

Holy Provision for Him Who Kept Open the Way to the Holy God

Main idea: The Lord made holy provision for those whom He had provided to His people

Introduction: The Lord now addresses the priests themselves. They have a holy duty & provision.

1. Holy Duty

1. Communicated by garments/locations then. But consider Christ's 'garment'/location now!
2. Keeping the way open. And consider it now!

2. Holy Provision

1. Ascension for none; Peace for God/worshiper, shared w/priest; Tribute/Sin esp. for priest
2. Holiness emphasized by regulation of days.

Conclusion: All now is ours, we are Christ's, and Christ is God's. Consecrate thanksgiving and worship and service and love and obedience all unto Him—doubly, as YHWH and Priest.

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Leviticus chapter 6. And verse 8, through chapter 7 and verse 21, these are god's words. Then you always spoke to Moses saying, command Aaron and his sons saying, This is the law of the burnt offering. The burnt offering shall be on the hearth upon the altar all night until morning.

And the fire of the altar, shall be kept burning. On it. And the priests shall put on his linen garment and his linen trousers he shall put on his body And take up the ashes of the burnt offering which the fire has consumed on the altar. And he shall put them beside the altar.

Then he shall take off his garments and put on another garments. And carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place. And the fire on the altar, shall be kept burning on. It shall not be put out. And the priests will burn wood on it every morning. And lay the burnt offering an order on it.

He saw burn on it, the fat of the peace offerings a fire. So, always be burning on the altar. It shall never go out. This is the law of the grain offering. The sons of Aaron shall offer it on the altar before you all way. He shall take from it, his hand full of the fine flower of the grain offering with its oil and all the frankincense which is on the grain offering And shall burn it on the altar for a sweet aroma as a memorial to y'all way.

And the remainder of it Aaron. And his son shall eat with unleavened bread, shall be eaten in a holy place. And the court of the tabernacle of meeting, they shall eat it. To not be baked with leaven. I have given it as their portion of my offerings made by fire.

It is Most. Holy Like this in offer. And the trespass offering. All the males among the children of Aaron may eat it. That will be a statute forever in your generations. Concerning the offerings made by fire to galway. Everyone who touches them must be holy. And your history spoke to Moses saying this is the offering which offering of Aaron and his sons, which they shall offer to Yahweh.

Beginning on the day, when he is anointed one tenth of Anifa fine flower. As a daily grain offering. Half of it in the morning and half of it at night. Which will be made in a pan with oil. When it is mixed, you shall bring it in the baked pieces of the grain offering you so offer for a suite aroma to yahoo The priest from among his sons was anointed in his place to offer it.

There's a statute forever to yahwe. It shall be holy burned. For every grain offering for the priests shall be holy burned. It shall not be eaten. Also, you always spoke to Moses saying. Speak to Aaron. And to his son saying, This is the law of the sin offering. And the place where the burnt offering is killed, the sin offering chubby killed before y'all play.

It is most holy, The priest to offers it for sin, shall eat it in a holy place. It shall be eaten in the core to the tabernacle of meeting. Everyone who touches its flesh must be holy and it's blood is sprinkled on any garment you shall wash that on which it was sprinkled in a holy place.

The earth and vessel in which it is boiled shall be broken. And if it is boiled in a bronze pot, it shall be both scoured and rinsed and water. All the males among the priests may eat it, it is. Most. Holy But no sin offering from which, any of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of meeting to make a tournament in the holy place shall be eaten.

It shall be burned in the fire. Likewise, this is the law of the trespass offering it is. Most. Holy And the place where they kill the burned offering they shall kill the trespass offering. And its blood. He shall sprinkle around on the altar. They shall offer from it all.

It's fat, the fat tail, the fat that covers the entrils two kidneys. The fat that is on them by the flanks. The fatty lobe attached to the liver above the kidneys. He shall remove And the priests shall burn them on the altar as an offering made by fire to yahweh.

It is a trespass offering. Every male among the priests may eat it and shall be eaten in a holy place. It is Most. Holy The trespass offering is like the sin offering. There is one law for them. Both the priest who makes atonement with, it shall haven't. And the priest who offers anyone's burnt offering that priest shall have for himself the skin of the burnt offering, which he is offered.

Also, every grain offering that is baked on, in the oven and all that is prepared in the covered pan or in a pan shall be the priests who offers it, Every grain offering with our mixed with oil or dry. So belong to all the sons of air into one.

