

# Biblical Examples of Consecration

- Priestly Consecration- Exo. 29, Lev. 8
  - Purpose – To minister unto the Lord in the sanctuary.
- Nazarite Consecration – Num. 6
  - Purpose – To separate unto the Lord.
- **Levites Consecration – Num. 8**
  - **Purpose – To do service for the sanctuary.**
- Prophetic Consecration – Isa. 6
  - Purpose – To prepare for proclaiming the message of God to Israel. Whom shall I send?
- Christ's Consecration – Gospel of John, Heb. 10
  - Purpose – To do the will of His Father.
- Believer's Consecration – Rom. 12
  - Purpose – To serve God in the good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

## The setting of the Levites consecration in relation to the book of Numbers

- **Preparation – Num. 1 – 10:10**
  - Configuration of the people – Num. 1- 4
  - Consecration of the people – Num. 5-8
    - Num. 5 - Offering of jealousy – unfaithful woman
    - Num. 6 – Nazarite vow, devotion to God– Faithful man or woman
    - Num. 7 12 faithful men brought offerings before God.
      - **Num. 8 – Levites consecration**
  - Communication of God's will – Num. 9 10:10
- **Problems – Num. 10:11 – 19**
- **Progress – Num. 20 -36**

## Levites Consecration- Num. 8 – Key expression –An offering NT Application – 1 & 2 Timothy

- Illumination of the Place– Num. 8:1-4
- Purification of the Levites– Num. 8:5-7
- Separation from the Israelites– Num. 8:8-13
- Possession of the Lord- Num 8:14-19
- Completion of the consecration– Num. 8:20-22
- Duration of Levites' service– Num 8:23-26

## Illumination of the place- Num. 8:1-4

- The place of the lighted candlestick is between Ch 7. offering of their **substance** and Ch.8 consecrating for the **service**.
- 1 Tim. 6:13-16 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; 14 **that thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:** 15 which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; 16 who only hath immortality, **dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto;** whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.
- Work of the candlestick – beaten gold- according to the pattern which the Lord showed unto Moses.
- 1 Tim 1:16, 17 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might **shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern** to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting. 17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## Purification of the Levites- Num. 8:5-7

- Num 8: 5-7 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 6 Take the Levites from among the children of Israel, and cleanse them. 7 And thus shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them: **Sprinkle water of purifying** upon them, and let them **shave all their flesh**, and let them **wash their clothes**, and so make themselves clean.
- 2 Tim 2:19-22 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let everyone that nameth the name of Christ **depart from iniquity**. 20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. 21 If a man therefore **purge himself from these**, he shall be a vessel unto honour, **sanctified**, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. 22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

## Separation from the Israelites- Num. 8:8-13

Num. 8:8 Burnt offering and Meat offering	Appreciation of the death of Christ is essential for anyone who wants to serve God. 2 Tim. 2:8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:
Num. 8:8 Sin offering	1 Tim 2:5-7 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. 7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.
Num. 8:9 Before the tabernacle of the congregation	1 Tim 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

## Separation from the Israelites – Num. 8:8-13

Num. 8:9 Gather the whole assembly of the children of Israel together

1 Tim 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou **an example of the believers**, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

1 Tim 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession **before many witnesses**.

Num. 8: 10  
Before the Lord

1 Tim 5:21 **I charge thee before God**, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

1 Tim 6:13 **I give thee charge in the sight of God**, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;

2 Tim 4:1 **I charge thee therefore before God**, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

## Separation from the Israelites— Num. 8:8-13

Num. 8: 10 The children of Israel shall put their hands upon the Levites.

