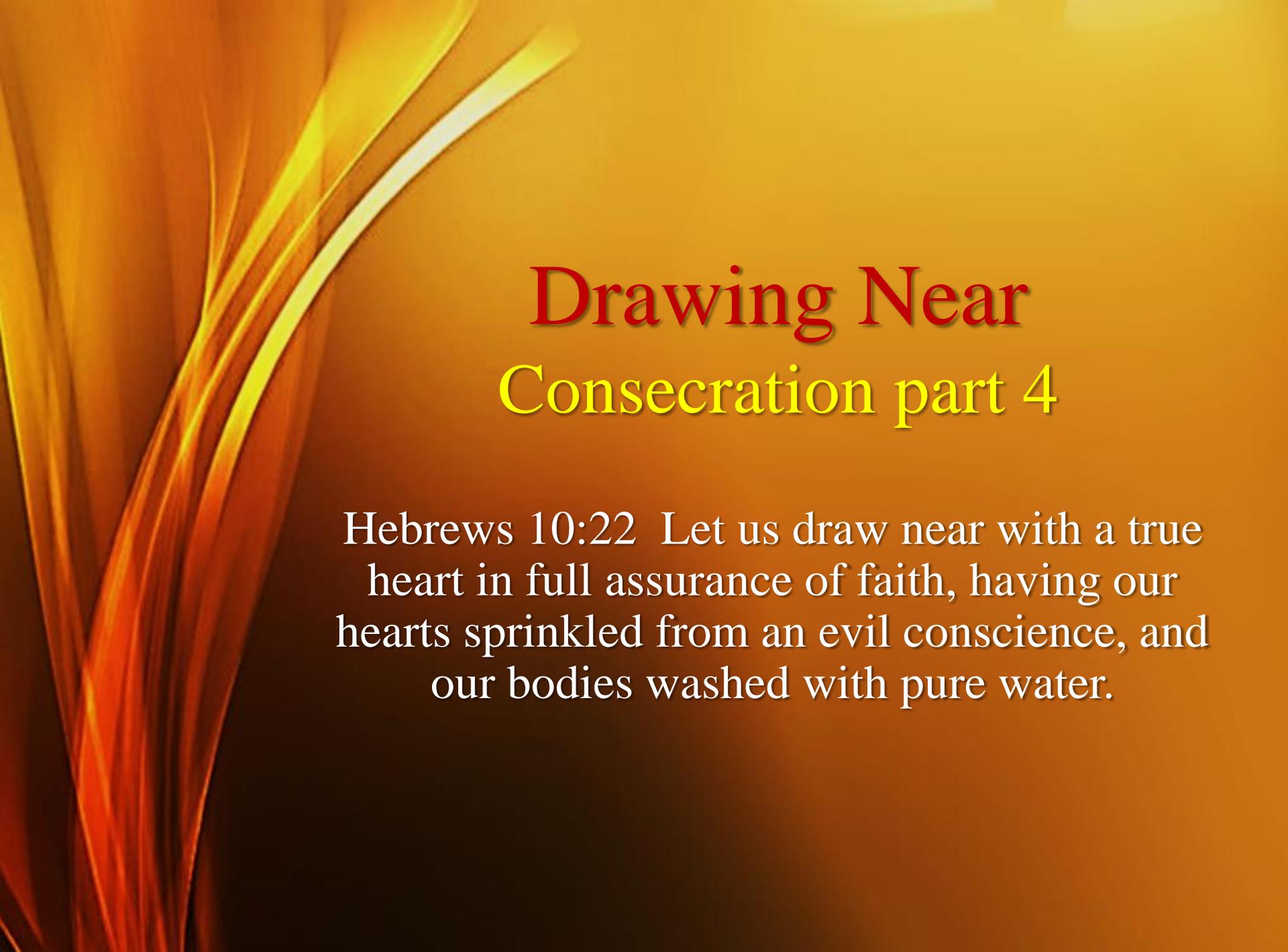




*Welcome to  
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February 21<sup>st</sup>  
2016*

