JANUARY 27

Read Exodus 29–31

CHAPTER 29

AND this *is* the thing that thou shalt do unto them to hallow them, to minister unto me in the priest's office: Take one young bullock, and two rams without blemish,

- 2 And unleavened bread, and cakes unleavened tempered with oil, and wafers unleavened anointed with oil: *of* wheaten flour shalt thou make them.
- 3 And thou shalt put them into one basket, and bring them in the basket, with the bullock and the two rams.
- 4 And Aaron and his sons thou shalt bring unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shalt wash them with water.
- 5 And thou shalt take the garments, and put upon Aaron the coat, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastplate, and gird him with the curious girdle of the ephod:
- 6 And thou shalt put the mitre upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the mitre.

- 7 Then shalt thou take the anointing oil, and pour *it* upon his head, and anoint him.
- 8 And thou shalt bring his sons, and put coats upon them.
- 9 And thou shalt gird them with girdles, Aaron and his sons, and put the bonnets on them: and the priest's office shall be theirs for a perpetual statute: and thou shalt consecrate Aaron and his sons.
- 10 And thou shalt cause a bullock to be brought before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the bullock.
- 11 And thou shalt kill the bullock before the LORD, *by* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.
- 12 And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar with thy finger, and pour all the blood beside the bottom of the altar.
- 13 And thou shalt take all the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul *that is* above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that *is*

upon them, and burn *them* upon the altar.

- 14 But the flesh of the bullock, and his skin, and his dung, shalt thou burn with fire without the camp: it *is* a sin offering.
- 15 ¶ Thou shalt also take one ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram.
- 16 And thou shalt slay the ram, and thou shalt take his blood, and sprinkle *it* round about upon the altar.
- 17 And thou shalt cut the ram in pieces, and wash the inwards of him, and his legs, and put *them* unto his pieces, and unto his head.
- 18 And thou shalt burn the whole ram upon the altar: it *is* a burnt offering unto the LORD: it *is* a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the LORD.
- 19 ¶ And thou shalt take the other ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram.
- 20 Then shalt thou kill the ram, and take of his blood, and put *it* upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right

foot, and sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about.

- 21 And thou shalt take of the blood that *is* upon the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle *it* upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him: and he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.
- 22 Also thou shalt take of the ram the fat and the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul *above* the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, and the right shoulder; for it *is* a ram of consecration:
- 23 And one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread that *is* before the LORD:
- 24 And thou shalt put all in the hands of Aaron, and in the hands of his sons; and shalt wave them *for* a wave offering before the LORD.
- 25 And thou shalt receive them of their hands, and burn *them* upon the altar for a burnt offering, for a sweet savour before the LORD: it *is* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.
- 26 And thou shalt take the breast of the ram of Aaron's conse-

cration, and wave it *for* a wave offering before the LORD: and it shall be thy part.

- 27 And thou shalt sanctify the breast of the wave offering, and the shoulder of the heave offering, which is waved, and which is heaved up, of the ram of the consecration, *even* of *that* which *is* for Aaron, and of *that* which is for his sons:
- 28 And it shall be Aaron's and his sons' by a statute for ever from the children of Israel: for it *is* an heave offering: and it shall be an heave offering from the children of Israel of the sacrifice of their peace offerings, *even* their heave offering unto the LORD.
- 29 ¶ And the holy garments of Aaron shall be his sons' after him, to be anointed therein, and to be consecrated in them.
- 30 And that son that is priest in his stead shall put them on seven days, when he cometh into the tabernacle of the congregation to minister in the holy place.
- 31 ¶ And thou shalt take the ram of the consecration, and seethe his flesh in the holy place.
- 32 And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that *is* in the basket, *by* the

- door of the tabernacle of the congregation.
- 33 And they shall eat those things wherewith the atonement was made, to consecrate *and* to sanctify them: but a stranger shall not eat *thereof*, because they *are* holy.
- 34 And if ought of the flesh of the consecrations, or of the bread, remain unto the morning, then thou shalt burn the remainder with fire: it shall not be eaten, because it *is* holy.
- 35 And thus shalt thou do unto Aaron, and to his sons, according to all *things* which I have commanded thee: seven days shalt thou consecrate them.
- 36 And thou shalt offer every day a bullock *for* a sin offering for atonement: and thou shalt cleanse the altar, when thou hast made an atonement for it, and thou shalt anoint it, to sanctify it.
- 37 Seven days thou shalt make an atonement for the altar, and sanctify it; and it shall be an altar most holy: whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy.
- 38 ¶ Now this *is that* which thou shalt offer upon the altar; two lambs of the first year day by day continually.

