

Leviticus 9

Beholding the Glory of the Lord as Those Blessed by It through the Grace of the Lord

Friday, September 8, 2023 • Read Leviticus 9

Questions from the Scripture text: Which day of the ordination is it in v1? Whom does Moses call? What does he now tell Aaron to offer (v2)? Who is to speak to whom (v3)? What does Aaron tell their elders to take for which sacrifices (v3–4)? Why, what will happen and when? What do they bring in v5? Who draws near? Who speaks now in v6? What does he say will appear to whom? What does Moses tell Aaron to do in v7? What does Aaron offer first in v8? For whom? What does he do with the blood (v9)? What does he do with the fat (v10)? What does he do with the flesh and hide (v11)? What does he kill in v12? What does he do with the blood? What does he do with all of the flesh (v13)? What does he do with the entrails and legs (v14)? Whose offering does he present in v15? What sort of offering? And which offering in v16? And which in v17? What does he offer in v18? As what? For whom? What does he do with the blood? What does he do with the fat (v19)? What are brought together (v20)? What is done with the breasts (v21)? What does Aaron now do from the altar, with the peace going up as prescribed (v22)? And now where can Moses and Aaron go (v23)? And when they are able to come back out, what do they do? Then what appears? And what comes out from where (v24)? And what does it do all at once? And what do the people do?

How do God's people know that they are accepted with Him? Leviticus 9 looks forward to the evening sermon on the coming Lord's Day. In these twenty-four verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that **God shows His people that they are accepted with Him by receiving their sacrifices, pronouncing His blessing, and displaying His glory.**

By the end of this chapter, the problem at the end of Exodus has been solved. Moses and Aaron have gone into the tabernacle (!) and come out and blessed the people. Not only that, but the glory of the Lord is displayed *outside* the tabernacle to the people. God has brought His people near, and He himself has drawn near to them! Through the course of this chapter, we see the Lord make display after display of how He has brought His people near in blessing.

Receiving their sacrifices. For the seven days of ordaining the priests, Moses was offering the sacrifices. Now the time has come that Aaron can enter in on his priestly duties. And the first duty is to offer a sin offering for himself (v2, 7, 8). The blood is applied to the altar (v9), the fat is smokified (v10), and the flesh and hide are properly disposed of. Jesus will never have to offer for Himself, but Aaron had to, and now that he is forgiven, he can offer the other offerings. He offers his ascension (v12–14) and then he offers for the sin of the people (v15), the ascension of the people (v16), and the tribute of the people (v17). Then he offers peace for the people (v18–20), taking the first official breasts of wave-offering for the priests (v21). God has welcomed His people to enter His presence with tribute and enjoy fellowship with Him!

Pronouncing God's blessing. The first pronouncement of blessing comes from up by the altar. Not only has blood been applied on Aaron's behalf, but now on the peoples' as well. The fat is going up, and the blessing is coming down. Aaron lifts his hand and blesses them (v22). The next blessing comes after Moses and Aaron have gone into the tabernacle and come out (v23). Now the blessing comes from the tabernacle itself. But how can the people know this blessing is backed up by God Himself?

Displaying His glory. This was the big promise of the chapter. Aaron promised the people that YHWH would appear to them (v3–4). Moses promised all the people that they would see the YHWH's glory (v6). And now the glory of YHWH appears to them (v23). It is unclear if the fire in v24 is the glory that appears, or if the glory cloud separately appears before the fire. But in either case, the fire is the climax. Fire comes not from heaven, but from before YHWH. It passes out of the Holy of Holies, through the tabernacle and to the altar, where the meat from the ascensions and the fat from the sin and peace offerings are still burning. In one great blaze, it is all consumed. The people finally see the glory that has been hidden from them all this time. The God Who dwells upon the cherubim is the One Who has received their sacrifices and blessed them.

It is amazing to think about what it would have been like to be there on that day at Sinai. But we actually have a greater indication of God's acceptance. The Lord Jesus has given Himself as sacrifice. The Lord Jesus pronounces His blessing from His throne by way of His servants on earth. And God has made display of the Lord Jesus as the propitiation of His wrath (cf. Rom 3:25). The Lord's giving His own Son up for us is how we know that He has freely given us all things together with Him (cf. Rom 8:32).

How are you accepted by God? How does He announce His blessing to you? What use are you making of this blessing in your thoughts/heart/life?

Sample prayer: Lord, we thank You for bringing us all the way near to You in Christ Jesus. Thank You for accepting His sacrifice on our behalf. And thank You for declaring to us our blessedness in Him. Now, grant unto us all that Your love desires and that He has earned, we ask in His Name, AMEN!

Suggested songs: ARP23 "The LORD's My Shepherd" or TPH274 "Jesus, My Great High Priest"

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Leviticus chapter 9. These are God's words. It came to pass in the eighth day, that Moses called Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel. And he said to Aaron, take for yourself a young bull is a sin offering. And a ram is a burnt offering without blemish and offer them before you all play.

