

TORAH, GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS
LEVITICUS 21 – 22 - STANDARDS FOR THE PRIESTS

Say - Welcome to Sabbath School class. Let's bow our head and ask God for understanding as we continue our study of the book of Leviticus.

Leviticus 21

Say – Standards for the priests of God to exalt the priesthood of God.

¹And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto the priests the sons of Aaron, and say unto them, There shall none be defiled for the dead among his people (Priests were not allowed to touch the dead except for his kin.): But for his kin, that is near unto him, that is, for his mother, and for his father, and for his son, and for his daughter, and for his brother. ³And for his sister a virgin, that is nigh unto him, which hath had no husband; for her may he be defiled.

⁴But he shall not defile himself, being a chief man (high priest, a leader) among his people, to profane himself (The High Priest had to be pure to offer sacrifices for the people.).

⁵They shall not make baldness upon their head, neither shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh (Don't follow after the priests of Baal who followed after superstition of their false gods. They used this as a way to contact their false gods and all was inspired by demons. God said don't do it because I do not want to be worshipped as Baal.).

Say – Who was Baal? The word “Baal” means lord, possessor, or Husband and he was a Reubenite, see I Chronicles 5:5. Usually Baal refers to the farm god of the Phoenicians and the Canaanites and he was responsible for abundant harvests and flocks. Each locality had its own Baal; you see it as “Baal-Peor”, a Moabitish deity, “Baal-Gad” a place in Syria and many other names. The word “Baalim” is plural. Baal was worshipped on high places with sexual interest, self-torture and human sacrifice. Jezebel, Ahab's wife, from the Phoenician city of Tyre, worshipped Baal and soon Ahab built an alter to Baal and led the Nation of Israel into sin. Some of the above information came from The New compact Bible dictionary, page 66, and some from the Lexicon.

The law of God said ³Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. (Why?) ⁴For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly. ⁵But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their

graven images with fire. ⁶For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth” (It is still the same today.) Deuteronomy 7:3-6.

⁶They shall be holy unto their God (separated or set apart and sacred to do the work of God), and not profane the name of their God: for the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and the bread (food of all kinds) of their God, they do offer: therefore they shall be holy (The priests were a representative of the bride of God and represented Christ.), ⁴³“And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by my glory. ⁴⁴And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office. ⁴⁵And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God” Exodus 29:43-45.).

⁷They shall not take a wife that is a whore (harlot), or profane (unholy); neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband: for he is holy unto his God (However God commanded Hosea to take a harlot to show Israel they were harlots, Hosea 1:2-3.).

⁸Thou shalt sanctify him therefore; for he offereth the bread of thy God: he shall be holy unto thee: for I the LORD (Jehovah), which sanctify you, am holy (And the high priest is to be holy unto the people.).

⁹And the daughter of any priest, if she profane herself by playing the whore, she profaneth her father (people would ask why did the high priest not teach her the truth of God): she shall be burnt (up) with fire.

¹⁰And he that is the high priest among his brethren, upon whose head the anointing oil was poured, and that is consecrated (Is holy unto God.) to put on the garments, shall not uncover his head, nor rend his clothes (Instructions for the high priest were greater than for other people because the anointing oil was poured upon him and it was called “the crown of the anointing oil of his God” see verse 12.); ¹¹Neither shall he go in to any dead body (unless close of kin), nor defile himself for his father, or for his mother; ¹²Neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD (I want you holy.).

¹³And he shall take a wife in her virginity (could not be divorced, read Ezekiel 44:22 ²²“Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away: but they shall take maidens of the seed (descendant or offspring) of the house of Israel, or a widow that had a priest before”). ¹⁴A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, or an harlot, these shall he not take: but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife .

¹⁵Neither shall he profane his seed (descendant) among his people: for I the LORD do sanctify him (holy, set apart, pure).

Say – Verses 16 - 24 are the rules for any blemishes of the priests and their descendants and the children of Israel.