- 39 The one lamb thou shalt offer in the morning; and the other lamb thou shalt offer at even:
- 40 And with the one lamb a tenth deal of flour mingled with the fourth part of an hin of beaten oil; and the fourth part of an hin of wine *for* a drink offering.
- 41 And the other lamb thou shalt offer at even, and shalt do thereto according to the meat offering of the morning, and according to the drink offering thereof, for a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the LORD.
- 42 This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD: where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee.
- 43 And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and *the tabernacle* shall be sanctified by my glory.
- 44 And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office.
- 45 ¶ And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God.
 - 46 And they shall know that I

am the LORD their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them: I am the LORD their God.

CHAPTER 30

AND thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon: *of* shittim wood shalt thou make it.

- 2 A cubit *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof; foursquare shall it be: and two cubits *shall be* the height thereof: the horns thereof *shall be* of the same.
- 3 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, the top thereof, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns thereof; and thou shalt make unto it a crown of gold round about.
- 4 And two golden rings shalt thou make to it under the crown of it, by the two corners thereof, upon the two sides of it shalt thou make *it*; and they shall be for places for the staves to bear it withal.
- 5 And thou shalt make the staves *of* shittim wood, and overlay them with gold.
- 6 And thou shalt put it before the vail that *is* by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy seat that *is* over the testimony, where I will meet with thee.
 - 7 And Aaron shall burn thereon

sweet incense every morning: when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it.

- 8 And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at even, he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.
- 9 Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon, nor burnt sacrifice, nor meat offering; neither shall ye pour drink offering thereon.
- atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonements: once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations: it *is* most holy unto the LORD.
- 11 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
- 12 When thou takest the sum of the children of Israel after their number, then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul unto the LORD, when thou numberest them; that there be no plague among them, when *thou* numberest them.
- 13 This they shall give, every one that passeth among them that are numbered, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary: (a shekel *is* twenty gerahs:) an half

shekel *shall be* the offering of the LORD.

- 14 Every one that passeth among them that are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering unto the LORD.
- 15 The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when *they* give an offering unto the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls.
- 16 And thou shalt take the atonement money of the children of Israel, and shalt appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; that it may be a memorial unto the children of Israel before the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls.
- 17 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
- 18 Thou shalt also make a laver of brass, and his foot also of brass, to wash withal: and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein.
- 19 For Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat:
- 20 When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they

die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD:

- 21 So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them, *even* to him and to his seed throughout their generations.
- 22 ¶ Moreover the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
- 23 Take thou also unto thee principal spices, of pure myrrh five hundred *shekels*, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, *even* two hundred and fifty *shekels*, and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty *shekels*,
- 24 And of cassia five hundred *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and of oil olive an hin:
- 25 And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: it shall be an holy anointing oil.
- 26 And thou shalt anoint the tabernacle of the congregation therewith, and the ark of the testimony,
- 27 And the table and all his vessels, and the candlestick and his vessels, and the altar of incense,
 - 28 And the altar of burnt offer-

- ing with all his vessels, and the laver and his foot.
- 29 And thou shalt sanctify them, that they may be most holy: whatsoever toucheth them shall be holy.
- 30 And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that *they* may minister unto me in the priest's office.
- 31 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be an holy anointing oil unto me throughout your generations.
- 32 Upon man's flesh shall it not be poured, neither shall ye make *any other* like it, after the composition of it: it *is* holy, *and* it shall be holy unto you.
- 33 Whosoever compoundeth *any* like it, or whosoever putteth *any* of it upon a stranger, shall even be cut off from his people.
- 34 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Take unto thee sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; *these* sweet spices with pure frankincense: of each shall there be a like *weight*:
- 35 And thou shalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary, tempered together, pure *and* holy:
 - 36 And thou shalt beat some of

it very small, and put of it before the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I will meet with thee: it shall be unto you most holy.