# February : Consecration!

- Consecration
- Dressed and Anointed
- Pulling Down Strongholds
- Drawing near
- Ready for Service



# Drawing Near

## Consecration part 4

Hebrews 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

# Only the perfect could draw near

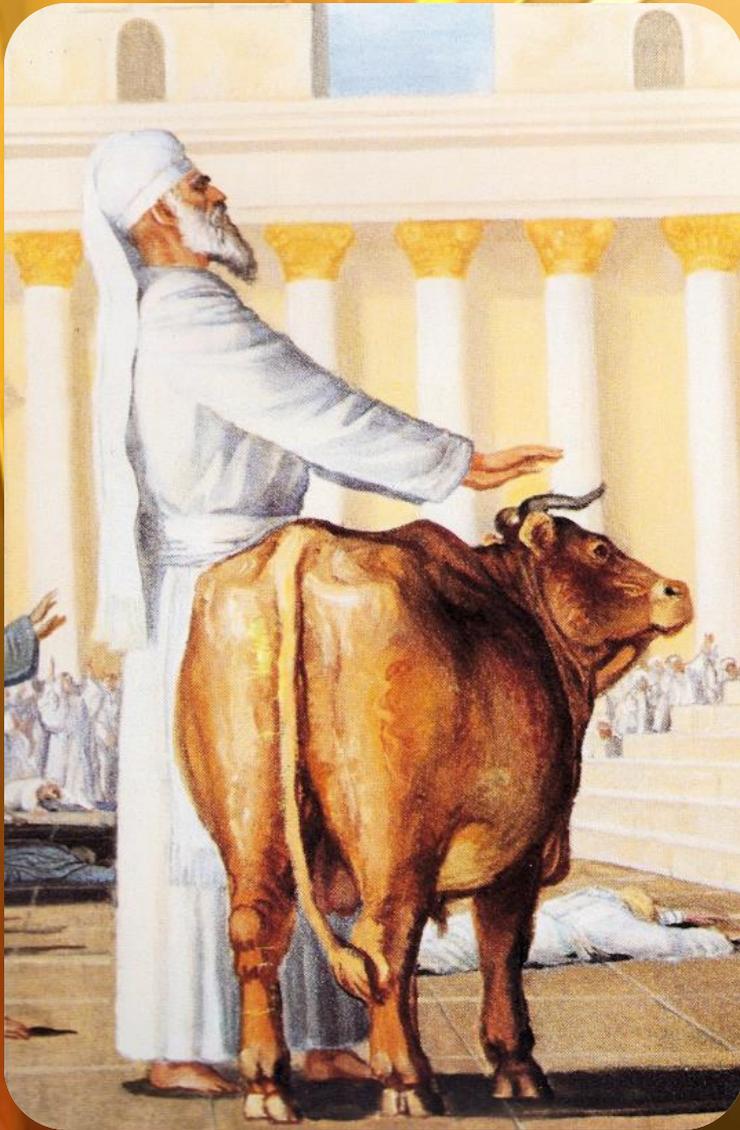


Deuteronomy 23:1 ¶He that is wounded in the stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD.

2 A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the LORD.

3 An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the LORD for ever:

# Old Testament Consecration



- 1 “This is what you are to do to consecrate them, so they may serve me as priests: **Take a young bull and two rams without defect.**
- 2 And from the finest wheat flour make round loaves without yeast, thick loaves without yeast and with olive oil mixed in, and thin loaves without yeast and brushed with olive oil.
- 3 Put them in a basket and present them along with the bull and the two rams. (NIV)

