

“... That I Might Dwell Among Them”

From Exodus 29

Reader 1: Now this is what you shall do to them to consecrate them, so that they may serve me as priests: Take one young bull and two rams without blemish, and unleavened bread, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers spread with oil. You shall make them of choice wheat flour. *You shall put them in one basket...*

Reader 2: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.

Reader 3: This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; I am the resurrection and the life; they who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live.

Reader 1: You shall bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the tent of meeting, and wash them with water. Then you shall take the vestments, and put on Aaron the tunic and the robe of the ephod, *and the breast piece, and gird him...*

Reader 2: And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Reader 3: Thus says the God who formed and created you: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.

Reader 2: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still water; he restores my soul.

Reader 1: You shall take the anointing oil, and pour it on his head and anoint him. Then you shall bring his sons, and put tunics on them...and the priesthood shall be theirs by a perpetual ordinance. You shall then ordain Aaron and his sons. You shall bring the bull *in front of the tent of meeting...*

Reader 3: John answered them: “I baptize you with water; but among you stands one whom you do not know, even he who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.”

Reader 2: And Jesus said to them: “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Reader 1: Then you shall take some of the blood that is on the altar, and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it on Aaron and his vestments and on his sons and his sons' vestments with him; then he and his vestments shall be holy, as well as his sons and his sons' vestments. You shall also take the fat of the ram... and one loaf of bread made with oil out of the basket...and you shall place all these on the palms of Aaron and his sons, and raise them as an elevation offering before the Lord. *Then you shall take them...*

Reader 3: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Reader 2: when the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from, he called the bridegroom and said, "Everyone serves the good wine first, ... but you have kept it until now."

Reader 1: The sacred vestments of Aaron shall be passed on to his sons after him; they shall be anointed in them and ordained in them. The son who is priest in his place shall wear them seven days, when he comes into the tent of meeting to minister in the holy place. *You shall take the ram...*

Reader 2: After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Reader 3: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you...Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

Reader 2: She came up behind him and touched the hem of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said: "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well."

Reader 1: seven days you shall make atonement for the altar, and consecrate it, and the altar shall be most holy; whatever touches the altar shall become holy. Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs a year old regularly each day. *One lamb you shall offer...*

Reader 2: Jesus said to her: "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father." And Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord."

Reader 3: Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Reader 1: It shall be a regular burnt offering throughout your generations at the entrance of the tent of meeting before the Lord, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there. I

will meet with the Israelites there, and it shall be sanctified by my glory, *sanctified by my glory, by my glory...*

Reader 3: In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and lofty.

Reader 2: And Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Reader 3: And after the fire, a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Reader 1: where I will meet with you, to speak to you there.

Reader 2: then God said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you stand is holy ground."

Reader 3: He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him: "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

Reader 1: where I will meet with you, *to speak to you...*

Reader 2: "Where two or three are gathered in my name..."

Reader 1: I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar; Aaron also and his sons I will consecrate, to serve me as priests, I will dwell among the Israelites, and I will be their God. And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them; I am the Lord their God, *the Lord their God...*

Reader 2: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Reader 1: And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them; I am the Lord their God, *the Lord their God...*

Reader 3: But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.

Reader 1: And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, *the Lord their God...*

Reader 2: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Reader 1: that I might dwell among them; I am the Lord their God, *the Lord your God...*

Reader 3: So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Reader 1: who brought you out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among you; *the Lord your God.*

Reader 2: As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Reader 1: And you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among you.

Reader 3: May the God of peace sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless as the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Reader 1: For I am the Lord, your God.

All: THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD.

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