

Sacrifices; Mark 11:25; Clothed

Only a few priests stood in for *all* Israel because all Israel was not worthy of the priesthood — only the sons of Aaron were. But that is not our Father's heart. He wanted all Israel to lift their hands and thank Him for their daily care. Rom 1 says they did not thank Him for their daily care and after a while their minds became dark and confused. After a while they forgot what God was really like and began to think of silly ideas of what God was like and what he wanted them to do (Rom 1:21). So the sons of Aaron stood for *all* Israel and for the *whole* world in the true name of God. The rest of the world could recognize Him but they did not know His name. God intended for *all* His people together — all of His set apart people to stand before Him, not just a few. God is impassioned against the clergy/laity system of the Nicolaitans.

We have the privilege of being here on the Sabbath to start the day of rest. 1 Chr 23:30 — “Stand every morning”; Mk 11:25 — “When you are standing praying” (our Master put that into the New Covenant), “and you remember that *you* have something against someone (not if you remember that someone has something against you — get that straight in your mind), if *you* have something against them, forgive them — drop it — let it go, and your heavenly Father will forgive you also.” But if you remember that someone else has something against you — something in your conscience that you did, then you must say, “Stop the sacrifice!” But these things should be taken care of before time. However, if you *have to*, it is *better* to stop the sacrifice. We cannot be dull and not notice that people are here without grace and without fellowship with the Son of God. You can tell by a person's demeanor, by their eyes, you can tell if they want to love our Master.

When you stand before Him, have *nothing* else on your mind but being before Him. When you are before the Son of God you should not be distracted by *anything*; your attention is fixed on Him; you stand in awe. As our faith grows, we will be more and more like that. The day will come when our offering will be acceptable to Him. Our offering is becoming more and more acceptable to Him. The day will come — and who can stand in that day, who can stand the purification of the sons of Levi — the daily purification process that is going on in our lives. Sometimes we feel so bad about ourselves because we said or did something like Col 3:5,8,9 talks about. Well, if we could be like Col 3:12-17, we would be the salt of the earth. So let's make sure that no one misses grace to be that way. See to it. We *must* have the ability to see to it. If we are in the flesh, we *cannot* — it is not in the range of our capabilities to make sure others are in fellowship and communion. He must be in the center of our heart. Even though He is always with us because we are sealed with Him, sometimes He is not on the throne — in the central part of us — where we are continually speaking to each other. Sometimes we are ignoring Him and going our own way. But when we do that, we need to be confessing it by telling Him the honest truth about how we have done this — how we have brought this hindrance about, and then He forgives us (Pr 28:13; 1 Jn 2:1-2). If a husband is not treating his wife like 1 Pet 3:7, if he is not treating her however the Holy Spirit says he must treat her (Col 3:19), then his prayers are hindered and he hinders the prayers of the whole household. It is such an important thing to our Father that a husband would treat his wife as a weaker vessel, that it actually hinders his prayers if he does not do so. Many things can hinder our prayers. We get letters from the other tribes how they detain their sacrifices because one person is not in fellowship. It is bringing about such a good work in them. We must all be in fellowship with the Son of God, praying for one another. What does it mean about you if you are not praying for one another? I'll tell you exactly where you are at if you are not praying for one another: You are just here for yourself and the Holy Spirit is not putting things on your heart; you are not interested enough in your brother to pray for him. If you are in such a state it means you are not asking the Holy Spirit to come upon you. You are not asking for His grace and admitting that you can do nothing without Him, you are not asking for wisdom that you need — you are in the flesh (Jn 15:5; Pr 2:1-5; Col 3:1-17). But we have to clothe ourselves with Messiah *every day* and *keep clothed*. When you believed into Him you were baptized into Him not just *in* Him, but *into* Him. You entered into Him;

you were clothed with Messiah; you put Him on you (Rom 13:14). And if He is not on you, you are naked. If you walked out here naked, you ought to know it — and everyone else would notice it too. But maybe you are so dull that you would come out here and not notice you are naked and no one wants to tell you. And then finally, Nahaliel's one and a half year old son Naphatali is the only one who is honest enough to say, "Hey, you don't have any clothes on!" In the same way, if we were to come to the sacrifice without Him on, we should know it and everyone else should notice it too. We want our Father to hear our prayers. We should be able to know if a person is dressed or not — if he is clothed with Messiah.

Zaccai is going to be restored tonight — he is going to put Messiah on, be dressed. He has been disciplined and it has born good fruit and it is time he is restored. We have to learn to live by Messiah and not by our emotions — not by anything external. Our Father wants to bring about a profound repentance in us so that we would not be carried away by our emotions, so that we would not be carried away by anything.