



CHILDREN'S CHALLENGE

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MY NAME IS _____
TODAY'S DATE _____ **TODAY'S PREACHER** _____

Bible Book today is , chapter 3

UNSCRAMBLE Aaron's 4 Sons, then draw flames through the two who died when they disobeyed God:

- 1. bdaaN = _____
- 2. aal rhtm = _____
- 3. hiubA = _____
- 4. zlrEaa = _____



"And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked with Moses."
EXODUS 33:9

Which **TRIBE** was set apart to minister to God? _____

"**MINISTER**" means to **S**_____. (vs.6)

STRANGER, in verse 10, means one who is _____ appointed by God for this service.



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THE RAP ON GOD'S WORKFORCE
CONFIDENCE BUILDING FOR THE FAITHFUL FEW

NUMBERS 3

- Intro:
1. "You Can Do It! YCDI if you put your mind to it!" (rap)
 2. This was taught to a group of 6th graders at a public school, but nothing could be farther from the truth when it comes to human aspirations to succeed at God-ordained institutions, such as family, society, education, workplace...
 3. But, today, I would like for us to take away a wonderful encouragement exemplified in Numbers 3 and stated succinctly in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Prop: **You Should Do It if God is In It!**

I. Because God Always Empowers the Faithful Few (3:1-4).

1. v.3-priests=officiating/chief one
 - anointed=rub w/ oil, mark w/ paint
 - consecrated=to fill
 - minister=open hand of power, means, direction (Mt28:18; Ac1:8)
2. Though God's workforce may drop-off, God's work continues.
3. -Relief of mercy-2nd Cor. 4:1, ...not fainting in ministry
 - Release of promise-4:7-9, ...never destroyed in ministry
 - Revelation of future-4:13-14, ...physically raised in the end
 - Renewal of soul-4:1, ...able to be recharged for more work
4. Anyone remember the toy advertisement, "Weebles wobble but they don't fall down." Christians balanced in God's service cannot be defeated!
5. Friend, today, will you rebuke the devil's spirit of defeat in your life or discouragement over someone else's failure to serve and renew your personal faith in God's power to empower you for and use you in His ministry?

II. Because God Always Supplies Sufficient Resources (3:5-13).

1. v.6, "minister"—attend as a menial or worshipper; contribute to v.7, "charge" – sentry; post (to watch-be safe) v.10, "stranger" – not of seed of Aaron or appointed as priest
2. When God's anointed do His bidding, there is no need for the resources of strangers out of this world—He is sufficient!
3. Structure of Aaronic priesthood and Levitical Ministry in verse 9 sounds a lot like the local church of the NT (Eph.4:10-12)

God has all the resources of creation to accomplish His salvation work, but He has chosen you, believers, and will give all the back-up you need to resonate His message (Ps.98:4... Isa.55:6-13)

4. Have you ever seen a spill in a public facility like a grocery store or hospital—do they ever ask the customer or client to clean it up? NO! Sufficient resources are on hand in any reputable facility. We expect that of human institutions.
5. Will you let God show His incredible power to supply the resources by personally surrendering to serve today?

Conc: First, are you saved? Are you a stranger in the presence of God because of unforgiven sin in your soul?

You don't have to remain a stranger to God and His ministry here on earth—Jesus said, "I come to seek and to save that which is lost." That is you, my friend, lost in sin headed for a God-less eternity of spiritual death and physical torment in the lake of fire, separated from our righteous and just creator. BUT,

Will you come as we sing a hymn of invitation and meet me here at front of the church and say, "Preacher, I need to know Jesus a my Savior and experience His forgiveness of my sin and leadership in my life."

Believer, are you slipping? Are you like Nadab and Abihu, trying to serve your way, in your time, with your resources and failing miserably to have a testimony of God's power and direction in your life.

The Bible says in 1st Cor.11:28-32... participation in the local church with wrong motives will bring the chastening (discipline and correction) from your Heavenly Father. But, God proclaims in 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Come today to this altar of humility and bow the knee of repentance to your merciful Father....please do not go down in pride.

Invit. Hymn: _____ (#_____)