And to the children of israel. You shall speak saying take a kid of the goats as it's in offering. And a calf and a lamb. Both of the first year without blemish as a burnt offering. Also a bowl and a ram as peace offerings. To sacrifice before y'all, man.

And the grain offering mixed with oil. For today, Yahwe will appear to you.

So they brought what Moses commanded before the tabernacle of meeting and all the congregation jr. And stood, before y'all went, Then moses said this is the thing which Yahweh commanded you to do and The glory of yahweh will appear to you. And Moses said to Aaron, go to the altar, all for your sin offering and your burnt offering.

And make atonement for yourself. And for the people. All for the offering of the people. And make a tournament for them as yahweh commanded. And therefore went to the altar and killed the calf sent offering, which was for himself. Then the sons of Aaron brought the blood to him.

And he dipped his finger in the blood. Put it on the horns of the altar and pour to the blood at the base of the altar. But the fact The kidneys and the fatty lobe from the liver of the sin offering. He burned on the altar, as y'all way had commanded Moses.

The flesh and the hide, he burned with fire. Outside the camp. And he killed the burnt offering and Aaron's sons presented to him the blood which he sprinkled. All around on the altar, then they presented the burnt offering to him. With its pieces and head and he burned them.

On the altar and he washed the entrails and the legs and burned them with the burnt offering on the altar. Then he brought the people's offering. He took the goat, which was the sin offering for the people. And kill that, and offered it for sin, like the first one.

And he brought, The burnt offering and offered it according to the prescribed manner, then he brought the grain offering and took a handful of it and burned it on the altar, besides the burnt sacrifice of the morning, He also killed the bull in the ram. As sacrifices of peace offerings, which were for the people, And Aaron's son's presented to him the blood which he sprinkled all around on the altar.

And the fat from the bowl, and the ram, the fatty tail that covers the entrails and the kidneys. And the fatty lobe attached to the liver, they put the fat on the breath, then he burned the fat on the altar. With the breasts and the right thigh air, and wave, just a wave offering before yahweh.

As Moses had commanded. Then Aaron lifted his hand toward the people blessed them, And came down from offering the sin. Offering the burnt offering and the peace offerings. And Moses. And Aaron went into the tabernacle of meeting and came out and blessed the people. From the glory of y'all play appeared to all the people on fire.

Came out from before yaha and consumed. The burnt offering and the fat on the altar. When all the people saw it, they shouted and fell. On their faces. So far the reading of gods inspired and inherent word. So, by the time we get to The end of our chapter.

The problem that is from the end of Exodus has been Resolved. There's going to be a new problem starting. In the next chapter. But at the end of Exodus, the problem was That the glory of yahweh filled the tabernacle and the people couldn't enter. And how could they be in the presence of the glory?

Of the lord. And the lord has answered that by way of the priesthoods specifically Aaron and his sons. And the sacrifices that they offer. In other words, he has answered it in the lord jesus christ. Of whom the priesthood of Aaron and his sons, as a picture of whom, The sacrifices that they offered, were pictures shadows of, in the tabernacle itself, It was a shadow.

That we may come near and no god's glory. In the lord jesus christ. In fact, The conclusion. With the people, seeing the glory of the lord anticipates, something even greater. And that is when As. John in chapter 1. Says the word became flesh, and we'd be held his glory known as seen god at any time.

But the only begotten son, who's in the bosom of the father. He is fully revealed him. Our second Corinthians 4. That god, who, Command of the light shine in the darkness. Has caused the light of the knowledge of the glory of god to shine in our hearts, in the face of jesus christ.

So, these things are Pictures. Shadows anticipating. A reality and the knowledge of god's glory that comes. And knowing the lord jesus and seeing him not by eye. Uh, not by the physical eyes so much as by The eye of faith. And how do they know that the problem then has been resolved?

Well, the first way that i know, Is that the? The word comes to them and tells them. He tells them that they will see. Yeah, well, you're rather y'all play will appear to them verse 4. And moses that was Aaron. Speaking on Moses's orders to the children of Israel and verse 4, And then, moses himself says, In verse 6.

Um, the glory of yahai will appear to you. So the first First thing is the word, they know what it is. What's happening at the end of the chapter because the lord has told them in advance, the beginning of the chapter, there are many things in the christian life.

Uh, where The lord has been merciful to us. First by sending his word and telling us, he tells us to truth about himself. He tells us the truth about ourselves, we discover that these things are true and our knowledge of them is then from his word and assured by his word which has Uh, which has held true.

And so his word is the first thing. The sacrifices themselves is the second thing. The. At the end of Exodus, neither Moses nor Aaron. Could enter. Particularly Moses could not enter the tabernacle because of the Um, The glory of yawhi had filled it, but here there isn't just sin and dissension offering for the people their sin, and ascension offering first for the high priest for Aaron himself.

That's why the first sent offering is a bowl That's why the first sent offering. The flesh. And The hind are burned in a clean place outside of the can You remember, among the sin offerings? There were different procedures that had to be followed for depending on who whose sin was being attuned for.