- 37 And *as for* the perfume which thou shalt make, ye shall not make to yourselves according to the composition thereof: it shall be unto thee holy for the LORD.
- 38 Whosoever shall make like unto that, to smell thereto, shall even be cut off from his people.

CHAPTER 31

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

- 2 See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:
- 3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,
- 4 To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,
- 5 And in cutting of stones, to set *them*, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.
- 6 And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise

hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee;

- 7 The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that *is* thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle,
- 8 And the table and his furniture, and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, and the altar of incense.
- 9 And the altar of burnt offering with all his furniture, and the laver and his foot,
- 10 And the cloths of service, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office,
- 11 And the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy *place*: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.
- 12 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
- 13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it *is* a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that *ye* may know that I *am* the LORD that doth sanctify you.
 - 14 Ye shall keep the sabbath

therefore; for it *is* holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth *any* work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

- 15 Six days may work be done; but in the seventh *is* the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth *any* work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.
- 16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout

their generations, for a perpetual covenant.

- 17 It *is* a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.
- 18 ¶ And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Chapters 28—31 focus our attention on the Priest. In the Old Testament, Israel had a Priesthood. In the New Testament, all saints are a Priesthood (1 Peter 2:5,9; Revelation 1:6). There is no special order of Priests on earth today recognized by God. Any believer may come to God personally, through Jesus Christ.

In chapter 29 we see the calling of the Priests. We see in the ordination of the Priests a beautiful picture of our own experience in Christ. They are, first of all, chosen (verses 1-4a); they are cleansed (verses 1-4b); they are clothed (verses 5,6); and they are anointed (verse 7).

The responsibilities of the Priests are given in chapters 30 and 31. They were responsible for burning the incense, which is symbolic of offering prayers to God; they were responsible for collecting the shekels from the Jewish people; they were responsible for washing the laver. The laver symbolizes the cleansing power of the Word of God for the believer as he walks through this life. The Priests were also responsible for supplying the oil and incense. God gave the recipes for the anointing oil and holy incense, and He made it clear that these products were not to be imitated in any way. In chapter 30:9 God commands that no strange incense shall be offered.

Among the Priests' other duties were offering the

sacrifices, keeping the fire burning, and entering within the veil. Today, because of the shed blood of Jesus, these symbolic acts are done away with. Christ has finished the work of redemption and is now seated at the right hand of God the Father, ever making intercession for His own. Christians today have the privilege of coming into God's holy presence at any time, through Christ. The High Priest could go into The Most Holy Place but once a year. What a privilege we have, as Christians, because of the finished work of Jesus Christ!

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"Better is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich" (Proverbs 28:6).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 4: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 11.

HYMN FOR TODAY

WE'VE A STORY TO TELL Words and Music by H. Ernest Nichol, 1862-1928

A story to tell. A song to be sung. A message to give. A Saviour to show." Here is a concise summary of the task of worldwide evangelization—a gospel that must be demonstrated as well as proclaimed.

Evangelism began well. The early Christians,

though often fiercely persecuted by the Romans, were successful. By A.D. 380, Christianity was recognized as the official religion throughout the empire. Yet for the next 1,000 years and more, the flame of evangelism burned low. The 16th century Protestant Reformation movement saw a brief revival of evangelical fervor, but not until the 18th century did Protestants make their first serious attempt to organize missionary work. The expansion of missions in the 18th and 19th centuries was clearly connected with the waves of revival that were sweeping across Europe and North America.

Since the close of World War II, the cause of world missions has grown markedly. It is estimated that presently more than 250,000 missionaries are sent out every year, with many of these workers coming from Third World countries.

But the task is far from finished. More than twothirds of the world's population is yet unreached with the good news of Christ. The Wycliffe Bible translators report that there are still 723 tribes without a Bible translation. Nearly every mission board desperately needs more workers.

