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**“The Power of Consecration”**

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# The Power of Consecration

Consecrate: (Hebrew “Qadash”) To be, to cause to be, make, pronounce, or observe as **holy** (set apart / specially dedicated / not for common usage).

## Leviticus 8:10-12

<sup>10</sup> Also Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that *was* in it, and consecrated them. <sup>11</sup> He sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times, anointed the altar and all its utensils, and the laver and its base, to consecrate them. <sup>12</sup> And he poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him, to consecrate him.

- In this same manner God called for all priests to be consecrated for service to God, every priest must be consecrated!!! This is significant considering that we, the church, are now also the priesthood of God:

### 1 Peter 2:9

• But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

- God calls for his people to actively consecrate themselves

## Leviticus 20:6-7

**6** 'And the person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them, I will set My face against that person and cut him off from his people. **7** Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I *am* the LORD your God.

- The Scriptures definitely illustrate that there is power from God associated with the consecration of oneself.

## Matthew 17:14-21

**14** And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, **15** "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic\* and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. **16** So I brought him to

Your disciples, but they could not cure him." **17** Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." **18** And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. **19** Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" **20** So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. **21** However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

- Prayer and fasting are the two most normative ways a person may consecrate (set themselves apart unto God) himself.
- Jesus Himself did not even begin his ministry until he first went away into the wilderness (separated Himself) and consecrated Himself to the Lord by fasting and prayer

### Matthew 4:1-4

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. **2** And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. **3** Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." **4** But He answered and said, "*It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'*"

- Also observe, when Jesus had consecrate himself to the Lord forty days and forty nights, then the tempter came to him, but Jesus, though His flesh was made weak through fasting, His spirit was strong through prayer and **internal dedication** to God, and so he soundly defeated every temptation of the enemy by simply trusting in, and quoting, the written word.
- Make no mistake about it, when you consecrate yourself to the LORD by fasting and prayer, you are humbling yourself, making yourself low in acknowledgement that God is higher (mightier, wiser, of greater value) than you. Thusly, to humble oneself through consecration is worship.

- When a person humbles himself before the Lord, he exalts God in His inward man, and though he may appear to men to be lowered, the scripture says that God Himself will exalt (lift up, make higher, mightier, wiser, more valuable) such a person:

### James 4:10

**10** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

- If we, as a people, desire to experience God in a mightier way, we must prepare ourselves for the presence of God lest his very glory be the death of us.



## Joshua 3:5

**5** And Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you."

- The power of God is too much for the carnal man to withstand, we must become more spiritual, we must draw closer to God with our inner man before we can stand to be blessed by his weighty presence (glory). If we attempt to get closer to him (by way of consecration) we can be assured that He will bring Himself closer to us

## James 4:7-8

**7** Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. **8**


Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded.

- James was also making it quite clear that part of drawing closer to God was to separate oneself from sin and wickedness, "Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded."
- Whereas consecrating yourself to God through fasting and prayer is a mighty way to secure your victory over the schemes and devices of the devil, if we are in sin, if we harbor sin or **make allowance** for it, we negate our righteousness and cancel our own victory. A person who **continues** in sin cannot grow close to God.

### Isaiah 59:1-2

**1** Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, That it **cannot** save; Nor His ear heavy, That it **cannot** hear. **2** But your **iniquities** have **separated** you from your God; And your **sins** have **hidden *His* face from you**, So that He **will** not hear.<sup>10</sup>

- 2021 is the year of new doors. If you are to enter the new doors that God is opening for you, you will need to grow closer to God first. Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you! (Joshua 3:5)
- Let us draw near to God by dedicating ourselves, our time, and our attention to knowing Him more deeply and obeying Him more consistently. Our goal should be to be in tune with the Holy Spirit so that we might live in harmony with His ways. His favor will fall on those who diligently seek Him. This is the power of consecration!



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