As much as the other. This is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings. Which you shall offer to yaha. If you offers it for thanksgiving, Then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes, mixed with oil. Unleavened wafers anointed with oil or cakes are blended flour mixed with oil.

Besides the cakes as his offering, he shall offer levin bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offering. And from it, he shall offer one cake from each offering as a heave offering to offline. It shall belong to the priest to sprinkles the blood of the peace offering.

The flash of the sacrifice of his peace offering for thanksgiving shall be eaten. The same day. It is offered. We shall not leave any of it until morning. But if the sacrifice of his offering is a vow, Or a voluntary offering. It should be eaten the same day that he offers it sacrifice, but on the next day, The remainder of it, also may be eaten.

The remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice. On the third day must be burned with fire. And if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offering is eaten at all. On the third day, it shall not be accepted. Marshall it be imputed to him and she'll be an abomination.

To him who offers us and the person who eats of it. Shall bear guilt. The flesh that touches, any unclean thing shall not be eaten. It shall be burned with fire. And as for the clean flesh, all who are clean may eat of it. But the person who eats the flesh of the sacrifice of the peace offering that belongs to yahweh while he is unclean.

That person shall be cut off from his people. Moreover, the person who touches any unclean things such as human uncleanness and unclean animal, or any abominable unclean thing, And who eats of the flesh of the sacrifice of the peace offering that belongs to yahai. That person. Shall be cut off.

From his people. So far the reading of god's inspired and An errant word. We've taken our cues as to Uh, what we take as a section. By whom you always has Moses address. Up until chapter 6 in verse 7, Mosas was addressing the children of israel, but suddenly now and Uh, Verse 8 and 9.

It says then yahweh spoke to Moses saying command Aaron. And his son's saying And the instructions that we have are, especially Now, for the priesthood, especially having to do with their holy duties. And their holy provision, that is especially for them. We hear throughout the Uh, the account, it is most.

Holy it is most. Holy it is most. Holy it is most. Holy and there is behind every one of those. It's actually if, if we were reading it with hebrew eyes, we would see it is a holy of

holies. There is the holy of holies, which takes the article, but every time you see it is most holy here.

It is quite literally. It is a Holy of holies. And so it's actually quite remarkable that these things that are being described as most. Holy are being shared with or being given by god. As a provision. For the priests. And so it is a holy provision but we have in the beginning of his of his addressing them and he's going to turn back that's why we cut off at the end of verse 21 because In chapter 7 verse 22, and 23 is going to go back to addressing the children of israel.

We have in the beginning of his addressing them. The greatness of their holy duty, first of all. And so those are the two Headings under which we seek to understand the portion of scripture before, is this this afternoon first? Holy duty. And second. Holy provision. Now, the main point of the holy duty is that the ascension keeps going up.

It never stops going up. Uh, thank god. There is a going up of Of the smoke of something forever. That is not. A going up forever of the burning of his wrath because we do read that sort of language in the scripture, don't we? That sort of description, But israel was to see the smoke going up from the altar of ascension.

Uh we read in our English translation, the altar of burnt offering or the law of of burnt offering, but remember, Uh, that's that's a Paraphrastic interpretation the words there, wherever you see the burnt offering is just ascension. And so this is the law of the ascension. The ascension shall be on the hearth upon the altar all night until morning.

It's not wonderful. That during the day, you could always see If you turn towards, The the tabernacle or later, the temple complex, you could always see the smoke of the ascension going up. You could always know that god had given his people not just to draw near to an expression of himself on earth.

But a visual statement that he was giving his people to ascend, even to him, himself says, why we rejoice so much in the ascension of jesus christ, what a great difference. It makes for us. Once we have begun to understand, Leviticus to see the lord jesus ascend to heaven to know, even when, when Mary is trying to cling, to him on the day of his resurrection, he says no.

Don't cling to me, go to my brethren. Wonderful to have him, call us at my brethren and tell them. I must ascend to my father and your father, my god and your god that we have now been brought into union with christ and in jesus we ascend That this is one of the reasons why the book of hebrews, when it's talking about, how all of what we're reading here, the procedures here in, Leviticus have been obsoleted in the Lord, jesus christ.

This is why it focuses so much on jesus. Having a ascended, our great high priest has passed through the heavens. He is for us and anchor beyond the veil, in the holy of holies, and we come to god in the new and living way that is through his flesh rather

than the dead and burning or smokeified way that was through the ascension of these sacrifices.

