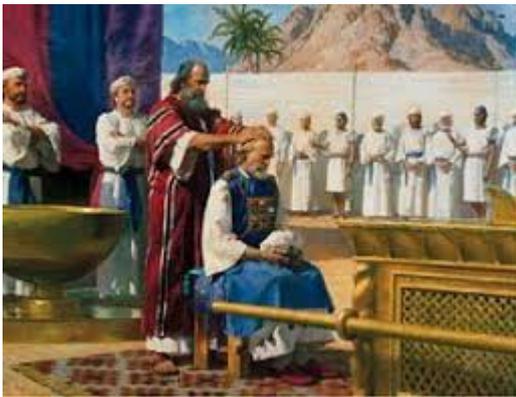


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The Dedication of Aaron and His Family Exodus 29:1-37, 40:9-16



One of the most sacred events in connection with **Tabernacle** service was **the dedication of the priests**. **The dedication of the high priest** consisted of nine acts (**Leviticus 8:7-9**), whereas that of the common priests involved but three. **The actual ceremony in the case of Aaron and his sons was performed by Moses (Leviticus 8:1-36)**. The candidate for **dedication** was taken to **the bronze basin**, and **his** body was washed with water. Following the washing, **he** was dressed with the sacred garments and dedicated with holy oil. One cannot help but be impressed with the splendor and significance of both **the priest's** garments and **his** responsibility as mediator between **God** and man. **Aaron** serves well as a type of **Christ**. **His** duties and dress all point to **the Person** and work of **Messiah** as our **high priest**. What the priesthood of **Aaron** could not do, our **Lord** is able to do, because **He** is our perfect **high priest**. **He** is a priest after the order of **Melchizedek (Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5:6, 6:20 and 7:21)**. **Melchizedek** beautifully pictures **Christ** as a type of **high priest** (see my commentary on **Hebrews Bk - The New Priesthood Lasts Forever**). **Aaron's** priesthood was only the shadow, whereas **the Messiah's** priesthood is the reality.⁶³⁶