

Exodus 29:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

The consecration ram's blood applied to Aaron's right ear, thumb, and toe symbolizes that priests must hear God's word (ear), act on it (thumb/hand), and walk in it (toe/foot). Blood application sanctifies these members for holy service. Christ's blood sanctifies our hearing, working, and walking—our complete life consecrated through His atonement. The right side emphasizes the place of honor and strength.

Historical Context

The blood application ceremony was unique to priestly consecration, marking the priests as blood-sanctified for service. This visible sign testified to their cleansing and separation for God's purposes.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's blood sanctify your hearing, working, and walking?
2. What does the 'right' (ear, hand, foot) emphasis teach about strength in service?

Interlinear Text

עַל נִגְתַּת הַפְּدָס וְשִׁמְטָת אֶת רֵאֵל וְלִקְרָב מִפְּדָס וְנִתְמַתֵּת הַפְּדָס
Then shalt thou kill the ram and take of his blood and put

בְּנֵי אֶזְרָאֵל עַל אֶזְרָאֵל וְלִקְרָב מִפְּדָס וְלִקְרָב מִפְּדָס
and upon the tip of Aaron and upon the tip ear of his sons

עַל פִּימָנִית יְדֵם בְּקַנְעָן עַל פִּימָנִית יְדֵם
of the right hand and upon the great toe of the right

עַל פִּימָנִית יְתֵךְ בְּקַנְעָן אֶת זְבַחַת וְלִקְרָב מִפְּדָס
and upon the great toe foot of the right and sprinkle of his blood

סְבִיבָן כְּפָזֶב
upon the altar round about

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