¹⁶And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ¹⁷Speak unto Aaron, saying, Whosoever he be of thy seed in their generations that hath any blemish, let him not approach to offer the bread of his God. ¹⁸For whatsoever man he be that hath a blemish, he shall not approach: a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a flat nose (any deformity of the nose), or any thing superfluous (anything long or excessive), ¹⁹Or a man that is brokenfooted, or brokenhanded, ²⁰Or crookback, or a dwarf, or that hath a blemish in his eye (defected vision or cataract), or be scurvy, or scabbed, or hath his stones (testicles) broken; ²¹No man that hath a blemish of the seed (descendant) of Aaron the priest shall come nigh to offer the offerings of the LORD made by fire: he hath a blemish; he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God (God had nothing against a blemished person but just as the animals had to be without blemish so the people had to be without blemish for they were worshipping the perfect, holy, true God and God would sanctify them, see verse 23. The deformed could eat with the high priests such as the showbread but they could not go into the veil nor come near the altar but they were not to starve, see vs. 22). ²²He shall eat the bread of his God, both of the most holy, and of the holy. ²³Only he shall not go in unto the veil, nor come nigh unto the altar, because he hath a blemish; that he profane not my sanctuaries: for I the LORD do sanctify them (make them holy).

²⁴And Moses told it unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel.

Leviticus 22

Say – More laws concerning the priests of God.

¹And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ²Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, that they separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Israel, and that they profane (defile or pollute, see vs. 4) not my holy name in those things which they hallow unto me: I am the LORD (Read Leviticus 10:1-40.) (This also impressed upon the people the difference between the holy and unholy.)

³Say unto them, Whosoever he be of all your seed among your generations, that goeth unto the holy things, which the children of Israel hallow unto the LORD, having his uncleanness (pollution or any unclean thing) upon him, that soul shall be cut off from my presence: I am the LORD.

⁴What man soever of the seed of Aaron is a leper, or hath a running issue; he shall not eat of the holy things, until he be clean. And whoso toucheth any thing that is unclean by the dead, or a man whose seed goeth from him; (Leviticus 14:1-32) ⁵Or whosoever toucheth any creeping thing, whereby he may be made unclean, or a man of whom he may take uncleanness, whatsoever uncleanness he hath; ⁶The soul (person) which hath touched any such shall be unclean until even, and shall not eat of the holy things, unless he wash (bathe) his flesh with water (Can't go to the Temple; read Leviticus 11:24-25.).

⁷And when the sun is down (dark), he shall be clean, and shall afterward eat of the holy things; because it is his food. ⁸That which dieth of itself, or is torn with beasts, he shall not eat to defile himself therewith; I am the LORD.

⁹They shall therefore keep mine ordinance (observe them), lest they bear sin for it, and die therefore, if they profane it: I the LORD do sanctify them.

¹⁰There shall no stranger eat of the holy thing (only the priests): a sojourner of the priest, or an hired servant, shall not eat of the holy thing.

¹¹But if the priest buy any soul (person) with his money (as in a heathen slave), he (the slave he purchased) shall eat of it, and he that is born in his house: they shall eat of his meat.

¹²If the priest's daughter also be married unto a stranger (an Israelite but not of Aaron's seed), she may not eat of an offering of the holy things (because she is a new member of a different household).

¹³But if the priest's daughter be a widow, or divorced, and have no child, and is returned unto her father's house, as in her youth, she shall eat of her father's meat: but there shall be no stranger eat thereof.

¹⁴And if a man eat of the holy thing unwittingly (through error, people make mistakes), then he shall put the fifth part thereof unto it, and shall give it unto the priest with the holy thing. ¹⁵And they shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel, which they offer unto the LORD; ¹⁶Or suffer them to bear the iniquity (penalty) of trespass (guilt offering), when they eat their holy things: for I the LORD do sanctify them.

Say – Laws concerning sacrifices.

