

The Present Glory

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Leviticus 9.

B. God has provided for our need for a priest.

II. The process of the priesthood.

A. The washing and setting apart of Aaron depicts Christ.

B. The eighth day symbolizes resurrection life—the power of the priest must be based upon resurrection power.

1. When we rely on supernatural power, we forgo natural power.

2. This power can never be exercised outside of a death.

3. The individual had to identify with the offering—they had to recognize there was an end to the natural resources of life.

4. God wants us to stop putting on a façade—we must die to ourselves and the old expectations of what we were supposed to be.

III. The function of the priesthood is to produce the glory of the Lord.

A. There is a new glory that gives joy where there is pain.

B. As priests, we can release the joy when despair is all around.

Application questions:

1. What does it mean to be a priest? Are all believers expected to be priests in some sense?

2. What kind of death must we undergo as Christians in order to release God's power? Explain.

3. What does it mean to release the glory of the Lord? What circumstances do you see this need in today?
