

## School of Prayer—Consecration

### What is Consecration:

**Definition of Consecration:** It is the act of setting oneself apart for God's purposes; aligning with His holiness; dedication to His will; to make or declare sacred.

- Consecration is used 263 times in Bible
- It is to set something apart from profane/ordinary use -II Timothy 2:20-21
- It is to bring every thought, word and deed under the leading of the Holy Spirit
- It is setting apart a person, building or object for God ( we can consecrate time, possessions, wealth, reputation, family, relationships, accomplishments, and ministry)
- Places were set apart as Holy in the Scriptures—Eden, Tabernacle, Temple, Jesus, Church as His Temple—large portions of scripture describe the process.
- Consecration is not an outward act to be performed (with the Tabernacle and Temple—the priests washed their bodies with water, but cleansing for sin required blood—NT: washed by the water of the Word and cleansed by the blood of the Lamb)
- Consecration is whole-hearted devotion and the way His will is done on earth as it is in heaven.
- Being 'set apart' is not a holy 'time out'. It is devotion to the will and ways of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit—without any mixture. Mixture will always create an obstacle to obedience.

- **Consecration allows access to a Holy God**

- Leaders: Moses- Exodus 3:5—remove sandals  
Exodus 19:5-6, 10-11

Joshua-Joshua 3:5: Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you—it is not just about personal holiness, but anticipating and works of God

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- Priests OT: Exodus 30:30
- Priests NT: John 17:13-19  
I Peter 2:9-12

### How do you Consecrate yourself to God:

- **Respond to His invitation:** James 4:6-8: But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double minded. (II Chronicles 15:2—...the Lord is with you when you are with Him)
- **Devote yourselves:**
  - To prayer, being watchful and thankful—Colossians 4:2
  - To the public reading of Scripture—I Timothy 4:13
  - Devote your heart and soul to seeking the Lord your God—I Chronicles 22:19
  - May your hearts be fully committed to the Lord our God, to live by His decrees and obey His commands, at this time.
  - Ephesians 4:22-24: ...that in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.
- **Repent from your sins and repent to His will and purposes**
  - Confession is how we repent FROM
  - Consecration is how we repent TO

- Do not mix up confession and consecration—confession is to acknowledge sin, iniquity and weakness, Consecration is to give oneself over to the will of the Lord and walk in His ways.
- **Affirm your faith and Prioritize sacred things**