¹⁷And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ¹⁸Speak unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them, Whatsoever he be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers in Israel (both under God's law), that will offer his oblation (sacrifice) for all his vows, and for all his freewill offerings, which they will offer unto the LORD for a burnt offering; ¹⁹Ye shall offer at your own will a male without blemish, of the beeves (kind of herd), of the sheep, or of the goats (One law for all, strangers could not live in the land and worship false gods; could not have different doctrines.).

²⁰But whatsoever hath a blemish, that shall ye not offer: for it shall not be acceptable for you (Don't come with vain worship for it would not be accepted by God.). ²¹And whosoever offereth a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD to accomplish his vow, or a freewill offering in beeves (kind of flock) or sheep, it shall be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish therein.

²²Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a wen (a running sore), or scurvy (itch), or scabbed (an eruptive disease), ye shall not offer these unto the LORD, nor make an

offering by fire of them upon the altar unto the LORD (And so it goes for false doctrine for it is a perversion of the truth of God; it is stench and God turns away.).

Say – The difference between a free-will offering and a vow in verse 23.

²³Either a bullock or a lamb that hath any thing superfluous (stretched out) or lacking in his parts (deformed), that mayest thou offer for a freewill offering (a voluntary sacrifice); but for a vow it shall not be accepted (a “vow” is a promise to God). ²⁴Ye shall not offer unto the LORD that which is bruised, or crushed, or broken, or cut; neither shall ye make any offering thereof in your land (Must be willing to walk in the Laws of God.).

²⁵Neither from a stranger's hand shall ye offer the bread of your God of any of these; because their corruption is in them, and blemishes be in them: they shall not be accepted for you (making them polluted and defiled). (When we come before God with a pure heart, for He does not expect us to know everything but when we have made the confession of faith by baptism; we can't come to him any old way. If we have hatred or anger or a grudge, God will not accept our prayers to Him but we must submit our thoughts and actions to God and continually cleanse us and sanctify us through His word.)

²⁶And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ²⁷When a bullock, or a sheep, or a goat, is brought forth, then it shall be seven days under the dam (mother); and from the eighth day and thenceforth it shall be accepted for an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

²⁸And whether it be cow, or ewe, ye shall not kill it and her young both in one day (God wants His people to be merciful, filled with compassion and tenderness and to extend it to everything in life. There is also a law concerning birds, see Deuteronomy 22:6 so the mother can reproduce.).

²⁹And when ye will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the LORD, offer it at your own will. ³⁰On the same day it shall be eaten up; ye shall leave none of it until the morrow: I am the LORD.

³¹Therefore shall ye keep my commandments (Not laws the churches set up.), and do them: I am the LORD. ³²Neither shall ye profane my holy name; but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel (get rid of false gods for it is vain or emptiness): I am the LORD which hallow you, ³³That brought you out of the land of Egypt (and us out of the world of sin), **to be your God: I am the LORD.**

MEMORY VERSE

Therefore shall ye keep my commandments and do them: I am the LORD
Leviticus 22:31

BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOTS AND YOUTH

HOW CAN WE BECOME A HIGH PRIEST FOR GOD

"LET HIS (GOD'S) MIND BE IN YOU WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS" FOR JESUS IS OUR HIGH PRIEST NOW; PHILIPPIANS 2:5
WHEN GOD LIVES IN US, WE WILL BECOME FULLY FORMED AND BECOME LIKE OUR CREATOR, THIS IS THE "HOPE OF GLORY" THAT WE WILL BE LIKE HIM. COLOSSIANS 1 27

FOR WE ARE "CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST (AT BAPTISM): ...BUT CHRIST LIVETH IN ME" WHEN WE RECEIVE HIS SPIRIT: GALATIANS 2:20
THIS IS THE "NEW YOU" AND WE ARE TO "LOVE OUR ENEMIES" FOR THE "SON OF GOD LOVED ME (WHEN WE WERE SINNERS), AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME". GALATIANS 2:20

