

## #486 – The Consecration of the Priests – Part 4: *The Invisible Realm*

### The Consecration of the Inner Man.

The difficulty of sharing about the invisible realm is that it is too easy to assume something is true when there is no empirical evidence. This realm cannot be proven by simple logic nor can we guarantee that it really exists. Even if we have some knowledge of the invisible realm we cannot prove our experience by our testimony. In a day when phony testimonies beginning with “God Said To Me” are everywhere how can we be certain that any of this is real?

Well, brother if we just stick with what we can see, touch, taste and understand we will always be in safe territory! That of course is true. However, a lot of Christianity has to be accepted by faith and without any empirical evidence. In fact Real Christianity can only be proven by a changed and manifested Life. Many doctrines don't convince or bring conviction. However, who can argue with a changed Life? The result of true Christian experience can be observed but that is not sufficient evidence for the intellectual who is seeking physical proof.

If this is true how can we share anything with others about the Holy Place Realm? The difficulty with the Kingdom message is that it is seldom understood except by those who are being developed in the inner life which has begun to have the ability to understand things in the invisible realm. In other words the Spiritual Realms can only be understood and responded to by those who are already being developed and have some measure of spiritual capacity to understand. Still, if “spiritual capacity” is in the invisible realm, how can we prove it even exists?

This presents a clear picture of why the public ministry of spiritual things to a mixed multitude is so impossible. If we speak to the spiritually sensitive, the natural person with no spiritual capacity will not understand what we say and be confused. However, if we spend every meeting speaking to the spiritually insensitive, the spiritually sensitive will receive nothing, boredom sets in and the next question is; Why should we attend a meeting where there is nothing being shared for us? Those who are not at least challenged to go on with God will stop and sit down. Getting them started again requires a special ministry. They call that “revival” but why should “revival” be necessary at all except when the ministry has failed to keep the assembly moving forward into the things of God. It is for this reason that we see so many who are starving spiritually.

The only answer and encouragement I can give the spiritually starving is: Once you enter into the next dimension you will not need any man to teach you because the anointing will teach you all things. Still, you are going to have to find “the way” yourself because this is beyond the scope of today's Sunday meeting. Why? Because the Sunday meeting is geared toward the mixed multitude. Our confidence is that Jesus IS “THE WAY”, THE TRUTH and THE LIFE in every dimension and He will take responsibility for all those who are fully Consecrated in their total person, (inner man and outer man) to make the transition. How do I know that? Because in Revelation 2 and 3 we see Jesus taking full responsibility for the perfecting of the Lampstand Church. I am guessing that He also took the responsibility of getting these Consecrated ones through the Second Veil. I can testify that any small step I have made toward that dimension has come from Him because no “popular ministry” has helped me see into this invisible realm.

To readjust our thinking from the visible realm to the invisible Christian Realm we need to repeat the facts about the Covenants many times for them to be engraved upon our thinking. There is only one Bible but there are two Covenants. There is the Old Covenant that was made at Mount Sinai and there is the New Covenant that began with Calvary. The Old Covenant was made with the natural, physical, outward man whom God called Jacob in his lowest natural state and Israel in his highest natural state. The New Covenant is made with neither Jacob or Israel but ONLY with the New Creation man. I will put a new spirit within you, I will put my Spirit within you, I will write my Laws on the New Inner Man indicates that the New Covenant is focused upon the New Inner Man. The Old Covenant is outward and the New Covenant is inward.

John 14:16 “And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 17 *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, **because it does not behold Him** or know Him, *but* you know Him because **He abides with you, and will be in you.**”

The things that God does in the New Covenant is **in us**. This is exclusively the New Covenant Process because the Old Covenant was only outward! The Law was outward but now the Laws are written within! The World cannot see the Holy Spirit because He functions in the invisible realm and within us. In that same way this New Inner Man is invisible and he grows and functions in the invisible realm. The only way we can prove he even exists is when there is a manifestation of Christ that can be seen outwardly. This is what we are calling the “Expression of Christ.” There is also the manifestation of the Spirit called “gifts.” Then there is the “Expression of the Holy Spirit” that is called “fruit.”

The New Inner Man is a much different species from the natural, physical outward man. He has originated from the seed, the sperma or the semen of God. The fact that he is invisible to the natural eyes makes him a total mystery to the natural man who has a difficult time accepting his existence. The fact is that it is this invisible inner man that is Christian (a little Christ) and the inner man is not even related to the Old Covenant outer man, except as a dwelling place! For that reason Christianity has been birthed as a totally different religion and experience than any other religion on the face of the earth. Real Christianity operates out of a different Life, it has a different purpose, it has a different philosophy and operates on a different basis than any other human group that exists today.

When we try to take this totally unique Spiritual, individual, invisible, and inward Christianity and make it into another outward religion we actually destroy its total credibility. We emasculate its power and we lose the Divine Support System that created it. Why? Because the Support System is also within us. “I will put My Spirit within you.”