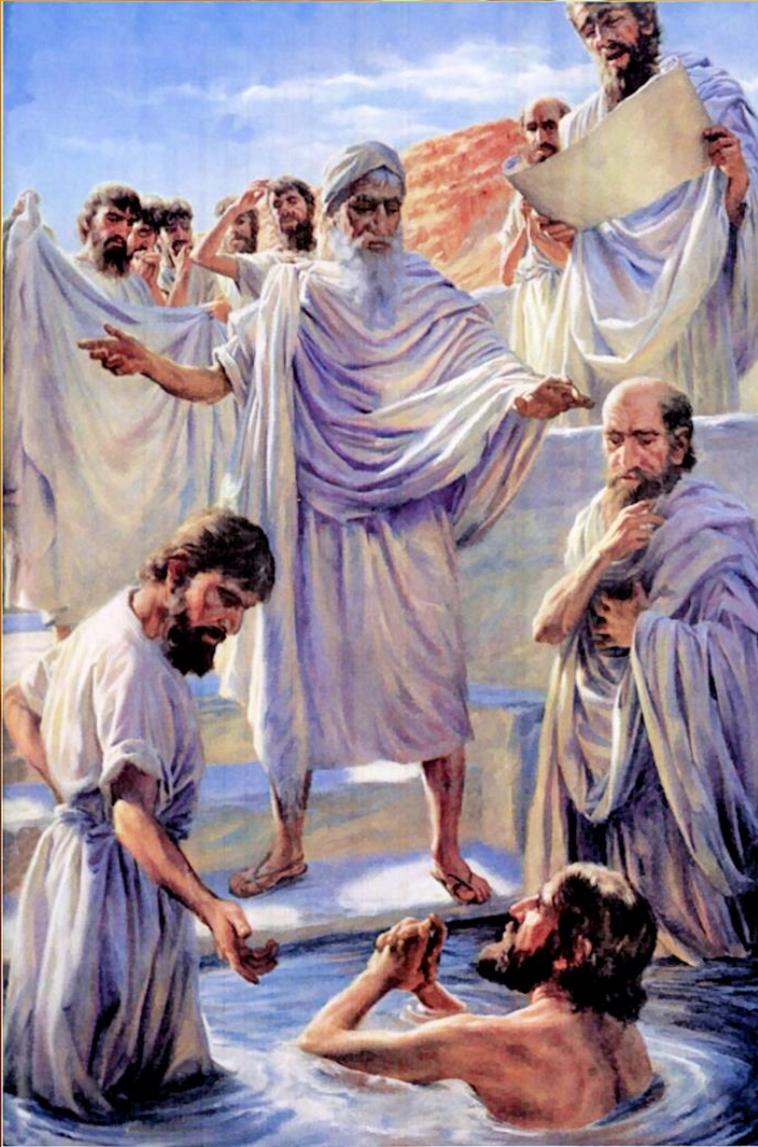
# The Requirements



- **One young bull and two rams without blemish:** The ceremony for consecration required animals intended for sacrifice. **Consecration couldn't happen without shedding sacrificial blood.**
- **Unleavened bread, unleavened cakes:** The ceremony for consecration required bread for fellowship with God. **Consecration couldn't happen without true fellowship with God.**



# The Process Started From the Outside!



- Exodus 29:4 And Aaron and his sons thou shalt bring unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shalt wash them with water.
- This process of consecration didn't take place inside the tabernacle. It happened outside, at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. It was something others could see. (It required Humility)

# The Washing :Repentance



Orthodox Jews lineup to immerse themselves in natural spring water at a cave in the Jerusalem hills in a purification ritual, Mikvah (Immersion/Baptism)

Exodus 29:4 And Aaron and his sons thou shalt bring unto the **door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shalt wash them with water.**

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 **That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,**

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

**Leviticus 17:16 But if he wash them not, nor bathe his flesh; then he shall bear his iniquity.**

# “You shall wash them”

- Aaron and his sons did not wash themselves; they received a washing.
- This was humbling, because it took place publicly at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. We cannot be cleansed from our sin without being humbled first.
- This great cleansing was a one-time thing. From then on they just needed to cleanse their hands and their feet.
- Like these ancient priests, every Christian is washed by the work of God's word (Ephesians 5:26), by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5). This cleansing work was accomplished by the death of Jesus for us (Revelation 1:5) and appropriated by faith.