"We've a Story to Tell" was written and composed by an English musician, H. Ernest Nichol, in 1896. These words are still widely sung by young and old alike and represent the missionary zeal that should always burn in our hearts:

We've a story to tell to the nations that shall turn their hearts to the right,

a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.

We've a song to be sung to the nations that shall lift their hearts to the Lord;

a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword.

and shatter the spear and sword.

We've a message to give to the nations—that the Lord who reigneth above

hath sent us His Son to save us and show us that God is love.

and show us that God is love.

We've a Saviour to show to the nations who the path of sorrow hath trod,

that all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God,

might come to the truth of God.

Chorus:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,

and Christ's great kingdom shall come to earth, the kingdom of love and light.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY 1756

MOZART WAS BORN.

Thank God for his music and for all good music. In these days of perverted musical appetites, let us thank God for good music.

1832

THE BIRTHDAY OF LEWIS CARROLL.

Lewis Carroll was author of "Alice in Wonderland."

1855

THE BIRTHDAY OF HENRY CROWELL.

Henry Crowell was one of the great men in the history of Moody Bible Institute. Pray today for Moody Bible Institute and Bible institutes everywhere that God will keep them faithful to the truth and keep the fires of evangelism burning in them.

1880

EDISON PATENTED THE ELECTRIC INCANDESCENT LAMP.

My, what a blessing this is! Thank God for electric lights. Think what life would be without them. Here is another thing that we often take for granted.

1885

THE BIRTHDAY OF JEROME KERN.

1907

THE BIRTHDAY OF THEODORE EPP

Theodore Epp is the founder of the famous "Back to the Bible" broadcast. Someone has said that Theodore Epp speaks to more people every day than does any living man. Theodore Epp's favorite Scripture is Psalms 37:4,5. "Delight thyself also in the Lord, and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him: and He shall bring it to pass."

1929

THE BIRTHDAY OF JIM LYONS.

For twelve years, Jim Lyons served with Jack Hyles in some capacity in the Lord's work—as deacon, music director, or associate pastor. He is now an evangelist. Pray for God's blessings upon him and all faithful evangelists everywhere.

A Christian Life:

DAVID BRAINERD 1718-1747

Missionary to the American Indians. David Brainerd was born April 20, 1718, at Hatham, Connecticut. His early years were spent in an atmosphere of piety though his father died when David was nine and his mother died five years later. As a young man he was inclined to be melancholy, with the welfare of his soul ever before him. His entire youth was divided between farming, reading the Bible, and praying.

Early in life, he felt the call to the ministry and looked forward almost impatiently to the day when he could preach the Gospel. His formal education consisted of three years at Yale, where he was an excellent student until ill health forced him to return home. He completed his studies privately until he was fitted and licensed to preach by the Association of Ministers in Fairfield County, Connecticut. He turned down the offers of two pastorates in order to preach the Gospel to the American Indians.

Jonathan Edwards wrote of him, "And, having put his hand to the plow, he looked not back, and gave himself, heart, soul, and mind, and strength, to his chosen mission with unfaltering purpose, with apostolic zeal, with a heroic faith that feared no danger and surmounted every obstacle, and with an earnestness of mind that wrought wonders on savage lives and whole communities."

Brainerd did his greatest work by prayer. He was in the depths of the forests alone, unable to speak the language of the Indians. But he spent whole days in prayer, praying simply that the power of the Holy Ghost might come upon him so greatly that the Indians would not be able to refuse the Gospel message.

Once he preached through a drunken interpreter, a man so intoxicated that he could hardly stand up. Yet scores were converted through that sermon.

Plagued by ill health and the hardships of the primitive conditions, he died at the early age of 29, at the home of Jonathan Edwards, to whose daughter he was engaged.

After his death, William Carey read his diary and went to India. Robert McCheyne read it and went to the Jews. Henry Martyn read it and went to India. Though it was not written for publication, his diary influenced hundreds to yearn for the deeper life of prayer and communion with God, and also moved scores of men to surrender for missionary work.



The Treasure Path to Soul Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS: DEFINITE ASSURANCE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO EXPERIENCE NEW BIRTH (Assignment 4)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning" link back on the DailyKJV page.)