

THE BLOOD AND THE OIL

Exo 29:20 *Then you shall kill the ram, and take some of its blood and put it on the tip of the right ear of Aaron and on the tip of the right ear of his sons, on the thumb of their right hand and on the big toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood all around on the altar.*

The consecration of the High Priest and his sons was very specific and highly symbolic of our relationship with our High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ. The High Priest and his sons [offspring] both went through the same identical procedure. The High Priest and his offspring were identified [made identical] with each other. In consecrating a priest, blood was applied to the right ear lobe, the right thumb, and the right big toe. Then oil was then placed over the blood in those three places. Both the order and locations of the blood and oil is significant. First the blood was applied and then, and only then, was the oil applied. First the ear was dealt with, then the hand, and then the foot, in that order. The shedding of blood in the Bible stands for redemption from the old creation [the old man]. The oil represents the anointing of the Holy Spirit- the Spirit of the new creation or new man. The blood redeems us and releases us from the sin, corruption, and control of the old creation, and the anointing oil speaks of the anointing of the Holy Spirit which empowers us to live in the dynamic grace of the new creation.

The first part of redemption deals with our relationship to God, or our connection to Him. The ear speaks of our relationship to God and our ability to converse and hear from God. God does not hear the sinner. [John 9:31] The unredeemed sinner has no legal basis to hear from God. Therefore, there must be a redemption that places the sinner into a right relationship with God so that His ear is in connection with God. The blood that was applied to the ear speaks of this. Then the blood was applied to the thumb of the hand. This speaks of the redemption of our works before God. The unredeemed sinner's works are unacceptable to God. A sinner's righteous acts are like filthy rags. [Isa. 64:6] Only by the blood of Christ are our works made acceptable to God. The ear speaks of a new relationship or standing with God and then the blood on the hand speaks of our works done in the Lord. The blood upon the hand always was applied **AFTER** it was applied to the ear. One leads to the other. Our works should be in response to our relationship with the Lord.

After this the blood was applied to the foot. This speaks of redemption of our walk before the Lord. Our walk speaks of our character. We are to walk in love. [**Eph. 5:2**] We are to walk in faith. [**1 Cor. 5:7**] We are to walk in peace. After the blood has been applied to the ear, the hand, then the foot is ready for the blood. Our character or walk in Christ is forged from our relationship with God and our doing the Word. Again, the blood was to remove the sin, corruption, and bondage of the old man or creation. We were redeemed from the futile manner of life of the old man by the blood of Christ. [**1 Pet. 1:18**] The blood of Christ is our legal grounds of emancipation from the alienation from God, our evil works, and corrupted character. We have been redeemed from all evil habits, evil tendencies, and addictions by the precious blood of the Lamb. As offspring of our High Priest Jesus Christ, we as priests have been redeemed and have had the blood applied to our ear, hand, and foot. Through the offering up and death of Jesus Christ and through His shed blood we have legal freedom from the old man, from sins, from bondages, and all else that plagued us from the fall. Once the blood was applied then the oil was applied.

The oil speaks of something different than the blood. The blood was release from the old, but the oil brings us into the power of the new. The anointing of the Holy Spirit opens up our ears to hear from God daily. It is the anointing that teaches us all things. [**1 John 2:27**] The anointing leads us into all truth and into freedom. [**John 16:13, John 8:32**] The anointing upon our spiritual ears is what allows us to really understand the Word of God. It is also the anointing of God that empowers our hands to do the works of Christ. The believer's works should come from the power of the Holy Spirit. Lastly, the anointing empowers our walk before the Lord and enables us to walk in faith, love, peace, and purity.

It is vital to understand this ceremony of consecration of priests for us to walk as priests before the Lord. We must place our faith in the blood that **has already been applied** to us which has legally freed us from the old man and his bondages, habits, and addictions. It has been applied, but the manifestation of its effective work can only be seen in manifestation when we exercise our faith in it. How often Christians confess they are bound to this habit or this thing or that thing. God says we have been redeemed from our old man and the vain way of life we lived. [**1 Peter 1:18**] This redemption or freedom was purchased by the blood of Jesus.

We need to boldly proclaim we are free from everything that proceeds from the old creation including the lusts, habits, and tendencies of the flesh, no matter how we feel or what our performance says. Be bold and say right now, "I have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb from _____." [you fill in the blank]. Doing this is vital to experience victory but it is not enough. We also need to place our faith in the oil of anointing! We do this by confessing that we now presently have the power of the Holy Spirit working in us to live holy and righteous. We need to confess that by the Spirit we have sufficient grace right now to walk in purity, freedom, holiness, righteousness, love, and power! We need to confess we have it right now! We do not need to pray that we get it sometime in the future! Faith says I have it right now! Boldly say, "I have been redeemed from the sins, habits, and tendencies of the flesh by the precious blood of Christ and I have the power and grace of God working in me right now by the Holy Spirit to live victorious in Christ!" Hallelujah! This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. [1 **John 5:4**] This faith is in the blood and anointing oil of Christ our High Priests! As His offspring we can live in the power and victory as a priest today. Praise God!