"FOR WHOSOEVER SHALL DO THE WILL OF MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN, THE SAME IS MY BROTHER, SISTER, AND MOTHER";
MATTHEW 12:50
'HE THAT HATH MY COMMANDMENTS, AND KEEPETH THEM, HE IT IS THAT LOVES ME AND HE THAT LOVETH ME SHALL BE LOVED OF MY FATHER, AND I WILL LOVE HIM AND WILL MANIFEST (OR MAKE KNOWN) MYSELF TO HIM". JOHN 14:21

TO BECOME A PRIEST OR KING WE MUST BE ATTACHED TO CHRIST;
"ABIDE IN ME, AND I IN YOU. AS THE BRANCH CANNOT BEAR FRUIT OF ITSELF, EXCEPT IT ABIDE IN THE VINE; NO MORE CAN YE, EXCEPT YE ABIDE IN ME"; JOHN 15:1
"I AM THE VINE (JESUS), YE ARE THE BRANCHES: HE THAT ABIDETH IN ME (OR IS ATTACHED TO ME), AND I IN HIM, THE SAME BRINGETH FORTH MUCH FRUIT; FOR WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING". JOHN 15:5

"YE HAVE NOT CHOSEN ME, BUT I HAVE CHOSEN YOU... THAT YOU SHOULD GO AND BRING FORTH FRUIT... WHAT KIND OF "FRUIT" IS GOD TALKING ABOUT IN THESE VERSES? JOHN 15:16
GOD IS TELLING US TO HELP WHOMEVER WE CAN, THE WORLD IS A LONELY AND DARK PLACE AND GOD TELLS US TO "LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN". MATTHEW 5:16

"IF YOU KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS, YE SHALL ABIDE IN MY LOVE,
EVEN AS I HAVE KEPT MY FATHER'S COMMANDMENTS, AND
ABIDE IN HIS LOVE". JOHN 15:10
GOD'S LOVE IS "...THE FULFILLING OF GOD'S LAWS" AND "YE ARE MY
FRIENDS IF YE DO WHATSOEVER I COMMAND YOU".
ROMANS 13:10, JOHN 15:14.

"EVEN THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH; WHOM THE WORLD CANNOT RECEIVE,
BECAUSE IT SEETH HIM NOT, NEITHER KNOWETH HIM: BUT
YOU KNOW HIM FOR HE DWELLETH WITH YOU, AND
SHALL BE IN YOU". JOHN 14:17
CHRIST WILL LIVE IN YOU THROUGH HIS SPIRIT; AND HE WILL BE
WITH YOU AND "I WILL NEVER LEAVE THEE NOR FORSAKE
THEE"; HEBREWS 13:5

"...IF A MAN LOVES ME HE WILL KEEP MY WORDS, (MY TEACHINGS, MY
LAWS), AND MY FATHER WILL LOVE HIM, AND WE (GOD AND
JESUS) WILL COME UNTO HIM AND MAKE OUR ABODE OR
HOME WITH HIM" JOHN 14:23