1 Tim 4:14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the **laying on of the hands of the presbytery.**

Num. 8:11, 13, 15, 21 Aaron shall offer (wave) the Levites before the Lord

2 Tim. 4:3 **Preach the word;** be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

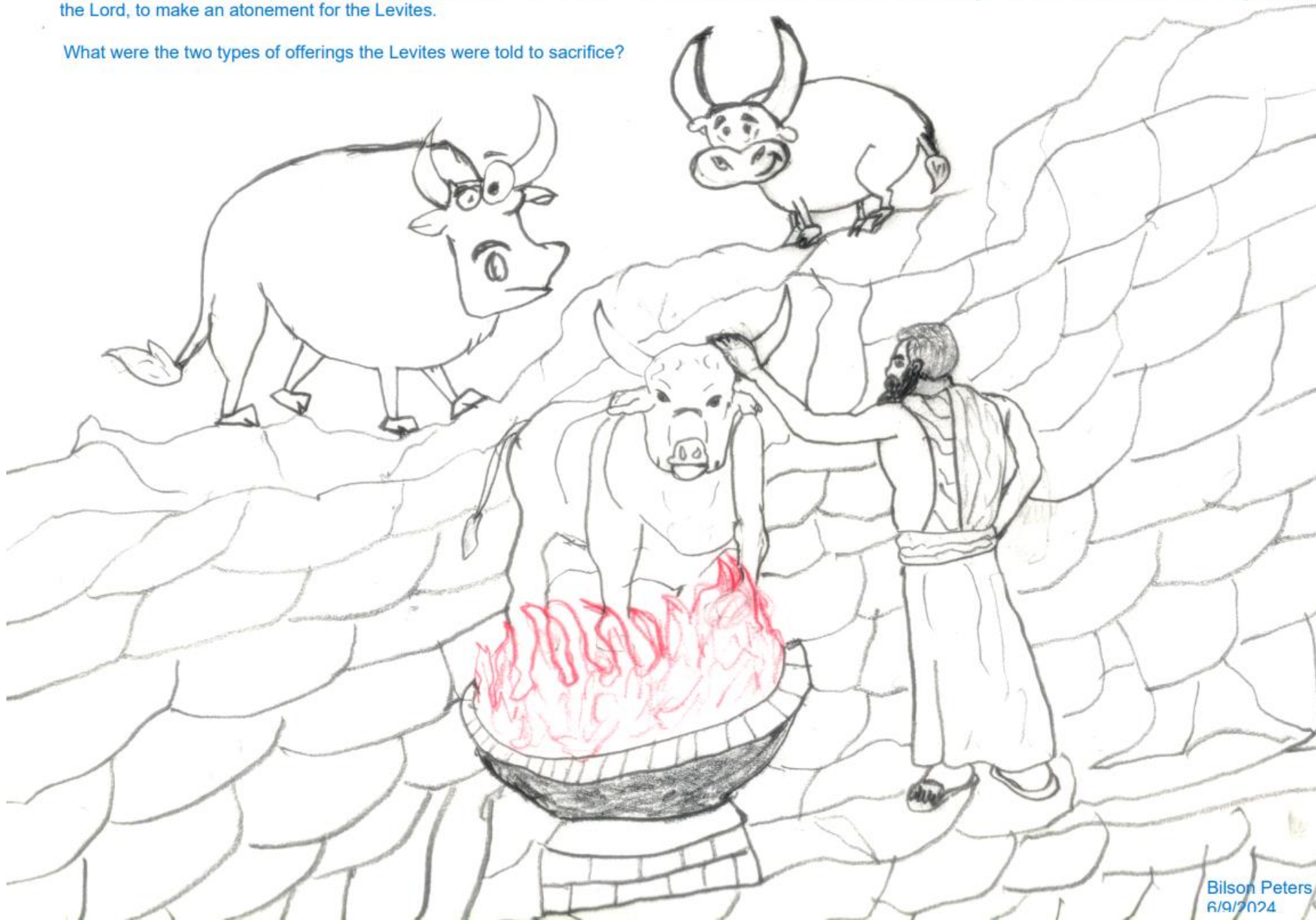
5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, **do the work of an evangelist,** make full proof of thy ministry.

6 For **I am now ready to be offered,** and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

Numbers 8 :12

12 And the Levites shall lay their hands upon the heads of the bullocks: and thou shalt offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, unto the Lord, to make an atonement for the Levites.

What were the two types of offerings the Levites were told to sacrifice?





## Possession of the Lord– Num. 8:14-19

- Num 8:14 Thus shalt thou separate the Levites from among the children of Israel: and **the Levites shall be mine.**
- 2 Tim 1:9-11 Who hath saved us, and **called us with an holy calling**, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, 10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: 11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.
- Eph 1:4-5 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 **Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children** by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

## **Completion of the consecration – Num. 8:20-22**

**Conformed to the word of God – 8:20** Did to the Levites according unto all that the Lord commanded Moses concerning the Levites

1 Tim 4:16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

2 Tim 1:13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

**Complying to the will of God – 8:21** Aaron offered them as an offering before the Lord;

2 Tim. 1:11, 12 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. 12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

**Consecrated to the work of God – Num. 8:22** As the Lord had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did they unto them.

2 Tim. 3:10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

2 Tim. 4:6, 7 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

### **Duration of Levites' service – Num. 8:23-26**

Num. 8:24 This is it that belongeth unto the Levites: from **twenty and five years** old and upward they shall go in to wait upon the service of the tabernacle of the congregation:

Num. 4:3 From **thirty years** old and upward even until fifty years old, all that enter into the host, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

1 Chr. 23:27 For by the last words of David the Levites were numbered from **twenty years** old and above:

- Num 3:15 Number the children of Levi after the house of their fathers, by their families: every male from **a month old** and upward shalt thou number them.
- 2 Tim 3:15 And that **from a child** thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
- Acts 16:1 Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, **a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus**, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek:
- 1 Tim. 1:8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but **be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel** according to the power of God;