

## Consecration

*Scripture reading: 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 6:14-18*

When the priest washes at the Laver in the Outer Court of the Tabernacle of Moses, in effect, he puts the death of the cross behind him as a work completed, and turns to the next step on his journey through the Tabernacle, which is Sanctification and Consecration. CONSECRATION is the putting aside of that which was cleansed for the work of the Lord only. The thought behind this act has its counterpart in the act of King Belteshazzar of Babylon, who took the consecrated vessels of the Lord and drank from them, whereupon God wrote with his own hand on the wall, and the king was slain that same night. The people who bear the name of the Lord must be clean and are not permitted worldliness. The word "church" means a called-out people. Called out of what? The world is the answer. Too many Christians are part of the SIN SYSTEM of the world. They were called out, but they did not come out.

Paul dealt with this subject conclusively in his letter to the Corinthians. 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, *"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them: and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."*

CONSECRATION IS THE MESSAGE THAT WILL TAKE US OUT OF BABYLON. The word Babylon, as used here, means the whole world of rebellion against God's DIVINE ORDER. Man is resisting God spiritually, politically, and economically, and this is the main cause of our failure in all these areas.

The Spirit of God is now calling all men to separation unto Himself. This is the message of consecration.

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*Thought for today:* Remember: CONSECRATION is the putting aside of that which was cleansed for the work of the Lord only.