

# 1 Chronicles 23:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The sons of Amram; Aaron and Moses: and Aaron was separated, that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons for ever, to burn incense before the LORD, to minister unto him, and to bless in his name for ever.

## Analysis

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The description of Aaron's consecration: 'Aaron was separated, that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons for ever, that he should burn incense before the LORD, to minister unto him, and to bless in his name for ever.' Aaron's line was 'separated' (hivdil - set apart) for unique priestly functions - sanctifying holy things, burning incense, ministering, and pronouncing blessings. The repetition 'for ever' emphasizes the perpetual nature of this priesthood. Yet Hebrews 7-10 shows this earthly priesthood pointed to Christ, the eternal High Priest whose ministry truly is 'forever.' Believers now participate in Christ's priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices and blessings.

## Historical Context

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David's organization of Levites (c. 975 BCE) prepared for Solomon's temple by systematizing priestly duties. This structure, though modified post-exile, shaped Judaism until the temple's destruction in 70 CE, when Christ's priesthood was revealed as the fulfillment.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does understanding your calling as part of Christ's royal priesthood affect your daily life and worship?
2. What 'spiritual incense' - prayers and praises - are you offering as a priest before God?

## Interlinear Text

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אֶהְרֹן	וַיִּדָּל	וּמֹשֶׁה	אֶהְרֹן	עַמְרָם	וּבָנָיו
Aaron	was separated	and Moses	Aaron	of Amram	The sons
H175	H914	H4872	H175	H6019	H1121
עוֹלָם:	עַד	וּבָנָיו	הוא	קִדְּשׁ יָם	קִדְּשׁ יָם
ever	for	The sons	H1931	holy things	holy things
H5769	H5704	H1121		H6944	H6944
בְּשֵׁם יְיָ	וּלְבָרְךָ	לְשִׁמְתְּךָ	יְהוָה	לִפְנֵי	לְהַקְטִיר
in his name	unto him and to bless	to minister	the LORD	before	to burn incense
H8034	H1288	H8334	H3068	H6440	H6999
עוֹלָם:	עַד				
ever	for				
H5769	H5704				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 6:20** (References Moses): And Amram took him Jochebed his father's sister to wife; and she bare him Aaron and Moses: and the years of the life of Amram were an hundred and thirty and seven years.

**Deuteronomy 21:5** (Blessing): And the priests the sons of Levi shall come near; for them the LORD thy God hath chosen to minister unto him, and to bless in the

name of the LORD; and by their word shall every controversy and every stroke be tried:

**1 Samuel 2:28** (Parallel theme): And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel?

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