We are currently seeing many in leadership who are grasping for more and more in the outward, physical realm. Their focus is: We need more souls, more tithe, more programs, more people involved in the operation of the assembly, bigger buildings, more advertizing, better Sunday School teachers and more outreach to the community. When these things are sought for in the natural realm they always turn to natural means to realize a natural and earthly gain. Why do they seek for natural things? Because this has become the measure of the success of a ministry. The Prototype Son never stooped to that method. Spiritual people look to God, alone, for increase. Why? Because this increase is providing something eternal. The “showtime addicts”

don't even think about the eternal dimension because it is in the invisible realm and, therefore, irrelevant for today.

Those who only focus upon Outward Christianity will never have an “expressive ministry.” The Manifestation of Christ expressed through a human body will reveal the real Christ, the Living and Abiding Word of God. In this same way Jesus manifested and expressed the Father so if they beheld Him they could also see the Father. Therefore, preaching about Christ Jesus is quite different from Expressing Christ in daily Life. Even though this may sound ridiculous to expect this degree of Christianity from us, it is certain that there have been saints in every generation that have Expressed Christ in some degree. Many of these were killed because the Adam man will crucify Christ in every culture and in every generation whenever He is expressed and wherever He can be identified.

The all important message today begins with a question. How can we understand and then share clearly about the invisible realms when the understanding of these realms can only come out from these realms. If we depend upon an intellectual understanding or upon a natural understanding to explain these realms we step into an impossible situation. Is there NO solution? My thesis is this; The Consecration Offering holds the key to advancing to this hidden dimension that is seen in the Tabernacle of Moses as The Holy Place! However, if we are looking for a physical place “to enter” we will surely be disappointed. Why? Because the invisible realm is really invisible but not non-existent. The Holy Place Life and Ministry is of another dimension beyond the earth / dirt realm. In this higher realm we do NOT deal in physical evidence or human feelings or even human comprehension. This realm is impossible to comprehend by those confined to outward human abilities.

Some time in our quest for reality we must stop and question ourselves as to why we are even concerned about these things. Millions of other Christians seem to have no concern about these realms and NO interest in even asking if such “invisible places” could possibly exist. Some think these “places” only exist in the fantasy realms of brother Leo's imagination. Nevertheless, there is an inner “voice or impetus” that is confirming and reconfirming the existence of a real place that is just invisible but eternally secure. This inner voice must be recognized and heard by a “consecrated ear” and that identifies the theme of this study.

This “hearing” is in addition to what we see with our outward eyes and described in Revelation 2 and 3 which is a very protected and secure word concerning the Invisible Lampstand Church. This confirms the Holy Place dimension for the Lampstand Church. Then why don't we just begin to confess that we are already functioning in that realm and accept it by faith? Because the “inner voice” is not agreeing with this assumption. For that reason we need to understand how the Full Consecration Offering solves this problem. Therefore, we will continue with the scriptures dealing with this problem.

Lev 8:22 Then he presented the second ram, **the ram of ordination**; and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram. 23 And Moses slaughtered *it* and took **some of its blood and put it on the lobe of Aaron's right ear, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.** 24 He also had **Aaron's sons** come near; and Moses put some of the blood on the lobe of their right ear, and on the thumb of their right hand, and on the big toe of their

right foot. Moses then **sprinkled the rest of the blood around on the altar.**

We are connecting this blood with the “Consecration of Sons.” Why? Because the High Priest has already consecrated Himself and the consecration of His sons is clearly revealed here.

John 17:19 “And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

**The word translated as “SANCTIFY” is Strongs G37  $\alpha\gamma\iota\alpha\iota\zeta\omega$  hagiazo-hag-ee-ad’-zo**

From G40; to *make holy*, that is, (ceremonially) *purify* or **consecrate**; (mentally) to *venerate*: - hallow, be holy, sanctify.

This then could be translated as; “And for their sakes I **Consecrate** Myself, that they themselves also may be **Consecrated** in truth.

First the “blood of Consecration” is put upon the one who is being set as the High Priest and then it is put upon his sons. Of course now this is “blood of the New Covenant” and is of the invisible kind. Now we are relating this to the Consecration of **our High Priest and His Sons** within the New Covenant! But why can’t we see the Blood? God sees the blood so we don’t have to see it!

Exo 12:13 ‘And the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; **and when I see the blood I will pass over you**, and no plague will befall you to destroy *you* when I strike the land of Egypt.

In some aspects the blood works in the spiritual dimension far beyond the dimension it worked in within the visible dimensions we see in the Tabernacle of Moses. Therefore, the shed blood as well as the sprinkled blood must be evaluated, NOT from man’s perspective but from God’s viewpoint. For example, the Blood of Jesus is wholly in the invisible realm and does its work of cleansing from sin out of another dimension. Even so the fundamentalist believer will accept the blood for forgiveness of sins even though there is NO empirical evidence of blood seen. The doctrine says “Just accept it by faith.”

