

Week 4: Exodus 21 – 40

Theme: Consecration

Memory verse: Exodus 31:13 *“Surely my Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations that you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies you.”*

1. In Exodus 28 we read that clothing for the priests was designed to protect the modesty, dignity and honor. 1 Peter 2:5, Revelation 1:6 and 5:10 refer to all Christians as *“priests to God.”* How does the teaching in Exodus 28 apply to Christians today?
2. In Exodus 29 we read of what was involved in the process of consecrating the priests. Notice how many times you find the word *“slaughter”* in this chapter.
  - A. In your own words describe the process of consecrating the priests.
  - B. Now, consider the price Jesus paid for your salvation. What similarities do you see in what was involved in consecrating the Old Testament priests and in consecrating you and me?
3. According to Exodus 31:13 what purpose did the Sabbath serve? How does this apply to us?
4. While Moses was on Mt. Sinai meeting with God in Exodus 32, the people became restless and asked Aaron to make them *“gods that should go before us”* (v.1).
  - A. Why did the people feel they needed an idol when they had Almighty God with them?
5. In Exodus 32:6 it says the Jews engaged in worship and then *“sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.”* According to Strong’s Concordance the word *“play”* or *“revelry”* means *“to laugh, mock, to jest, make sport, or toy with.”*
  - A. In your opinion, what was wrong with this picture?
  - B. What evidence of this type of behavior do you see in our culture today?
  - C. How did God respond to the Jews in this situation?
  - D. How did Moses respond?
6. What was the purpose of the tent of meeting in chapter 33? From your perspective, how does the tent of meeting represent the church house today? What happened in the tent of meeting you would like to see happen today at church?
7. What was the primary lesson you learned from your reading this week?