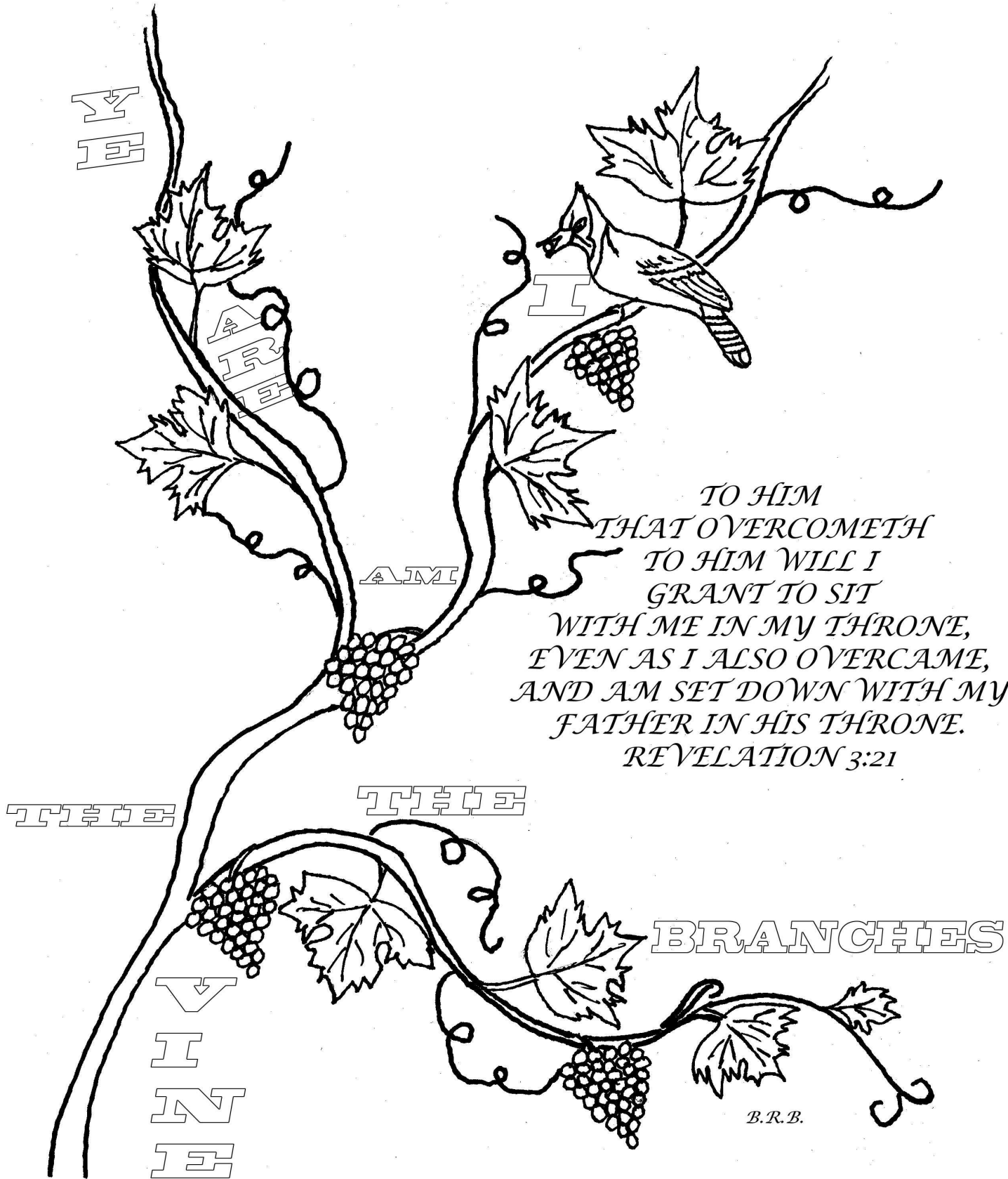
"KNOW YE NOT THAT YE ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD, AND THAT THE
SPIRIT OF GOD DWELLETH IN YOU? I CORINTHIANS 3:16

AND HERE IS YOUR REWARD FOR CHRIST AND GOD LIVING IN YOU;
"BEHOLD I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK: IF ANY MAN HEAR
MY VOICE, AND OPEN THE DOOR, I WILL COME IN TO
HIM, AND SUP (OR DINE) WITH HIM AND HE WITH
ME"

TO HIM THAT OVERCOMETH WILL I GRANT TO SIT WITH ME IN MY
THRONE, EVEN AS I ALSO OVERCAME, AND AM SET DOWN
WITH MY FATHER IN HIS THRONE. REVELATION 3:20-21

THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISION WE CAN MAKE IN OUR LIVES IS
WHEN WE WILL BE BAPTISED AND RECEIVE GOD'S SPIRIT.

HOW CAN WE BECOME A HIGH PRIEST FOR GOD?



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