

Sermon: Deuteronomy 18:1-8 Priestly Provision

3 sections

1. Why provide for the priests 1-2
2. How/what to provide 3-5
3. When to provide 6-8

Talking about two groups of people - priests and the whole tribe all priests were levites but not all levites were priests

The levites did not get land they got a role and the levites were responsible for everything that had to do with the people's interaction with God

The greatest and most exciting thing for all believers is to be near to God psalm 82:2, 84:10 so don't feel sorry for the levites because they were the door keepers of the house of the lord

Levites responsible for transport deut 10 carried the ark of the covenant, Deut 17 they protected the integrity of the bible, deut 17:9 involved in judging the people levit 1:1-7 they were over all the sacrifices to God

Here we see they were to be provided for

Three applications of this text

1. You should pay your preacher or more generally you should pay preachers
 - a. 1 cor 9:13-14 **13**Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? **14**In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.
 - b.
2. Deut 18 points to How sinners are saved
 - a. Why is there even a priesthood? Why does he need a temple? Why does he need sacrifices?
 - b. The reason is because the system of the priesthood and the sacrifices teaches critical things about drawing near to God
 - i. Every human soul needs a mediator and
 - ii. every human soul needs a sacrifice
 1. God is approached through a mediator and by a sacrifice
 - a. This is at the core of what modern people don't understand about God- we have this idea that "i can talk to God whenever I want."

- b. This assumes that if you pray God would want to hear it: the assumption is that you are so good and so presentable that if you wanted to talk to god that god would be there wanting to talk to you.
 - i. Proverbs 28:9 If one turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination.
 - 1. John 9:31- God doesn't listen to sinners
 - 2. Psalm 66:18 if we cherish iniquity the Lord does not listen
 - ii. And each of us have gone away from his law isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
 - iii. What the sacrificial system did is teach us two eternal truths. First that you cannot go to God because you are sinful and God is pure eyes than to behold evil and so you will need someone pure between you to go between you and God and that person must have a sacrifice with them because without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin (Heb 9:22)
 - 1. Heb 5:1 For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.
 - iv. And all of these priest and all the sacrificial system was pointing to the priest and the sacrifice that your soul needs if you would draw near to god
 - 1. **Heb 10:1-14**

3. Every believer now is a priest

- a. 1 peter 2:5, 9
 - i. you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
 - ii. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, to proclaim the virtues of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- b. The peirst in in the OT mediated a covenant between God and israel in the NT it is the redeemed of God who mediate the new covenant. Not that we offer sacrifices, no Jesus is the sacrifice, but we bring people to him