Now this is in the same invisible realm as the “Blood of the Consecration” that is put upon the lobe of the right ear, the thumb of the right hand and big toe of the right foot. From this same vessel containing the shed blood, Moses, using the same blood, also sprinkled it around the Bronze Altar. However, now the Blood is not a cleansing from sin but the “blood of consecration.” I am using “consecration” rather than “ordination” because it is a stronger word and because the word “ordination” has been universally used as an acceptance into ministry of people who are unqualified. Even though in the Old Covenant picture the blood is seen, in the New Covenant reality, the “blood of consecration” is totally in the invisible realm. Just because it is invisible does not make it ineffective to do its work. This IS the reason we are spending so much time and space on the invisible realm. If we cannot accept the invisible realm as valid for today, the rest of the Consecration Offering or the Holy Place Life and Ministry and the Spiritual Illumination of the Holy Place will be too abstract for us to accept as real and essential. Eating from the Showbread will just be fantasy. If the New Inner Man is not absolutely real to us, his

consecration will be just another unprovable concept that is in the realm of imagination. The Incense and its Altar will just be another Wednesday night prayer meeting in the visible realm.

The blood placed upon these three parts of the body ( the ear, the thumb, and the big toe) is a powerful picture for us of the many areas affected by the Consecration. Of course we are not NOW speaking of putting blood upon the outward man or the physical body but upon the New Inner Man who is being “ordained” into the New Covenant Priesthood. But what blood should we choose for this Consecration? How do we find this ear, thumb and big toe in this invisible realm so they can be consecrated with blood AND oil? How can we find the hands of this Inner Man so they can be filled? I hope everyone can see how ridiculous this seems to the natural minister who is limited to the Outer Court dimension of natural light. To him all this sounds like some fantasy we have made up to promote our ministry!

Obviously, none of this is something that another minister / person can do for us. This is something that Moses did to Aaron and his sons in the Old Covenant way. But now who can do this tremendous and eternal work today? It was the Ministry of Melchizedek that did it for the Jesus, our Prototype Man, and it must have been done for Jesus before He ascended with His own blood. Why? Because ONLY the High Priest could enter in to sprinkle the blood on the Mercy Seat.

Heb 9:13 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, **who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God**, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Every sacrifice that was offered MUST have a Priest officiating at the Altar. Therefore, there had to be a Priest officiating at the Altar of Calvary. This could NOT be a human priest because this sacrifice was to usher in the New Covenant and it was Jesus’ Blood that IS the Blood of the New Covenant. Therefore, ONLY the Holy Spirit ( the Priesthood of Melchizedek) could function as a Priest of the Most High God in this Spiritual and Eternal dimension. For that reason, we can assume that the Holy Spirit will also complete this wonderful work when our Inner Man is initially Consecrated to function in the Priesthood ministry after the Order of Melchizedek. Why? Because of his origin, design and his eternal nature, He can now begin to function quite well as a priest in these invisible realms.

In study # 3 we shared how there are two sides to the Consecration Offering. There is the death side seen in the “Ram of the Burnt Offering” and the Life side is seen in the “Ram of Ordination.” The Shed Blood speaks of the Death Side of Consecration and the Sprinkled Blood is speaking of the Life Side of Consecration. It was the Blood of the “Ram of Ordination” that was put on the lobe of the right ear, the thumb of the right hand and the big toe of the right foot. The right side or the right hand is interpreted as the side of Honor and Power and Authority! In what area is this part of our consecration? In our hearing, in our doing and in our walk but, remember, this consecration is not about the outer man but the New Inner Man. Why? He is the one who is being groomed for the Eternal Priesthood Ministry. The death side is for the natural man and the Life side is for the New Man who is being prepared to minister Life, Spirit and Truth.

Lev 8:30 So Moses took **some of the anointing oil and some of the blood** which was **on the altar**, and **sprinkled it on Aaron, on his garments, on his sons, and on the garments** of his sons with him; and he consecrated Aaron, his garments, and his sons, **and** the garments of his sons with him.

It should be obvious that there is a tremendous difference between the first anointing in the Outer Court where the anointing oil was poured upon the head and ran down over the garments and this next dimension of the preparation for the Holy Place Priesthood ministry. This next “anointing of blood and anointing oil” was upon Aaron and his sons and on their garments. This indicates that both the persons and their garments must be consecrated. This is in stark contrast to the outward anointing called the Baptism in the Holy Spirit in the New Covenant. In the Pentecostal and the Charismatic awakening the baptism in the Holy Spirit was thought to be the entrance into the Christian “ministry.” However, this was still in the in part measure and Consecration is what separated this outward experience (anointing) with the Holy Place Life and Ministry.

