Exodus 29:37—*Seven days thou shalt make an atonement for the altar, and sanctify it; and it shall be an altar most holy: whatsoever toucheth the altar shall* ***be holy****.*

***HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD***

Ezekiel 43:26—*Seven days shall they purge the altar and purify it; and they shall* ***consecrate*** *themselves.*

* For seven days He proved His weakness to cleanse himself,
* He proved the law in itself could not make anything perfect.
* The Priests now belonged totally for the work of God.

Collossians 2:16—*Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:* 17*—Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.*

Hebrews 9:7—*But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:* 9*—Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;*

10:1—*For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.* 4*—For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.*

Isaiah 52:11*—Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.* 2Cor. 6:17*—Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,* 7:1*—Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.* 1John 3:3*—And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.* 4:17*—Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.*

* Holiness is more than cleansing, It is obedience to the Word of faith, partaking of His Divine Nature (II Peter1:4), Partaking of His Holiness (Heb. 12:10)
* Seven being God’s number for perfection, completion

This consecration of the priests was a shadow of good things to come.

1. Our Lord Jesus is the Great High-Priest of our profession,
   1. Called of God to be consecrated for evermore,
   2. Anointed with the Spirit above his fellows
   3. He is called Messiah, Christ
      1. Clothed with the holy garments, even with glory and beauty,
      2. Sanctified by his own blood,
         1. Made perfect, or consecrated, through sufferings, Heb. 2:10
         2. Not that of bullocks and rams (Heb. 9:12),
         3. This was a perpetual statute to be fulfilled in Christ and believer’s

*Ex 29:9 And thou shalt gird them with girdles, Aaron and his sons, and put the bonnets on them: and the priest's office shall be theirs for a perpetual statute: and thou shalt consecrate Aaron and his sons.*

Heb 9:9 Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;

1. All believers are called to be Spiritual Priests,
   1. To offer spiritual sacrifices (1 Pt. 2:5),
   2. Washed in the blood of Christ, and so made to our God priests, Rev. 1:5, 6.
   3. They also are clothed with the beauty of holiness,
   4. Have received the anointing, 1 Jn. 2:27.
   5. Their hands are filled with work, to which they must continually attend;
   6. It is through Christ, the great sacrifice, that they are dedicated to this service.
   7. His blood sprinkled upon the conscience purges it from dead works, that they may, as priests, serve the living God.

The law concerning the consecration of Aaron and his sons to the priest's office, which was to be done with a great deal of ceremony and solemnity, that they themselves might be duly affected with the greatness of the work to which they were called, and that the people also might learn to magnify the office and none might dare to invade it. Nu 18:7 the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death. 1Sa 1:11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head. Nu 1:51; 3:10,38;