing here? Why are you here?
 - "Well, I got up and got dressed and came to church." Good. I'm glad. But that's not what I mean.
 - Has anybody ever told you what you are supposed to be doing here? It's hard to do something when you've never been told. Maybe you were told it's all spiritual and no action. Maybe you were told it's all action and nothing spiritual.
- Christian or not, we are going to talk about what the Lord intends for your life. The difference is, for the believer this is what you should be doing, and for the unbeliever this is what you could be doing.
- Short review of material and how we are approaching the rest of the book.

Exodus 28

28:1-4

- take Aaron and his sons - **God chose them out.**
 - Go through Levi and family divisions of responsibility
- What is a priest?
 - **An intermediary. A mediator. An advocate. An ambassador. A go between. One who serves the interests of those he serves, not his own interests.** Playground politics. Skating dating.
 - Purpose of the garments - glory, beauty, consecration. That of the priest? No, of God, to God. **They had to put on these garments to serve the Lord. It would have visually set them apart. Not above others, but as servants to God and the people.**

28:5-14

- Point out that these are one artist's rendition of all of these things.
- **Show ephod video.**
- Bearing the names on his shoulders. **A priest carries a burden for his people.** A memorial, a reminder of what this is all about.

28:15-30

- **Show breastplate video.**
- judgment - discerning God's will. Urim and Thummim. Don't know what these were.
- Don't exactly know what these jewels were. Same problem in Revelation, though I suspect there is a correlation between here and there.
- Again a memorial. Whether the priest looks to the left, the right, or down, he sees the names of his people, those he represents.

28:31-43

- **Show clip.**
- **The high priest would make this very gentle sound everywhere he went.**
- Practical purpose, rope around leg and holy of holies.

- When you looked the priest in the face you could not help but see the sign on his forehead, set apart to the Lord.
- Picture from Raiders.

Exodus 29

29:1-37

- 29:4 They were washed.
- 29:7 They were anointed with oil.
- 29:10 Their sin was transferred.
- 29:14 Their sin was consumed.
- 29:20 They were marked by the blood. Hearing, hands, and feet. What would that feel like?
- They were set apart to serve.
- Remember, if God sounds harsh it's because we don't understand how ugly and offensive sin is the Him.

29:38-46

- The end goal of all of this is so that the Lord can dwell among His people, those He sees as treasured above all others, those through whom He wants to reveal Himself to the world.

Exodus 30

30:1-10 Already covered this.

30:11-16

- Touched on this before. They now belonged to the Lord. They had to essentially buy themselves back, though they were still His people.
- This silver went into building the Tabernacle. Silver sockets in tent, on caps, hooks, and poles for fence structure.
- They could see their own price in the tabernacle.

30:17-21 Already covered this.

30:22-33

- Show clip
- Not for personal use, only for the Lord's use.

30:34-38 Already covered this.

Exodus 31

31:1-11 Spiritual gift of the craftsmanship and the arts.

31:12-18

- Sounds like a lot of work! Make sure to take time off to rest so you can continue to serve the Lord to the best of your abilities.

Jesus our high priest

- He was chosen out. Slain from the foundation of the world, but also emphasized His obedience to the Father. Not my will...
- He was visually set apart by the His actions and His teachings for all to see.
- He is our intermediary, mediator, advocate, ambassador, go between. He serves the interests of those he serves, not his own interests.
- He carried the burden for His people on the cross. That's why He says His burden is light when calls us to follow Him, because He has taken it for us.
- Jesus made a very gentle sound wherever He want. Wasn't harsh, except with those who needed it. Wasn't demanding, simply said, "Follow me."
- Jesus was washed at His baptism, anointed with oil by Mary Magdalen, our sin was transferred to Him, it was consumed on the cross, His blood was shed for us and it marks us, if we are in Him.
- He came to dwell among His people. He came to dwell in His people.

What are you doing here? Kingdom of priests.

- We have been chosen out.
 - Go through our position on predestination and free will. It is that simple. You can make it more complicated but it doesn't really help your understanding and your living it out.
 - You have a responsibility to act, just like in any other relationship. But your salvation doesn't depend on what you do, rather on what Jesus has done.
 - Believer, you are called, elected. Take comfort in that. Unbeliever, what is keeping you from exercising faith, belief, trust in the truth of what Jesus has done for you, the only thing that will enable you to have relationship wit God?
- We should be visually set apart by our actions and our words.
- We are intermediaries, mediators, advocates, ambassadors for Jesus. We can pray for those who don't know Him. For the Spirit to work in them and on them, and for them to call on Him.
- We can carry a burden for people in prayer.
- The sound we make as we walk among the world should be a gentle one, not an obnoxious one, but a clear one.
- We have been washed in the water of the word, anointed by the oil of the Spirit, the penalty for our sin and sin nature has been removed and we are free, we are marked by His blood.
- We are to be in the world but not of it. Called out to go back in and bring others out.
- What are you doing here?
 - Believer, are you following the example of your Lord, or are you on cruise control? Is this real to you or just something you feel? What are you doing here?
 - Unbeliever, God wants you. He wants you so much He died for you. Not to enslave you and make you miserable, but to have a relationship with you, to live in you, to use you to bring others to Him. But you need a mediator for that to happen. That's Jesus. Take His hand and walk into the Holy of Holies with Him. It's what you were made for.