



Grace Assembly Of God

## CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture: Exodus 29

Title: "Continual Consecration"

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Summary of Chapter: The priests had to go through a strict and arduous process of preparing for consecration. God revealed His purpose for daily sacrifices and continual consecration so that He *"will live among the people of Israel and be their God."*

Key Verse(s) NLT

How does it speak to me?

*"<sup>44</sup> Yes, I will consecrate the Tabernacle and the altar, and I will consecrate Aaron and his sons to serve me as priests. <sup>45</sup> Then I will live among the people of Israel and be their God, <sup>46</sup> and they will know that I am the Lord their God. I am the one who brought them out of the land of Egypt so that I could live among them. I am the Lord their God."*

It wasn't the work of the priests that made the place holy, but the presence of God that truly sanctified and consecrated the priests and Tabernacle.

The reward of the long ceremony of consecration which took persistence to complete was far greater than the cost. The glory of God was revealed to the people in general than only to the consecrated priests.

When I encounter difficulties that require me to go through a long and tedious process to get it solved in the most God-honouring manner which I'm convicted of through the word of God from the bible, I weigh the fruits against the labour and wonder if my labour was worth it.

2 years ago, while serving as a keyboardist, I felt a sharp pain from my neck to my finger on the right side of my body, my master arm. That pain decreased my mobility on my wrist and I wanted to accelerate the healing on my own accord.

In hindsight, God had been doing a deep work in me through the process towards recovery, daily, using my suffering to turn me towards him in surrender. I recognise from my journey, the reason for consecration - for a sense of full surrender to God, to enjoy a deeper relationship with Him. For if we take little interest in allowing God to meet and speak to us, we will never be properly motivated to true consecration.

### APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

<b>Adult:</b>	What barriers prevent you from building a worship-filled relationship with God?
<b>Youth:</b>	What are some challenges you face, and how may you pray, to ask God to help you?
<b>Child:</b>	Studying is usually longer, more stressful and difficult than the exam itself. Why do you think we need to study? In what ways do you think you can rely on God when you study for your tests and exams?

### PRAYER

<b>Praying Scripture:</b>	Dear Heavenly Father, we praise You for You are a God who desires to dwell among Your people, who cares for us beyond the work of our hands. Help us to be reminded that the process of consecration may be arduous, but as we continue to surrender to you, our God, we will yield the fruit of consecration - which is a worship-filled relationship, greater than any costs we may bear.
<b>Thanksgiving Prayer:</b>	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
<b>Intercessory Prayer:</b>	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
<b>Salvation Prayer:</b>	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.