

## Leviticus 9

Verses 1-7

Now it came about on the eighth day that Moses called Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel; <sup>2</sup> and he said to Aaron, “Take for yourself a calf, a bull, for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering, *both* without defect, and offer *them* before the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Then to the sons of Israel you shall speak, saying, ‘Take a male goat for a sin offering, and a calf and a lamb, both one year old, without defect, for a burnt offering, <sup>4</sup> and an ox and a ram for peace offerings, to sacrifice before the Lord, and a grain offering mixed with oil; for today the Lord will appear to you.’” <sup>5</sup> So they took what Moses had commanded to the front of the tent of meeting, and the whole congregation came near and stood before the Lord. <sup>6</sup> Moses said, “This is the thing which the Lord has commanded you to do, that the glory of the Lord may appear to you.” <sup>7</sup> Moses then said to Aaron, “Come near to the altar and offer your sin offering and your burnt offering, that you may make atonement for yourself and for the people; then make the offering for the people, that you may make atonement for them, just as the Lord has commanded.”

### Now it came about on the eighth day

It took a week to consecrate the priests, so this is the day after their ordination.

The nation of Israel now has a priesthood that is authorized by God to offer sacrifices for the people

### Moses called Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel

These 76 people represented all the leadership of Israel.

### Take for yourself a calf, a bull, for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering,

A calf can be a young bull or a young cow, so they are told to use a bull.

This was the offering for Moses, Aaron and his 4 sons and the 70 elders.

There will be a separate offering for the 2.5 million people

**Then to the sons of Israel you shall speak, saying,**

**Take a male goat for a sin offering, a calf and a lamb, for a burnt offering, an ox and a ram for peace offerings, and a grain offering**

That covers every animal that can be used for a sacrifice except for the two birds.

However, the pigeon and the dove were for the very poor in Israel and this is a sacrifice for the entire nation.

**For today the Lord will appear to you.**

God's grace was displayed in many and various ways in the O.T.

**So they took what Moses had commanded to the front of the tent of meeting, and the whole congregation came near and stood before the Lord.**

A group of 2.5 million people would have been spread out over a very large area.

See pic 905



This is a crowd of 400,000 at Woodstock in 1969. The people of Israel were 6 times this size.

Verses 8-11

**So Aaron came near to the altar and slaughtered the calf of the sin offering which was for himself. <sup>9</sup> Aaron's sons presented the blood to him; and he dipped his finger in the blood and put *some* on the horns of the altar, and poured out *the rest of the blood* at the base of the altar. <sup>10</sup> The fat and the kidneys and the lobe of the liver of the sin offering, he then offered up in smoke on the altar just as the Lord had commanded Moses. <sup>11</sup> The flesh and the skin, however, he burned with fire outside the camp.**

**So Aaron slaughtered the calf of the sin offering which was for himself**

Even though Aaron had just gone through the ordination process where daily sacrifices were made on his behalf for 7 days, he still needed a sin offering on the 8<sup>th</sup> day.

The same was true for his sons, but they are not mentioned here.

**The flesh and the skin, however, he burned with fire outside the camp.**

Aaron followed the rules set by God for a sin offering.

Verses 12-14

**<sup>12</sup> Then he slaughtered the burnt offering; and Aaron's sons handed the blood to him and he sprinkled it around on the altar. <sup>13</sup> They handed the burnt offering to him in pieces, with the head, and he offered *them up* in smoke on the altar. <sup>14</sup> He also washed the entrails and the legs, and offered *them up* in smoke with the burnt offering on the altar.**

**Then he slaughtered the burnt offering.....And he offered them (the pieces of the sacrifice) up in smoke on the altar**

Normally they would be burned on the altar until it was all consumed but this time God had a special sign for the people. See verse 24

Verses 15-17

<sup>15</sup> Then he presented the people's offering, and took the goat of **the sin offering** which was for the people, and slaughtered it and offered it for sin, like the first.

<sup>16</sup> He also presented **the burnt offering**, and offered it according to the ordinance.

<sup>17</sup> Next he presented **the grain offering**, and filled his hand with some of it and offered *it* up in smoke on the altar, besides the burnt offering of the morning.

### **Then he presented the people's offering**

All the people needed forgiveness for their sins before God would appear before them.

### **Besides the burnt offering of the morning**

This is a reference to the morning and evening sacrifices which were offered daily.

Verses 18-21

<sup>18</sup> Then he slaughtered the ox and the ram, the sacrifice of **peace offerings** which was for the people; and Aaron's sons handed the blood to him and he sprinkled it around on the altar. <sup>19</sup> As for the portions of fat from the ox and from the ram, the fat tail, and the *fat* covering, and the kidneys and the lobe of the liver, <sup>20</sup> they now placed the portions of fat on the breasts; and he offered them up in smoke on the altar. <sup>21</sup> But the breasts and the right thigh Aaron presented **as a wave offering** before the Lord, just as Moses had commanded.

### **Aaron's sons handed the blood to him and he sprinkled it around on the altar**

This was day 1 of the new priesthood and Aaron and his sons are now in charge of all the sacrifices.

### **Just as Moses had commanded**

God delivered all the priestly instructions to Moses, who then passed them on to Aaron and his sons.

Aaron and his sons followed all of the instructions carefully.

Verses 22-24

**<sup>22</sup> Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them, and he stepped down after making the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings. <sup>23</sup> Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting. When they came out and blessed the people, the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people. <sup>24</sup> Then fire came out from before the Lord and consumed the burnt offering and the portions of fat on the altar; and when all the people saw *it*, they shouted and fell on their faces.**

**Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them**

See Numbers 6:22-26

The Lord bless you, and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine on you,  
And be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up His countenance on you,  
And give you peace.'

**Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting**

The sacrifices were offered in the court of the tabernacle.

So Moses and Aaron went into the Tabernacle.

For Moses, this was his last time to enter.

**The glory of the Lord appeared to all the people**

This is one time when it would be nice to have a little more detail about what they saw.

Nevertheless, this was an important time in their lives and this event should have been remembered for a long time if not until they passed away.

However, this was not the first amazing miracle they had seen nor would it be the last.

In spite of all the miracles they had seen, very soon they will be given a chance to enter Canaan and they will not trust God enough to enter the land.

**Then fire came out from before the Lord and consumed the burnt offering and the portions of fat on the altar; and when all the people saw *it*, they shouted and fell on their faces.**

The sacrifices, which were slowly burning on the altar, were suddenly consumed by fire from the Lord.

Even though the crowd was spread out for a long distance, they could easily see the fire descending from heaven.

**When all the people saw *it*, they shouted and fell on their faces.**

This was a sign that God had accepted their sacrifice.

But it was more than that; Israel also needed to appreciate the Priesthood and the sacrificial system that God had given them.

This miracle was given to help impress this on the people.