

# Leviticus 8:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And Moses brought Aaron's sons, and put coats upon them, and girded them with girdles, and put bonnets upon them; as the LORD commanded Moses.**

This verse falls within the section on **Consecration of Aaron and Sons**. The ordination ceremony established the Aaronic priesthood, involving washing, anointing, and sacrifice—prefiguring Christ's priesthood.

The Aaronic priesthood mediated between God and Israel, offering sacrifices and maintaining the tabernacle. This prefigured Christ's superior priesthood after the order of Melchizedek.

Every sacrifice and ritual in Leviticus points forward to Jesus Christ, who fulfills the entire sacrificial system as both perfect sacrifice and eternal high priest.

## Historical Context

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The ordination ceremony established the Aaronic priesthood, involving washing, anointing, and sacrifice—prefiguring Christ's priesthood. Chapters 8-10 describe the priesthood's consecration and early ministry. Aaron and his sons received special anointing for their mediatorial role between God and Israel. The tragic account of Nadab and Abihu (ch. 10) demonstrates that approaching God requires reverence and obedience. Ancient Near Eastern cultures had various sacrificial

systems, but Israel's sacrificial worship was unique in its ethical foundation, monotheistic framework, and emphasis on atonement rather than appeasement. Unlike pagan rituals focused on manipulating deities, Israel's sacrifices acknowledged God's sovereignty and sought reconciliation based on His gracious provision. Ancient sacrificial texts from cultures surrounding Israel demonstrate the widespread practice of animal sacrifice, but Israel's system uniquely emphasized moral atonement over magical efficacy.

## **Related Passages**

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## **Study Questions**

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1. How does Christ's superior priesthood, prefigured in this verse, assure you of access to God and effective intercession?
2. How does understanding the purpose behind God's laws help you obey Him from the heart rather than mere duty?
3. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?

## Interlinear Text

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וּקָרָה ב	מֹשֶׁה:	אֶת	בְּנֵי י	אַהֲרֹן	וּלְבָשׁ ׀	כִּתְּנוֹת
brought	And Moses	H853	sons	Aaron's	and put	coats
H7126	H4872		H1121	H175	H3847	H3801
וַיַּחֲגֹר	אֹתָם	אֲבָנֵי ט	וַיָּחַב שׁ	לָהֶם	מִגְבָּעֹת	
upon them and girded	H853	them with girdles	and put	H0	bonnets	
H2296		H73	H2280		H4021	
כָּאֵשׁ ר	צִוָּה	יְהוָה	אֶת	מֹשֶׁה:		
H834	commanded	upon them as the LORD	H853	And Moses		
	H6680	H3068		H4872		

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