

CONSECRATED

PEOPLE

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LEVITICUS 20

CONSECRATION

personal churches movement



A SEASON OF CONSECRATION

- The wider Elim family are currently on a journey together through a 'season of consecration'
- Personal
- Churches
- Movement

Consecrate

...make or declare
(something, typically a
church) sacred; dedicate
formally to a religious
purpose.

**THE OXFORD DICTIONARY
SUGGESTS A 'CHURCH' IS A
SET-APART PLACE, BUT WE
KNOW THAT THE CHURCH IS
A SET-APART PEOPLE!**

**SET APART, NOT FOR A
RELIGIOUS RITUAL, BUT FOR
A DIVINE RELATIONSHIP**

19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your bodies.

1 CORINTHIANS 6

LIVES OF CONSECRATION

- This term we plan to address subjects often avoided in churches - including a God shaped view on sexuality - the context of this passage
- Our bodies are sacred and consecrated spaces - the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit

**AS OUR INDIVIDUAL
BODIES ARE SET
APART FOR THE
LORD, SO IS OUR
COLLECTIVE BODY -
THE CHURCH, THE
BODY OF CHRIST**

**9 But you are a
chosen people, a
royal priesthood,
a holy nation,
God's special
possession, that
you may declare
the praises of
him who called
you out of
darkness into
his wonderful
light.**

1 PETER 2

10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 PETER 2

A COMMUNITY OF CONSECRATION

- This represents a different, new covenant understanding of being set apart
- We are a full body of priests and ministers
- We are all 'Christian'
 - Anointed / set apart

LIVES & MOMENTS OF CONSECRATION

- ‘Moments of encounter and a lifetime of formation’ (R. Villodas, ELS22)
- As the people of God we are called to a whole life of being set-apart
- Yet we recognise that is marked by moments of sacrifice, commitment and symbolism

**BAPTISM IS A MOMENT
OF PERSONAL
CONSECRATION**

**BREAKING BREAD IS A
MOMENT OF
COMMUNITY
CONSECRATION**

MOMENTS OF CONSECRATION

- In an ideal world, we would be so perfectly devoted to The Lord that we would have no need for moments of consecration... but this is not an ideal world!**
- Throughout history, God has called His people to such sacred and shaping moments**

MOMENTS OF CONSECRATION

- The Old Testament is replete with moments of consecration
- The Leviticus passage we began with is the call at the heart of this
- His people called to live His way (for their own sake)

5 Joshua told
the people,
'Consecrate
yourselves, for
tomorrow the
Lord will do
amazing
things among
you.'

JOSHUA 3

CONSECRAT:ON

personal churches movement

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churches

*“I dare to believe that Elim’s future can be greater than our history if we will humbly bow in surrender and service. Our season of consecration is key to this right posture.” — **Mark Pugh, General Superintendent***

**ELIM CHURCHES ARE
CURRENTLY BEING
CALLED TO A MOMENT OF
CONSECRATION**

**WHAT IF WE ARE ON THE
RIVERBANK OF AN
AMAZING THING THAT
GOD WILL DO FOR ELIM
ABERYSTWYTH?**

A MOMENT OF CONSECRATION

- A call from our new national leader to ‘humbly bow in surrender and service’
- Whole life holiness and surrender to The Lord
- Commitment to loving and serving Him with all our heart, mind, soul and strength

A MOMENT OF CONSECRATION

- A time for personal and community confession repentance and dedication
- 24hr prayer next week and NOvember
- A moment to review how we honour one another and serve God with all we have

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