And in this case, it is Aaron's sin with the bowl. That is being attuned for. So Aaron sent us a tone for and we know that as the as the sin is attuned for on earth as we heard over and over again earlier in the book that the lord forgives him.

And then he is able to come by way of the ascension. And be received the blood of his substitutes. In the sin offering in the ascension offering. Uh, being applied to the altar. Showing that god is making the way. For Aaron's life and the life of the living, god the presence.

Of the living god. To be joined to connect. But he also, Then goes on to offer a sin offering for for the people and an ascension offering for the people and two piece offerings. For the people. And, The. The first thing he does then. Is he? He offers those offerings by which the people know that they are.

Atoned for that. They are brought near to god. Um, that they have fellowship with god. So, God. Receives their sacrifices. He's he's described to them. The, the process for these things. He's given them names. That. Communicate to the people. What is happening? And now they have both the word.

Of Aaron and Moses, and the sacrifices that had been received. And then so that they might know, That the glory is for their help, not for their hurt. Um, the lord. Precedes the display of his glory. By the pronouncement of his blessing, this is very important when you see something.

That is. Um, That is almighty. Uh, In power. And, Unimaginably intense in the expression. Of that power. You want to know that it's for you, not against you. And so before the, the glory of yahua appears to them before the fire comes out from before y'all play. Uh, the lord blesses them.

By his servants. After the offerings are made, Um, Verse 22. Aaron lifted his hand toward the people blessed them, While he's still up there on by the altar. Uh, And lifted his hand toward the people blessed them. And came down from offering. This in offering the burnt offering and the peace offerings verse 22.

Then Moses and earned go in and they come out. They are they survive their trip into the tabernacle they come out still alive and they bless the people again verse 23. And so, the The lord by his servants pronounces. A blessing demonstrates that they are accepted. Uh, on behalf of the people.

By their coming in and going out. And he, And they bless the people, again. Verse 23 and we know the the format of the blessing. Don't we from numbers? Chapter 6. Y'all very bless you and keep you Yahua make his face to shine upon you. You always lift up his countenance, upon you and give you peace.

And so it is the lord himself who is giving them His piece, his lord himself, who was smiling. Upon them lifting up. His face. Upon them. And thus, the glory that they see in verse 24 as a glory, not that is against them. Remember, Martin Luther before he realized that in the gospel, jesus is righteousness, is counted for us, the glory of god was not a comforting thought to him.

Because he is a sinner. And the fact that god was glorious and righteous was horrifying. Because of what it meant, god ought to do to someone like he is, who is a sinner, but if you know that the glory of god is not against you, but is for you.

By way of the tabernacle by, which he has come to dwell with you by way of the priesthood that he has given to mediate before you mediate for you by way of the sacrifices through which he atones for your sin and brings you near and safety and fellowship. If you know that as glorious for you, then his glory and power are wonderful.

Instead of horrifying. Uh, they are delightful and encouraging and strengthening And and so when the fire comes out before Yahweh, which means The fire does not come down from heaven. In this case, the fire actually starts in the holy of holies. That comes out from before yahweh where Aaron and Moses just were and they blood, they come out.

And they bless the people and then this display of god's glory is as own benediction. As it were, the fire coming out from Above the arc, where the cherubim and the are one piece with the mercy seat across. Through where the veil is, through the holy place, where the lampstand and the table for the showbread, and the ultra instance incense outside, the, the tent of the tabernacle two, the altar of the burnt offering where you had this little fire going and the fat.

And Is on top of the you got the burnt offering and then the fat on top of the meat of the burnt offering and the fire of y'all play consumes it all. And the people shout. I fall on their faces. And worship the god. Who is for them? And all of the greatness of his glory.

He hasn't. He hasn't sacrificed or diminished or restrained, his glory. He has just turned his glory for them. By his work. Through the lord jesus christ who has pictured to us and all these things. That he has provided. And so, We are in the process. We still have remaining sin.

And weakness. And And yet we know something of the glory of god in christ, we know his being for us And part of our being perfected. Part of our being sanctified in this life, is an increasing knowledge of god's glory being for us in jesus christ. But at the last, when we are perfected, it will include perfection in soul.

And perfection in mind, so that we will understand. Uh, what the lord has. Shown us in christ and we will lay hold of and appreciate. Um, with our hearts by faith. And we will worship him. And we will know that he is for us. And all of the fullness of his glory.

Through the lord, jesus. Him. His love gave to us. So, we praise god that he did this, and made this display to the israelites. But we are humbled to know. That he has given us an even greater display. Making himself known to us in his son bringing us near through the Priestly active mediation.

By his son. Let's pray. Her father in heaven, we pray that you would Glad on us and thrill us and astound us. That we would be humbled before you. Like the people who fell on their faces, that we would be amazed at you. Like the people as they shouted.

That we would know your blessing of us. In the lord jesus christ, grant these things, we ask in jesus name, Amen.