And yet until christ comes how great a mercy, it is to them. That whether by day, they could see the smoke going up or by night the cinders That they could see that the ascension is still there. God is, as it were keeping the channel open. He is continuously, doesn't let doesn't let day or night.

Interrupt, his statement is declaration to his people. That it is his every intention for them to be with him. Uh, not just forgiven but cleansed and purified forever. And that he delights. In the, in the promise of their presence with him, he delights in the prospect of the fulfillment of that, which he has desired that, which he is planned before time began.

This is a holy duty, those are wholly assets from which that smoke is has gone up and we're reminded of that even by the garments Yeah, it seems. It seems a little bit cumbersome, i mean if they're just going to shovel the stuff off of the altar of the ascension and put it next to it.

And then you got it. You got to change your clothes once to to shovel off of the altar of the ascension and then you got to change your clothes again because you're going to carry those ashes from next to the altar outside the camp, you can't wear the holy clothes and in the unholy place.

But he's communicating, isn't he thought the holiness? Of keeping the way open. And not only does he keep the way open continually But he receives their worship and Makes them to acknowledge that, he is the one who has blessed them with all that they have. You know an efo was considered a, a day's worth of grain.

And so we pray, give us this day, our daily bread. And they have this daily offering of a tenth of an efforts split into two. So 220ths. Of an effort one in the morning. One in the evening. A tithe as it were. Reminding israel, continually. That even the bread that god gives them is recognition as god giving it to them not the way he gives to all the other people on the earth or all the other animals on the earth.

Whom he also feeds of course. But he gives us our bread as our covenant god. It's very different. When anyone who is outside of christ offers a prayer to whatever deity. He knows he can see in the world, the created things, the, the truth, about the creator, and he should be He should be thankful, but how different?

To nestle that. Give us this day, our daily bread, he'll write in between our father, who art and heaven, hallowed be thy name that kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as its heaven, and, and then going to for thine as the glory. And the power, the kingdom, and the glory.

And the power forever. And ever. And knowing that this god has taken me to be his own. He gives me my bread each day. As a father and that is a holy of holies. It shall be holy

burned, every bit as much as the ascension offering the the meat and the fat of the ascension.

Is. Is holy burnt. And so, These priests were conducting the service in which god was always communicating to his people. Not only that you was keeping the way open for them to come up to him. In in heaven, but that he was also providing for them on earth, not just in the way that he provides for all the other creatures.

A similar to how abraham refused to be provided for by way of the king of sodom. Remember that the king of sodom said, you know just give me the people but you keep all the spoil. But he had just been visited by somebody who by whom it he just been visited.

Well hebrews tells us who it's gives away the answer. It's by jesus. And jesus. Was the priest of the most high god forever and abram learned from jesus. Learned from Melchizedek. That everything he had was being given to him in covenant with god. He didn't want it. He didn't want to take so much as a sandal strap in any other way.

Than would show that god's provision for him was covenantal personal in the relationship. Of god's redeeming him by his grace. And so, The, the priests They're great duty, they had all of these details that they had to follow. Would have been exhausting mentally and physically to be a priest because all the details, you had to track and then you actually have to follow them all.

And yet when he addresses the priests through Moses here. He is showing them the greatness of their holy duty. They are the ones. By his hands by his feet, by his sleepless nights. You know, they would have to and we read about it actually in the, the rebuilding of the temple after the exile, where the priests by lot would decide who has to stay up all night with the ascension.

To make sure that smoke keeps going up. But it was a marvelous, holy duty. And so, the lord gave them. Holy. Holy provision. Nothing could be eaten from the ascension, the entire, you know, the, the meat and the fat of the ascension was all Smoker fight and yet, god would give them the skin, the height.

From. The ascension offering and the the piece. Remember the fat? His smoker fight to go up to god. He actually calls it food. Which to us seems almost gross to say, god eats food. And yet it's not for the sake of god, to have food. But for the worshiper as he eats his portion, to know he's eating from the table with god, the fellowship that has given in the peace and In the peace offering.

And there would be a portion, it would be just a little breast meat and a little thigh meat. The breast, and one of the thighs for Um, For the priest, that would That would come out of that but it was especially the tribute offering and the grain of the tribute offering.

And you know, you see that and Uh, in versus 14 through 18 in chapter 6. A handful would go to your way with all of the frankincense. But the rest of the tribute But what? Translated here grain offering doesn't actually have the word grain. The rest of the tribute would be for the priest.

