

“Take the anointing oil and anoint the Tabernacle and all its furnishings to consecrate them and make them holy. Anoint the altar of burnt offering and its utensils to consecrate them. Then the altar will become absolutely holy. Next anoint the washbasin and its stand to consecrate them.” Exodus 40:9-11 NLT

## [lectio] // EXODUS 40:1-15

listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

This is where it started. Instructions, from God, on how the tent/dwelling (tabernacle), was to be set up. This is the part where things and people are “consecrated” or set apart for God’s purposes. Next God commands that Moses do the same for Aaron and his sons (not daughters). “Dress Aaron with the sacred garments and anoint him, consecrating him to serve me as a priest. Then present his sons and dress them in their tunics. Anoint them as you did their father, so they may also serve me as priests. With their anointing, Aaron’s descendants are set apart for the priesthood forever, from generation to generation.” Sounds permanent. Is this entire process repeated AFTER Christ is risen and has taken the position of the last high priest? Are places, things and people still required to be anointed and consecrated as priests? How would someone know if they were a direct descendant of Aaron, especially as a gentile? What symbolism, what requirements carry over into New Covenant/modern Church times? Can we “borrow” or “select” certain practices and apply them to our modern New Covenant practices? Where is the modern-day tent/tabernacle, the holy dwelling of God? Where are the modern-day priests that fulfill the requirements of fulfilling God’s Old Covenant commands in a New Covenant scenario? Is it necessary, helpful to use bits and pieces of the Old Covenant system to please God and communicate the New Covenant gospel?

## [oratio]

pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

I’m torn and a bit confused about “knowing” the Old Covenant purposes and practices and actually “fulfilling” those today. I do not want to seem contrary, but I am curious. How much, if any, of Old Covenant principles and practices should be brought into a New Covenant experience in the church today? It matters greatly! Many of the church expressions are linked to the Old with little to no explanation as to why or how they fit today. Please help me be an encouragement to younger leaders and not steer them down the wrong path.

## [contemplatio]

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root