

Priests of the MOST HIGH

Numbers 3 and 4



The Family of Aaron (3:1-4)

- Three offices:
 - KING: one with absolute rule.
 - PROPHET: speaks for God to the people.
 - PRIEST: speaks for the people to God.
- **Aaron: High Priest – a picture of Christ.**
 - ★ Hebrews 2:17; 3:1; 4:14-15; 7:24-28; 8:1-3; 9:7-28; 10:19-22.
- Consequences of not doing things God's way: Nadab and Abihu (Lev. 10:1-2)

“And the LORD spoke . . .” (v. 5)

- 150x in Numbers.
- The Word of God: 2 Timothy 3:16-17.
- God, and God alone, decides what is RIGHT and what is WRONG.
- God, and God alone, decides what is FAIR. (Deuteronomy 32:3-4)

The Levites: A Gift to the High Priest (vv. 6-13)

- Son of Jacob and Leah (Genesis 29:34)
- Brothers and Sister (Genesis 35:23; 34:25)
- His sin. (Genesis 34:25-30)
- His curse. (Genesis 49:5-7)
- Their call. (Exodus 32:26; Luke 14:26-27)

- They were **separated** by God. (Numbers 1:48-53)
- They were **chosen** by God. (Deuteronomy 18:5)
- They **belonged** to the LORD. (Numbers 8:14)
- They were **presented** (*given*) by God to the Aaron, the High Priest. (Numbers 8:14)
- Their duties (service) was **determined** by God. (Numbers 3)
 - **KOHATHITES**: the Ark, the Table of Shewbread, the Lampstand, the Altars, the utensils, the screen.
 - **MERARITES**: the boards, the pillars, the sockets, the pegs (pins), the cords, and utensils.
 - **GERSHONITES**: the tents with its coverings, the door, the screen to the court.
- The Levites were God's! (v. 12)

- The Levites received no inheritance (land) – God was their inheritance! (Deut. 10:9; 18:1-2; Ezekiel 44:28).

Korah Was A Levite (Numbers 16:1-5)

- Desired “*the priesthood.*”
- Murmured against God's anointed leader.
- Was destroyed.

Learning from Numbers 3 and 4

- God's sovereignty in Numbers:
 - God is the Creator and we are His creatures. (Genesis 1:1; Psalm 24:1; Job 41:11; 1 Chronicles 29:11; Deuteronomy 10:14)
 - Life, breath, and everything is in God's hand. (Acts 17:25; Job 12:10)
 - ★ **Meditate**: A Levite could never chose to be born a Levite!
 - God is the Potter we are the clay – He decides who and what we are. (Isaiah 64:8; Jeremiah 18:4; Romans 9:20-23; Isaiah 29:16; 45:9)
 - God reigns over all of His creation. (1 Chronicles 16:31; Psalm 47:8; 93:1; 96:10; 97:1; 99:1; Daniel 4:35; Isaiah 52:7; Revelation 19:6; Matthew 10:29-30)
 - God decides where we live and directs our steps. (Acts 17:26; 28; Proverbs 16:9; 19:21; 20:24; Jeremiah 10:23)

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→ Our lives are in His hands (appointed); NOT ours. (Acts 17:26; Psalm 139:16; Acts 15:18; Job 14:5; Psalm 31:15; James 4:13-16; Ephesians 1:11)

★ **Job 12:7-25**

★ **HE IS LORD!**

★ **The Church and Her Priests**

- We are priests. (1 Peter 2:5, 9)
- We are **chosen** by God. (Ephesians 1:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Corinthians 1:27-31; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 17:14)
- We were **given** to Christ, our High Priest. (John 6:37-40; 17:2, 6, 8-9, 11, 24; 10:27-29)
- We are God's! (1 Peter 2:9; Titus 2:14; Romans 9:25-26)
 - ★ God is our portion! (Psalm 73:25-26; Romans 8:16-17)
- We are **chosen** and **saved** to **serve**. (Ephesians 2:10)
 - God decides our **gifts** (service, duties). (1 Cor 12:1-11)
 - Works were decided **before** we were even born. (Ephesians 2:10)
 - We have been **assigned** our tasks by God Himself.
 - We are to be **zealous** about our work. (Titus 2:14)
- God has ordained that His work be done in an **orderly manner**. (1 Cor. 14:40)
- God has ordained a "**hierarchy**" in His Church.
 - ☞ It is wrong to *desire* a place of service. Remember Korah!
- He appoints some to be pastors/teachers, etc. (Ephesians 4:11-12)
- He *appoints* some to be "tent peg" bearers.
- Each person in the body has been anointed and appointed by God.
- Each person is **necessary** to the church.
- Even those, who might *seem* unimportant are **NECESSARY**. (1 Corinthians 12:22)
- We cannot say, "I do not need someone!" (1 Corinthians 12:21)
- We cannot expect others to be like us! (1 Corinthians 12:17)
- We cannot expect others to *fill in* for us!
- We cannot tell others what to do! (Ephesians 1:22, 23; 5:23)

EVERY CHURCH MEMBER IS **IMPORTANT!**

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