

# Leviticus 8:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And he put all upon Aaron's hands, and upon his sons' hands, and waved them for a wave offering before the LORD.**

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. The five main offerings (burnt, grain, peace, sin, and guilt) addressed different aspects of relationship with God, all fulfilled in Christ's comprehensive sacrifice.

The access to God's presence that Leviticus carefully regulated is now freely available through Christ's blood, tearing the veil and opening the way to God.

## 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. Archaeological discoveries at sites like Ugarit reveal Canaanite religious practices Israel's laws explicitly rejected, confirming the Bible's historical reliability and the distinctiveness of Israelite worship.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## 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. What does this verse teach about the costliness of true worship and dedication to God?
3. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?

## Interlinear Text

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וְיַדְךָ	וְאַתָּה	לְעַל	פָּנֶיךָ	כֹּפֶר	בְּעַל	אַבְרָהָם	לְעַל	כֹּפֶר	בְּעַל
<b>And he put</b>	H853	H3605	H5921	<b>hands</b>	<b>all upon Aaron's</b>	H175	H5921	<b>hands</b>	H3709
H5414									
וְעַל	בְּנֵי	תְּנַוְּךָ	הַ	אֶת	כָּל	יְנֵךְ	לְפָנֶיךָ	וְהַ	לְפָנֶיךָ
<b>and upon his sons</b>	<b>and waved</b>	H853	H8573	<b>them for a wave offering</b>			<b>before</b>	<b>the LORD</b>	
H1121	H5130						H6440	H3068	