

Commemoration of the Departed Priests (Kohne)

Luke 19:11-27

- 11 While they were listening to him speak, he proceeded to tell a parable because he was near Jerusalem and they thought that the kingdom of God would appear there immediately.
- 12 So he said, "A nobleman went off to a distant country to obtain the kingship for himself and then to return.
- 13 He called ten of his servants and gave them ten gold coins and told them, 'Engage in trade with these until I return.'
- 14 His fellow citizens, however, despised him and sent a delegation after him to announce, 'We do not want this man to be our king.'
- 15 But when he returned after obtaining the kingship, he had the servants called, to whom he had given the money, to learn what they had gained by trading.
- 16 The first came forward and said, 'Sir, your gold coin has earned ten additional ones.'
- 17 He replied, 'Well done, good servant! You have been faithful in this very small matter; take charge of ten cities.'
- 18 Then the second came and reported, 'Your gold coin, sir, has earned five more.'
- 19 And to this servant too he said, 'You, take charge of five cities.'
- 20 Then the other servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your gold coin; I kept it stored away in a handkerchief,
- 21 for I was afraid of you, because you are a demanding person; you take up what you did not lay down and you harvest what you did not plant.'
- 22 He said to him, 'With your own words I shall condemn you, you wicked servant. You knew I was a demanding person, taking up what I did not lay down and harvesting what I did not plant;
- 23 why did you not put my money in a bank? Then on my return I would have collected it with interest.'
- 24 And to those standing by he said, 'Take the gold coin from him and give it to the servant who has ten.'
- 25 But they said to him, 'Sir, he has ten gold coins.'
- 26 'I tell you, to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.
- 27 Now as for those enemies of mine who did not want me as their king, bring them here and slay them before me.'"

Numbers 20:22-29

- 22 Setting out from Kadesh, the Israelites, the whole community, came to Mount Hor.
- 23 There at Mount Hor, on the border of the land of Edom, the LORD said to Moses and Aaron:
- 24 Let Aaron be gathered to his people, for he shall not enter the land I have given to the Israelites, because you both rebelled against my directions at the waters of Meribah.

- 25 Take Aaron and Eleazar his son and bring them up on Mount Hor.
26 Then strip Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar, his son; but there Aaron shall be gathered up in death.
27 Moses did as the LORD commanded. When they had climbed Mount Hor in view of the whole community,
28 Moses stripped Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son. Then Aaron died there on top of the mountain. When Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain,
29 all the community understood that Aaron had breathed his last; and for thirty days the whole house of Israel mourned Aaron.

Joshua 24:29-33

- 29 After these events, Joshua, son of Nun, servant of the LORD, died at the age of a hundred and ten,
30 and they buried him within the borders of his heritage at Timnath-serahu in the mountain region of Ephraim north of Mount Gaash.
31 Israel served the LORD during the entire lifetime of Joshua, and of those elders who outlived Joshua and who knew all the work the LORD had done for Israel.
32 The bones of Joseph, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt, were buried in Shechem in the plot of ground Jacob had bought from the sons of Hamor, father of Shechem, for a hundred pieces of money. This was a heritage of the descendants of Joseph.
33 When Eleazar, son of Aaron, also died, he was buried on the hill which had been given to his son Phinehas in the mountain region of Ephraim.

Sirach 45:15-22

- 15 For Moses ordained him and anointed him with the holy oil, In a lasting covenant with him and his family, as permanent as the heavens, That he should serve God in the priesthood and bless the people in his name.
16 He chose him from all the living to sacrifice burnt offerings and choice portions, to burn incense, sweet odor as a memorial, and to atone for the people of Israel.
17 He gave to him the laws, and authority to prescribe and to judge: to teach precepts to the people, and judgments to the Israelites.
18 Strangers rose in anger against him, grew jealous of him in the desert – the followers of Dathan and Abiram, and the band of Korah in their defiance.
19 When the LORD saw this he became angry, and destroyed them in his burning wrath. He brought against them a marvel, and consumed them in flaming fire.
20 Then he increased the glory of Aaron and bestowed upon him his inheritance: The sacred offerings he allotted to him, with the showbread as his portion;
21 The oblations of the LORD are his food, a gift to him and his descendants.
22 But he holds no land among the people nor shares with them their heritage; for the LORD himself is his portion and inheritance among the Israelites.

Isaiah 65:13-16

- 13 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: My servants shall eat, but you shall go hungry; My servants shall drink, but you shall be thirsty; My servants shall rejoice, but you shall be put to shame;
- 14 My servants shall shout for joy of heart, but you shall cry out for grief of heart, and howl for anguish of spirit.
- 15 You will leave your name for a curse to my chosen ones when the Lord GOD slays you, and calls his servants by another name.
- 16 Whoever invokes a blessing in the land shall bless by the God of truth; whoever takes an oath in the land shall swear by the God of truth; for the hardships of the past shall be forgotten and hidden from my eyes.

Acts 20:25-38

- 25 "But now I know that none of you to whom I preached the kingdom during my travels will ever see my face again.
- 26 And so I solemnly declare to you this day that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you,
- 27 for I did not shrink from proclaiming to you the entire plan of God.
- 28 Keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock of which the holy Spirit has appointed you overseers, in which you tend the church of God that he acquired with his own blood.
- 29 I know that after my departure savage wolves will come among you, and they will not spare the flock.
- 30 And from your own group, men will come forward perverting the truth to draw the disciples away after them.
- 31 So be vigilant and remember that for three years, night and day, I unceasingly admonished each of you with tears.
- 32 And now I commend you to God and to that gracious word of his that can build you up and give you the inheritance among all who are consecrated.
- 33 I have never wanted anyone's silver or gold or clothing.
- 34 You know well that these very hands have served my needs and my companions.
- 35 In every way I have shown you that by hard work of that sort we must help the weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"
- 36 When he had finished speaking he knelt down and prayed with them all.
- 37 They were all weeping loudly as they threw their arms around Paul and kissed him,
- 38 for they were deeply distressed that he had said that they would never see his face again. Then they escorted him to the ship.

Hebrews 13:7-16

- 7 Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.
- 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
- 9 Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teaching. It is good to have our hearts strengthened by grace and not by foods, which do not benefit those who live by them.
- 10 We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.
- 11 The bodies of the animals whose blood the high priest brings into the sanctuary as a sin offering are burned outside the camp.
- 12 Therefore, Jesus also suffered outside the gate, to consecrate the people by his own blood.
- 13 Let us then go to him outside the camp, bearing the reproach that he bore.
- 14 For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the one that is to come.
- 15 Through him [then] let us continually offer God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.
- 16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.

Mathew 24:45-51

- 45 "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent servant, whom the master has put in charge of his household to distribute to them their food at the proper time?
- 46 Blessed is that servant whom his master on his arrival finds doing so.
- 47 Amen, I say to you, he will put him in charge of all his property.
- 48 But if that wicked servant says to himself, 'My master is long delayed,'
- 49 and begins to beat his fellow servants, and eat and drink with drunkards,
- 50 the servant's master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour
- 51 and will punish him severely and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.