

## FINDING YOUR GOD INTENDED PURPOSE IN LIFE

### “OUR OWN SINS FIRST”

Hebrews 5:1-4. “Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. And no one takes this honour upon himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.”

Every Christian has a calling from God. Some have a big calling others have a small calling but whether big or small, every calling is important. By calling, I mean called to do a specific work for him. In the above scriptures it talks about the calling of a high priest. When God brought the Nation of Israel out of Egypt, he appointed one particular family to be priests to represent the people in matters relating to Himself. They were to offer sacrifices unto God on behalf of the nation. One of them was appointed to be the high priest who once a year offered a special sacrifice for the sins of the whole nation.

To be the high priest was a great honour and a great responsibility, notice what the verse says, “No one takes this honour upon himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.” No one could say, “I think I will become the high priest so I can be important.” No, no, you had to be called by God for the job. It is the same today, God calls and appoints and gifts Christians for the work he wants them to do.

The first one to become high priest was Aaron, the brother of Moses who God had called to bring the nation of Israel out of slavery. God didn't call Moses to be high priest, he called him to be the leader and deliverer of Israel, each to his own calling, just as it is today, we each have our own calling from God.

You would think to be called to be high priest you would have to be very holy, very squeaky clean to be picked by God for that job. The truth is, if God is going to use any human being he has to use someone who is a sinner because everyone belonging to the human race has sinned, come short of God's standard. That's why the high priest has to offer a sacrifice for his own sins first before he can offer sacrifices for others.

So let's look at Aaron and see what kind of person he was. Moses had, under God, brought the people of Israel out of slavery in Egypt and he had gone up Mount Sinai to get instructions from God, let's read what happened, Exodus 32:1-4. “When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, “Come make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.”

Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." What! Is this the man God chose to be high priest? Look! how weak he is, he gives into people pressure and breaks the first two of the ten commandments. "You shall have no other gods before me." "You shall not make an image and bow down and worship it." We would probably think God had made a mistake, but God chose him and who are we to question God.

Two lessons we can learn from this, when we hold back from serving God because we are ashamed of some failure in our lives and feel too unworthy to exercise a gift and calling he has given us, remember Aaron, despite his failure, God had called him, appointed him and God wanted him to fulfil it. So too with us, confess your failure to God let him cleanse you from it and go forward in the work he has given you to do. God can't use perfect people because there isn't any, so he uses what he has got. He wants to use you! Don't hold back be all God wants you to be.

The other lesson is when you see someone being used of God and you know about their past failures and you think some things they are doing now are not what they should be, don't judge them, pray for them, God has given them a calling despite their failings and He will deal with his servant and his failings.

Let each one of us rise up from all our faults and failings, weaknesses and other people's opinions and say, "Here I am Lord, you still have a lot of work to do in me but I give myself to you for you to use me in the calling you have for me, Amen."

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HERE I AM LORD,  
TAKE ME, WASH ME,  
USE ME FOR YOUR GLORY.



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