

Announcements

- Registration is now open to sign up for the Winter Training in Anaheim. Please sign up with the bookroom.
- A church van will drive to Anaheim for the winter training. The cost will be \$100 to cover gas and leave on Saturday (12/22). If the saints stay in close proximity to the Ministry Conference Center, we can help shuttle to and from the training meetings back to hospitality.
- Do not park in the Presbyterian lot.
- The Chevron shuttle service will begin on 10/7. The shuttle will pick you up at 9:25 am and drop you off after the meeting. You can still sign up to park at the Chevron.
- We will cover week 16 in the HWMR in Leviticus; copies are available in the bookroom.
- We are reading messages 5 and 6 from the Life-Study of Numbers. The reading schedule is on the table and posted on the church website.
- There is no Wednesday night ministry meeting webcast this week. The webcast will resume on 10/17.

Burdens for Prayer

- ITERO
- Dexter traveling to Mexico City
- England Training Center
- Germany
- Meeting hall modifications (parking)
- Missoula
- International Innovation Exchange (School)

This Week: October 1 – October 7		
Morning Revival: <i>Crystallization-study of Leviticus</i> , week 16		
Hall Cleaning: Downstairs – Young People Upstairs – Overlake		
Tuesday	10:00 am	Sisters' prayer meeting
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Prayer meeting
Saturday	8:30am	Breakfast
Lord's Day	9:30 am	Lord's Table
October		
12-14	Junior High Boys' Retreat	
19-21	High School Retreat	
November		
2-4	Junior High Girls' Retreat	
9-11	Puget Sound Conference	

LIFE-STUDY OF NUMBERS

Message Four

BEING FORMED INTO AN ARMY (3)

Scripture Reading: Num. 3

In this message we will begin to consider the holy service, which is covered in chapters three and four of Numbers.

V. THE HOLY SERVICE

The holy service is altogether with the Levites. Thus, the tribe of Levi is not for fighting but for the holy service. The service is holy because it takes care of the tabernacle of the testimony of God.

A. The Tabernacle of the Testimony with All Its Furnishings and the Altar, to Which the Priests and the Levites Minister, Being Types of Christ in All His Rich Aspects, Whom the New Testament Believers Minister

The tabernacle of the testimony with all its furnishings and the altar, to which the priests minister, are types of Christ in all His rich aspects, whom the New Testament believers minister. The tabernacle is the tent, and the altar, located in the outer court, is where the

sacrifices were offered to God. The altar refers to Christ's redemption, and the tabernacle refers to Christ as the embodiment of God, through whom God dwells among men and through whom men can enter into God to enjoy all that He is.

To minister is to serve, and to serve is to supply people by ministering to them, just as a waiter supplies people with food. The ministry of the priests and the Levites always supplies people with the riches of Christ. The cross of Christ is for redemption, and the riches of Christ are for supply. Today we, the New Testament believers, serve others with the cross of Christ for redemption and the riches of Christ for the life supply.

B. The Holy Service of the Priests and Levites Being in the Warfare

In Hebrew the word service in 4:3, 35, 39, 43 is warfare, indicating the military service. Hence, even the holy service of the priests and the Levites was in the warfare. Today as priests of the gospel of God, we should consider ourselves warriors. While we are preaching, teaching, edifying others, and building up the Body of Christ, we are fighting. The New Testament priests are warriors, and our priestly service is a fighting.

C. The Holy Service Depending on Fighting

The priestly service, the holy service, depends on fighting. This is illustrated in 1 Samuel 4.

D. The Basic Principle of the Holy Service

The basic principle of the holy service is that it is without confusion; it is based on life. Everything in the holy service is in good order and is under the divine ordination.

Because the holy service is based on life, the service is without confusion. We may use the human body as an illustration. Confusion in the human body is a sign of sickness. Because the body is of life, it cannot tolerate confusion. Likewise, in the Body of Christ as God's army, which is altogether a matter of life, there must be good coordination.

The priesthood is an organism, and it can be properly practiced only in the organic Body of Christ, not in organized Christianity. An organization can go on even when there is much trouble, but the

Body of Christ is bothered when only a little trouble is present. Therefore, we must avoid confusion. The best way to deal with confusion is to avoid it. If we avoid confusion, we will avoid much trouble.

E. The Persons and Their Duties

Numbers 3 has much to say about the persons and their duties. We need to dwell on this because it actually concerns us and our duties.

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Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes	
Lord's Day, September 30 th	Acts 4:23-37
Monday, October 1 st	Acts 5:1-16
Tuesday, October 2 nd	Acts 5:17-32
Wednesday, October 3 rd	Acts 5:33-42
Thursday, October 4 th	Acts 6:1 – 7:1
Friday, October 5 th	Acts 7:2-29
Saturday, October 6 th	Acts 7:30-60