

# Leviticus 8:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**And he put the mitre upon his head; also upon the mitre, even upon his forefront, did he put the golden plate, the holy crown; 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 central theme of Leviticus is God's holiness and the call for His people to be holy. The Hebrew word qadosh (קָדוֹשׁ) means 'set apart' or 'sacred,' emphasizing both separation from sin and consecration to God's purposes.

The holiness demanded in Leviticus becomes possible through Christ, who both satisfies God's righteous requirements and transforms believers by His Spirit.

## Historical Context

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 texts like the Code of Hammurabi show that law codes were common in the ancient Near East, but biblical law uniquely grounded ethics in God's character rather than merely social convention.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's holiness, as revealed in this verse, shape your understanding of worship, obedience, and daily living?
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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| <b>And he put</b> |            | H853 | <b>also upon the mitre</b> | H4701  | H5921 | <b>upon his head</b> |    | <b>And he put</b> |            | H5921 |
| H7760             |            |      |                            |        |       | H7218                |    | H7760             |            |       |

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| <b>also upon the mitre</b> | H413      | H4136       | <b>even upon his forefront</b> | H6440   |     | H853 |     | H853 |     | H6731 |
| H4701                      |           |             |                                |         |     |      |     |      |     |       |

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| <b>Moses</b> | H853 | <b>as the LORD</b> | H3068 | <b>commanded</b> | H6680   | <b>the holy</b> | H834     | <b>the golden</b> | H2091 | <b>crown</b> | H5145 | <b>the</b> | H6944   | <b>the</b> | H5145    | <b>the golden</b> | H2091 |
| H4872        |      | H3068              |       | H6680            |         | H834            |          | H2091             |       | H5145        |       | H6944      |         | H5145      |          | H2091             |       |