# The word now washes us (hands & feet)



Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, **by the washing of regeneration**, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; **26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27** That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; **but that it should be holy and without blemish.**

# Consecration: Clothed but not in your own Righteousness



Exodus 29:5 And thou shalt take the garments, and put upon Aaron the coat, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastplate, and gird him with the curious girdle of the ephod: 6 And thou shalt put the mitre upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the mitre. 7 Then shalt thou take the anointing oil, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him. 9 And thou shalt gird them with girdles, Aaron and his sons, and put the bonnets on them: and the priest's office shall be theirs for a perpetual statute: and thou shalt consecrate Aaron and his sons.

Philippians 3:9 ¶ And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

# Consecration: The Sin offering



Aaron and his sons shall put their hands on the head of the bull

The Hebrew word **means more than lightly placing the hand, it gives the idea of pressing hard upon the bullock's head.** They came each one and **leaned upon the victim, loading him with their burden,** signifying their acceptance of its substitution, their joy that the Lord would accept that victim in their stead. When they **put their hands on the bullock, they made a confession of sin.**" (Spurgeon)

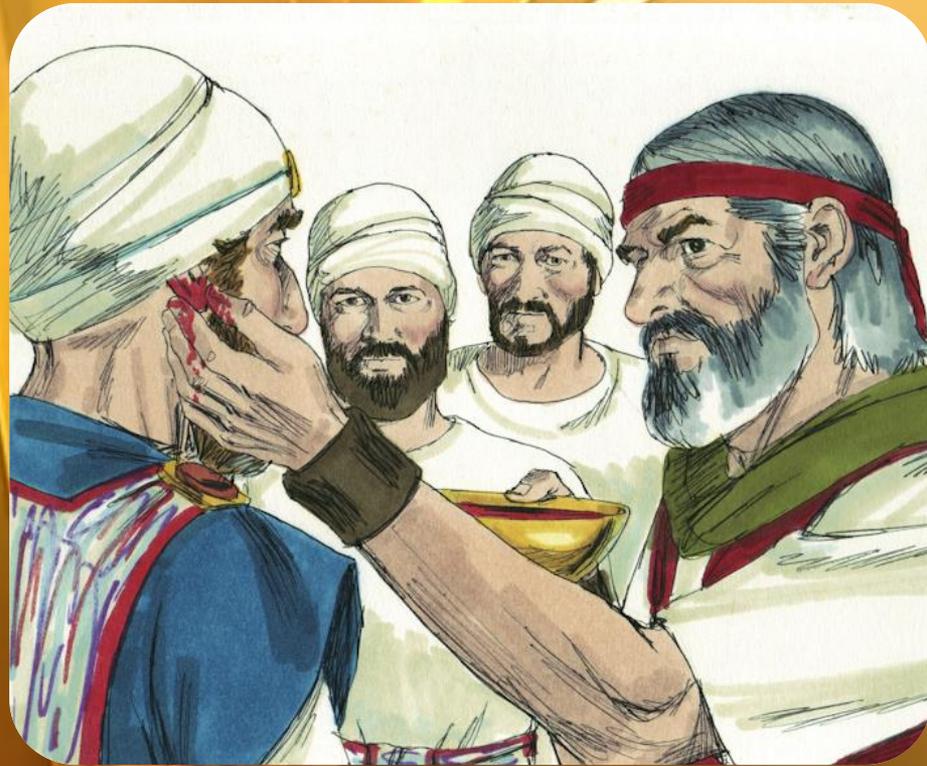
# Consecration: The Horns of the Altar, the place of mercy



Exodus 29:12 And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, and put it **upon the horns of the altar with thy finger**, and pour all the blood beside the bottom of the altar (**On the Earth**).

Leviticus 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for **it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul**.

