

# Leviticus 8:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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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 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. 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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**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## 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 reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיַּעַשׂ	אָהֲרֹן	וּבָנָיו	אֵת	כָּל	הַדְּבָרִים	אֲשֶׁר	צִוָּה
did	So Aaron	and his sons	H853	H3605	all things	H834	commanded
H6213	H175	H1121			H1697		H6680
הַ	יְהוָה	בְּיַד	מֹשֶׁה:				
which the LORD	by the hand	of Moses					
H3068	H3027	H4872					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Deuteronomy 12:32** (Parallel theme): What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

