

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

People on the Move: The book of Numbers

Part 8: Priests and Levites

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. Today we are continuing our study of the book of Numbers written by the prophet Moses. Today we're going to study about the priests and the Levites. You'll be surprised how many valuable lessons we can learn for our lives today.

1. Called to a special work
 - a. What was the difference between the work of the priests and the work of the Levites?
 - i. Numbers 18:1-7
 - b. How do we see a similar division of responsibilities in the Christian church?
 - i. 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, 27-28
 - ii. Ephesians 4:11-13
 - iii. Romans 12:4-8
 - c. How can you discover the special work that God is calling you to do?
 - d. How can we view our special work as a gift rather than a chore?
2. Care for those in full-time ministry
 - a. For the priests: Numbers 18:8-20
 - b. For the Levites: Numbers 18:21-32
 - i. Genesis 14:18-20
 - ii. Genesis 28:22
 - iii. Leviticus 27:30
 - iv. Malachi 3:8-10

- c. In NT times
 - i. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7
 - ii. Matthew 23:23
 - d. Why does the Lord also ask those who are supported by tithe to also return a tithe to the Lord?
 - i. Numbers 18:26-29
 - e. What blessings have you noticed in your own life as you have returned a faithful tithe for the support of those in full-time ministry?
3. The sacrifice of a red heifer
 - a. Numbers 19:1-2
 - i. What clues do you hear even in these first two verses regarding the symbolism attached to the red heifer?
 - b. Numbers 18:3-10
 - i. Why do you think the heifer was sacrificed "outside the camp"?
 1. Hebrews 13:12
 - c. The water of cleansing – Numbers 18:11-13
 - i. The water of cleansing is for everyone.
 - ii. Romans 5:15-19
 - iii. 1 Peter 2:24
 - iv. 1 John 1:9
 - d. What does it mean to you today to know that water of cleansing is available for you because of the atoning sacrifice of Jesus?
 - e. Have you ever met anyone who felt dirty, defiled? How can you share with them the good news of what Jesus has provided for them?