# The Consecration Offering



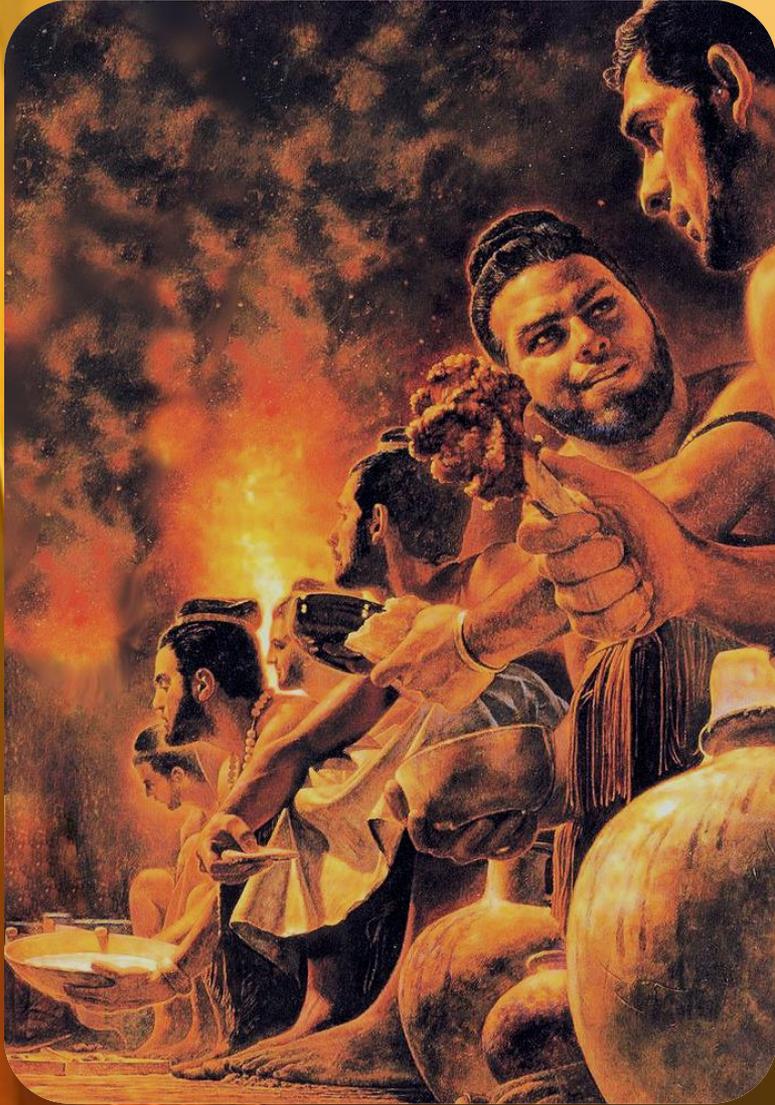
Exodus 29:20 Then shalt thou kill the ram, and take of his blood, and put it upon the **tip of the right ear of Aaron**, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and **upon the thumb of their right hand**, and upon **the great toe of their right foot**, and sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about.<sup>21</sup> And thou shalt take of the blood that is upon the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him: **and he shall be hallowed**, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.

# Consecration means a change!



- Tip of the Ear
  - Should hear differently because the blood was on their ear
- Thumb of their right hand
  - They should work differently because the blood was on their thumb
- Big Toe of Right foot
  - They should walk differently because the blood was on their toe.

# Consecration – Leads to → Fellowship



- Exodus 29:31 **And thou shalt take the ram of the consecration, and seethe his flesh in the holy place.**
- 32 **And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.**
- 33 **And they shall eat those things wherewith the atonement was made, to consecrate and to sanctify them: but a stranger shall not eat thereof, because they are holy.**

# Eating the sacrifice that consecrates!



Exodus 29:31 And thou shalt take the **ram of the consecration**, and seethe his flesh in the holy place.

Luke 22:19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it,

, and gave unto them, saying, **This is my body which is given for you**: this do in remembrance of me.

20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.