Exo 29:7 “Then you shall take the anointing oil, and pour it on his head and anoint him. 8 “And you shall bring his sons and put tunics on them. 9 “And you shall gird them with sashes, Aaron and his sons, and bind caps on them, and they shall have the priesthood by a perpetual statute. So you shall ordain Aaron and his sons.

Exo 30:30 “And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister as priests to Me. 31 “And you shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘This shall be a holy anointing oil to Me throughout your generations. 32 **‘It shall not be poured on anyone’s body**, nor shall you make *any* like it, in the same proportions; it is holy, *and* it shall be holy to you. 33 ‘Whoever shall mix *any* like it, or whoever puts any of it on a layman, shall be cut off from his people.’”

Even though this anointing with oil was essential it was forbidden to pour it upon the body of the outer man. This is prophetic and reveals that the real and eternal anointing is meant for the New Inner Man. This first Anointing is related to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit like the disciples received on the Day of Pentecost. This Next anointing is “within” and is related to 1 John 2:27. This anointing is upon the New Inner Man and his priestly garments (within).

1John 2:27 And as for you, **the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things**, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.

The first anointing is related to the Gifts while the second anointing is related to the Priesthood Ministry and its unique garments. The inner anointing is related to the Expression of Christ as ministry AND also the Expression of the Holy Spirit that is called the “fruit of the Spirit!”

Nevertheless, we have not yet begun to see the extent of the Outward Consecration and the Ordination on Aaron, his sons and their garments. There is much more than the Sprinkled Blood and the Sprinkled Anointing oil. Even though these were essential they were NOT complete in themselves.

One of the FIRST principles of the doctrine of Christ is the Laying on of Hands. While there is a difference between the laying on of hands in healing the sick and this application of laying on of the priests hands in Consecration. There must be an personal identification with the sacrifice that is integrally linked to the “Bull of the Sin Offering”, the “Ram of the Burnt Offering” and the “Ram of Consecration.” That means identification with not just one sacrifice but all, equally!

Lev 8:14 Then he brought the bull of the sin offering, **and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bull** of the sin offering.

Lev 8:18 Then he presented the ram of the burnt offering, **and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram.** 19 And Moses slaughtered *it* and sprinkled the blood around on the altar.

Lev 8:22 Then he presented the second ram, the ram of ordination; and **Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram.** 23 And Moses slaughtered *it* and took some of its blood and put it on the lobe of Aaron’s right ear, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

In each sacrifice there is the killing of the sacrifice and this speaks of the death side of the sacrifice. The laying on of hands on each sacrifice speaks to us of identification with the that sacrifice in its death. We see this also reflected in the Baptism in Water in the New Covenant as we enter into His death in order to break our ties to our natural genealogy and with the Adam creation called the “old man.”

However, in the Consecration mode we are identifying our death of the natural man, the outer man, the Adam man because he has no relevance in this Priesthood Ministry. But how could we function if our outer man is dead? This death has to do with the FLESH and rebellion of the outer man. It deals with his self life and his desire to do his own will and speak his own words and go where he wishes. The Carnal Outer Man will certainly spoil any Priesthood ministry. The purpose is to turn the Outer Man into a tent in which we live or an earthen vessel by putting to death the flesh dominance because God has condemned the flesh in the Priesthood ministry. Why? Because it wars against the Spirit of the Priesthood Ministry after the Order of Melchizedek.

But why, then, is God permitting all these visible churches that men are building to function in the flesh? Because this has NOTHING to do with what God has begun, what He has designed, or with what He is doing or with His Eternal Purpose. Jesus said of the religious leaders “Leave them alone because they are blind leaders of the blind” and that is still good advice today!

Mat 16:22 And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “God forbid *it*, Lord! This shall never happen to You.” 23 But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; **for you are not setting your mind on God’s interests, but man’s.**” 24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 25 “For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it.

After we see what Consecration really means we will see it in so many places in scripture. The natural outer man will always seek his own interests and the things that appear righteous and correct in the natural and logical realm. Satan can easily influence the natural man in the natural realm by encouraging and promoting man's own interests. We see this same influence with Eve and with Jesus in the wilderness. We see it in king Saul and many Old Testament kings, prophets and priests. We see this working of Satan in Judas promoting man's interests.

Therefore, from this we can understand why the Consecration of the Priests MUST be absolute and complete if we are going to participate in this New Covenant Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek.

To relate this to the Kingdom of Priests we should understand which Government is influencing our ear, (our hearing), our hands, (our doing) and our foot, (our walk before God.) The Government that controls the ear, the hand and the feet will certainly control the life and the ministry and direction of the person. Eventually it will set our eternal destiny!

While the over all view of Consecration is important, in the next study #5 we will try to include more details and practical applications.