

## *A note from Kathy*

*Please read Exodus 29 twice before starting to answer the study guide. You will need some extra paper to write your answers. Ask God to speak to you as you read His word. God longs to meet with you and speak to you, and allow you to know him. God has given us his promise; if we desire to know him, if we make ourselves available and open to his word, he will make himself known.*

*Matthew 7:7-8 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened."*

## *Observation*

1. Exodus 29:1 gives instructions for setting apart Aaron and his sons to serve as priests. The Hebrew word used here is "Qadash." It is often translated as "consecrate." Go through the chapter and highlight this word every time you see it. Your translation may use the word hallow or sanctify. Now make a list of all you learn from these verses.
2. In verses 1-5, what were the Israelites instructed to bring to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting? Pay attention to the details.



3. What were Aaron and his sons to do before putting on the sacred garments?
4. What were Aaron and his sons to do with the bull, according to verse 10? What do you believe this action signifies?
5. What was the next offering mentioned in verse 15? Again, what do you see that Aaron and his sons were to do prior to slaughtering the animal?

6. What was the third offering that was to be brought before Aaron and his sons? What action do you see in verses 19-20 that was similar to the two previous sacrifices, and what was different?
7. If the blood was shed for their sin, what did placing it on their right ears, right hands, and right feet signify?
8. Verses 26-28 was very specific; what was to be the priest's portion?  
Numbers 18:11-14 gave instructions for provisions for the priests and Levites. They were to receive no inheritance when they entered the land; God provided for them. They were given part of the offerings brought by the people as their portion. They were to continually lead the people in worship.
9. What was to be done with any meat left over?  
In Verse 34, what would this action teach by their example?
10. What daily offering is described in verses 38-41? List the details.
11. Try to do some research and find the equivalent measures for "ephah" and "hin."
12. The priests have been very busy in this consecration ceremony, but who actually consecrates the Tent of the Meeting and the priests? Verse 44
13. Let's reason together for a few minutes concerning the sacrifices that Aaron, his sons, and their descendants would offer. Were the sacrifices made as a permanent payment for sin? Read Hebrews 10:1-14. What do the verses in Hebrews tell us about the priest's offering? Glean all you can.
14. If the sacrifice of animals did not take away their sins, what was the purpose? What did God long for them to see?  
It might be helpful to look at the following verses:  
**1 Samuel 15:22** But Samuel replied: "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.  
**Psalms 51:16-17** You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.  
**17** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.  
**Micah 6:6-8** With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? **7** Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? **8** He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

15. Again we have seen the phrase, “They will know that I am the LORD their God” in verse 46. If you have been with us for Exodus 1 -28 do you recall the full meaning of the word “yada,” translated as “to know”?

## *Application*

1. The religious acts involved in sacrificing animals would be meaningless unless they were done for the right reasons. What religious acts are people busy doing today that are possibly being done for the wrong reasons?
2. The priests were washed and anointed with the blood of the sacrifice in order to consecrate them unto God. Read Titus 3:5-6 and write in your own words what is taught concerning the consecration of believers.  
**Titus 3:5-6** “he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior.
3. How does John 13:7-10 help us see our need for daily cleansing? Jesus was about to wash the feet of his disciples. The disciples did not understand what Jesus was about to do. What key truth is seen in verse 10 concerning our salvation?
4. If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, how seriously are you taking your walk? Are you living in such a way that encourages obedience and reverence for God? Are your thoughts, words, and deeds going up as a sweet savor to God?
5. When you head to your place of worship, what is the desire of your heart?
6. When you arrive, what thoughts are going through your mind?

Be honest with yourself, even if you do not write your answer on paper. Stop; go back over your time at church this week. Were you thinking about what friends you would see while there? Were you pondering your roast cooking in the oven or maybe where you would eat after the service? Were you wishing someone else was with you because this sermon was really one they needed to hear? Or were you asking God to meet with you personally, to cleanse your heart, to forgive your sins, to grow more intimately in your relationship with him?

7. What aspects of God’s character have you seen this week as you have spent time in His word?
8. Is God calling you to a new level of commitment? If so, what will you do about it?