But then, While nobody could eat of the ascension and of the peace, it was primarily for the worshiper. Uh, to enjoy with the lord, when it came to the sin offering and the trespass offering from those, the lord really. Gave a the The bulk of the flesh, then To.

The priest who officiated. In that case. Because you remember, i i hope from last week that one of the great provisions that got made that god made for our guilty consciences as we come to him, it was not just the forgiveness, the it shall be forgiven him which god himself does immediately.

Uh, but the and thus the priest shall make atonement for him. And it focused on this work that had to be done by priests in order. In order to apply the blood so that god would forgive. And we remember that god has provided for us in jesus. The one who is both priest and caught.

The one who does the action that applies, the blood and it's actually even his own blood. He has made atonement and he has also god, who forgives on the basis. Of his own atonement. And so this provision of the priest himself is something to which the worshiper. Would respond.

With this. With this gratitude, as he offers the sin, offering as he offers the trespass offering knowing the fat goes up to god. But the meat stays as a holy of holies, especially for this particular priest. Now, you can You can imagine. Uh, you know, the priests carefully. Uh, keeping track of the rotation.

So You know, one wouldn't always get to do this in offering and always get the meat. But the lord communicating. To that priest his, his personal ministry assigned by god, for the sake of this, specific worshiper, and god communicating to the worshiper. What a, what a blessing, not just the priesthood in general was But that, that specific priest was This is something of course than, for each of us.

And every time we come to God every time we have that fresh cleansing of our conscience, But we would come with special appreciation for who our specific priest was and there's no rotation anymore because there's only one of them. It is our lord jesus christ. That you would rejoice, not only for the forgiveness that comes by the work that he does.

But that you would rejoice that he himself was the one that the father gave to you. To be the priest. Who did the atonement and then we desire. We desire that this jesus. Who has opened up the way to heaven? This, jesus, who is ascended and we by faith are seated with him.

Now in the heavenly places and Are looking forward to being. Uh, soul with him at death and body with him. At the resurrection this Jesus. Who is the one who applies to us. The. The sin offering and who carries in his hand, the tribute To God, where he himself is.

Is ultimately the tribute that he would receive? All that has been assigned to him. And what is that? Great portion? That the Lord Jesus has taken. Well, God is his portion, of course, but his people are his portion. They're the people that God has given him. The reward of the bride that he redeems for himself and he sanctifies for himself.

What an amazing thing. It is. Dear Christian. That God has decided. That you would be the gift from the Father to the Son. You would be the gift from the Son to the Father. And that the result of the work of the Father and the Son of the Spirit.

Would be that of all the creation. And the last day, he will have made you. Into that. Portion that Possession. Of course with this meant for them was, All of these things that were described as most, holy had to be treated that way. God was so serious about this picture of Christ that he was giving them That if someone sinned against it, particularly In this matter of being unclean and eating Eating the, the clean meat.

He would be excommunicated cut off from his people. Something that that means even executed. Although it really seems to be just Um, x communicated, and it appears many more times in the next passage will consider that more Lord willing. Next Lord's to But everything belongs to us because we are Christ's.

We belong to Christ. And Christ is God's. He belongs. To God. And so, our thanksgiving. Our worship. Our service, our love our obedience, All of it as consecrated to him. Not only as the Lord who made us and redeemed us, But even as the priest who has applied to us that redemption We are doubly.

Holy Wholly, we are doubly entirely. His. Praise God. Let's pray.

Our Father in Heaven. We thank you that Your Son. Our Lord Jesus has been perfect. And his priesthood, he has carried out all his duty. That we know now. That we may. Come to you through him. Night and day. And we thank you, Lord, for the special way in which you gather us to to yourself and him and the Lord's day assemblies.

We pray. Lord that The awareness of what you have provided for us and him the access that you've given us. That your Spirit would communicate to that to us. On a continual basis. Blessed to us. What we have understood. What we have read, we have heard. Of. This picture of Christ's priestly ministered to us.

And give him all that over, which he rejoices Particularly O, Lord give us. To your Son and Lord, Jesus give us. To the Father. Oh, Holy Spirit, help us. Apply Christ's redemption to us. And cleanse us. That we would be a gift fit for the King of Kings. When he presents us to himself on the last day, Rent, all these things, we ask in Jesus name, Amen.