

## Day 8

### Leviticus 9:1-4

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We have been in the season of Easter, looking at

- All that means
- How that impacted the disciples
- What we are to do with it today.

Today, we are looking at the 8<sup>th</sup> day.

Exodus 29:1-14

This is a description of the ritual done to ordain Aaron and his sons, ordaining them priests.

Exodus 29:35-37

Do for Aaron and his sons everything I have commanded you, taking seven days to ordain them. <sup>36</sup>Sacrifice a bull each day as a sin offering to make atonement. Purify the altar by making atonement for it, and anoint it to consecrate it. <sup>37</sup>For seven days make atonement for the altar and consecrate it. Then the altar will be most holy, and whatever touches it will be holy.

The ordination ritual takes 7 days. For

- The people
- Their clothes
- The altar

BUT ...

We read about day 8 ...

Leviticus 9:1-4

On the eighth day Moses summoned Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel. <sup>2</sup>He said to Aaron, "Take a bull calf for your sin offering and a ram for your burnt offering, both without defect, and present them before the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then say to the Israelites: 'Take a male goat for a sin offering, a calf and a lamb—both a year old and without defect—for a burnt offering, <sup>4</sup>and an ox and a ram for a fellowship offering to sacrifice before the LORD, together with a grain offering mixed with olive oil. For today the LORD will appear to you.

The ordination was 7 days, rituals done to cleans & prepare those who would do God's work.

Then we read on the 8<sup>th</sup> day, the newly ordained priests are to **DO THE WORK FOR WHICH THEY WERE CALLED.**

7 day ritual. Then, time to go to work!

And what's the response?

Leviticus 9:23-24

<sup>23</sup>Moses and Aaron then went into the tent of meeting. When they came out, they blessed the people; and the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people. <sup>24</sup>Fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed the

burnt offering and the fat portions on the altar. And when all the people saw it, they shouted for joy and fell facedown.

The offerings that the priests made on behalf of the people was accepted by the Lord.

People were ordained to serve God.

People served God.

God was pleased.

Day 8 is when work starts.

Think about the creation.

- Day 1 – God made light & darkness
- Day 2 – God made the sky
- Day 3 – God made land

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- Day 6 – God made people
- Day 7 – God rested

Day 8

The people started doing the work for which they were called.

Genesis 1:28

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.

On day 8 the people are to

- Be fruitful and multiple
- Tend to the earth – land, animals, etc.

I remember when I was ordained – it was a Sunday morning.

The previous Sunday morning, during the worship service, the presiding elder announced the ordination. He said

- Anyone that has any cause against this, you have 7 days to come forward
- For the next 7 days, I would be praying daily for
  - God's blessing
  - God's spirit
  - God's direction

Ordination was a nice ritual, a nice event. It was also a celebration and a recognition.

The next day, it was time to get to work!

We see this again in Leviticus 14 which describes the ritual for the cleaning of lepers

Leviticus 14:8-11

<sup>8</sup>“The person to be cleansed must wash their clothes, shave off all their hair and bathe with water; then they will be ceremonially clean. After this they may come into the camp, but they must stay outside their tent for seven days. <sup>9</sup>On the seventh day they must shave off all their hair; they must shave their head, their beard, their eyebrows and the rest of their hair. They must wash their clothes and bathe themselves with water, and they will be clean.

<sup>10</sup>“On the eighth day they must bring two male lambs and one ewe lamb year old, each without defect, along with three-tenths of an ephah<sup>[b]</sup> of the finest flour mixed with olive oil for a grain offering, and one log<sup>[c]</sup> of oil. <sup>11</sup>The priest who pronounces them clean shall present both the one to be cleansed and their offerings before the LORD at the entrance to the tent of meeting.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> day, they are pronounced clean and they start living life.

There are MANY places throughout the Old Testament where we see the 8<sup>th</sup> day having special meaning.

Genesis 17 – male children are circumcised on the 8<sup>th</sup> day

The Tabernacle was dedicated in an 8 day ceremony

Let’s bring this forward to the New Testament.

The Transfiguration

Luke 9:28-36

<sup>28</sup>About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup>Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. <sup>31</sup>They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. <sup>33</sup>As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

<sup>34</sup>While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

About 8 days .....

He was transfiguration. The Greek word used is metamorpho-o.

It's where we get the modern word metamorphosis.

It's a transformation into something new ... like a caterpillar into a butterfly.

When you see a butterfly, you don't think – hey cute, a caterpillar.

Why – because it's been transformed into something else.

Jesus faced changed

His clothes became as bright as lightning.

Those are pretty significant changes!

It reminds me of when Moses was up on the mountain with God.

God changes him and when Moses came down from the mountain, people recognized that he was changed so significantly that he must have been with God!

People saw Moses and never looked at him the same way again.

People saw Jesus and never looked at him the same way again.

Now let's bring this forward to the Easter season we've been in for the past 6 weeks.

Remember, the crucifixion & Easter was taking place at the time of Passover

Exodus 12:1-30 describes the ritual Passover that was to be observed.

Exodus 12:3

Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household.

That's saying the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the first month, Nisan 10, is lamb selection day.

In terms of the events of the week leading up to Jesus' death, that day was what we now call Palm Sunday – the Sunday before Easter.

When you follow the calendar forward, it means that Jesus rises on the 8<sup>th</sup> day.

The 8<sup>th</sup> day is when Jesus is brought back to life.

The day accomplished what he was called for was the 8<sup>th</sup> day.

That's why the Apostle Paul said ...

I Corinthians 15:45

So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.

We have life because Jesus rose!

How should we be acting now?

What should you remember about Easter?

Easter is not a holiday, it's something you live everyday by forgiving, letting the Holy Spirit mold, make, and mature your faith, and looking for the rapture everyday!

You want to be a disciple of Christ?

Great!

Let's pray for you.

Then, every day for a week, read the bible and pray.

Pray to God for

- God's blessing
- God's spirit                      and
- Direction from God

Then the next Sunday, we'll lay hands on you and pray for you.

Then – it's time to get to work!

Dr. Seamands tells of a Muslim who became a Christian in Africa. "Some of his friends asked him, 'Why have you become a Christian?' He answered, 'Well, it's like this. Suppose you were going down the road and suddenly the road forked in two directions, and you didn't know which way to go, and there at the fork in the road were two men, one dead and one alive--which one would you ask which way to go?'"

Warren Webster, April, 1980, *HIS*, p. 13.