

# Wednesday Discipleship Jan 28

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## Summary

### Aaron & The Levitical Priesthood as a Christ-Type – Part 2

#### Gathering Information

– Wednesday night livestream from the leader's living-room (winter weather prevented in-person meeting).

#### Scripture References

Genesis 49:5–7; Numbers 12:12–13; Numbers 4; John 1:14; Numbers 1:50–51; Deuteronomy 33:10; Matthew 7:29

#### Introduction

- Continuation of the series on biblical typology.
- Tonight's focus: the Levites (not Aaron and his sons) as the second half of the priestly type that foreshadows Christ's complete mediatorial work.
- Reminder: Old-Testament types are temporary, partial pictures; Christ is the final, perfect fulfillment.

#### Key Points

1. The “Blessed Curse” (Genesis 49:5–7)
  - Jacob's curse on Simeon and Levi (for the Shechem incident) foretold their scattering.
  - God later transformed that curse into a blessing: Levi was “scattered” throughout Israel as His priestly tribe.
2. Substitution & Representation (Numbers 12:12–13)
  - Levites taken in place of every firstborn in Israel.
  - Two theological themes:
    - a) Substitution (they stand in for the firstborn).
    - b) Representation (they serve before God for the whole nation).
  - Pointing forward to Christ, the true Firstborn and perfect Substitute.
3. Daily Ministry & “Burden” (Numbers 4)
  - Levites were God's “gift” to Aaron to handle ceaseless tabernacle work: sacrifices, transport, maintenance, even health inspections (Levitical

“doctors” ).

- Their burden illustrates godly responsibility, not oppression.
- Christ is the true tabernacle who “dwelt (tabernacled) among us” (John 1:14).

#### 4. Guardians of Holiness (Numbers 1:50–51)

- Levites camped around the tabernacle, took it down, carried it, set it up.
- They “stood between Israel and death” ; outsiders who approached were executed.
- Contrast: Levites keep sinners away; Christ brings sinners near by absorbing God's wrath.

#### 5. Teachers of the Law (Deuteronomy 33:10)

- Their calling: instruct Israel, offer incense, present burnt offerings.
- Over centuries many Levites added man-made rules, turning the law into oppression.
- Jesus, by contrast, taught “as one who had authority” (Matthew 7:29) and fulfilled—not added to—the Law.

#### 6. Composite Christ-Type

- Aaron (high-priestly mediator) + Levites (servant-priests) together portray Christ's full priesthood.
- Their continual sacrifices underscore the superiority of Jesus' once-for-all atonement.

## Theological / Exegetical Points

- Typology Guardrails: Not everyone/everything is a type; careless “flattening” empties real types of their force.
- Christ's atonement is sufficient, efficient, complete—unlike the endless Levitical cycle.
- Typology highlights human finitude and sinfulness versus God's infinite, glorious perfection.

## Full Passages Quoted During the Study

Genesis 49:5–7

“Simeon and Levi are brothers; weapons of violence are their swords.

Let my soul come not into their counsel; O my glory, be not joined to their company.

For in their anger they killed men, and in their willfulness they hamstrung oxen.

Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce, and their wrath, for it is cruel!

I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel.”

Numbers 12:12–13

“Behold, I have taken the Levites from among the people of Israel instead of every firstborn who opens the womb among the people of Israel.

The Levites shall be Mine, for all the firstborn are Mine.  
On the day that I struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I consecrated for My own all the firstborn in Israel, both of man and of beast.  
They shall be Mine: I am the LORD.”

Numbers 1:50–51

“But appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of the testimony, and over all its furnishings and over all that belongs to it.  
They are to carry the tabernacle and all its furnishings, and they shall take care of it and shall camp around the tabernacle.  
When the tabernacle is set out, the Levites shall take it down, and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up.  
And if any outsider comes near, he shall be put to death.”

Deuteronomy 33:10

“They shall teach Jacob Your rules and Israel Your law;  
they shall put incense before You and whole burnt offerings on Your altar.”

## **Practical Applications**

- Rest your assurance on Christ's finished priestly work, not lineage, ritual, or repetition.
- View God-given “burdens” (family, vocation, ministry) as honored responsibilities that glorify Him.
- Let the law drive you to grace; avoid legalism that adds human rules to God's Word.
- See Christ throughout the Old Testament, enriching worship and fueling gratitude.

## **Prayer / Intercession Items**

- Thanksgiving for safety and technology that allowed remote study.
- Petition for clear roads and the ability to meet in person on Sunday.
- Protection for anyone who must travel in winter conditions.
- Ongoing desire to gather physically and deepen love for one another.

## **Next Meeting / Future Arrangements**

– Lord willing, Sunday morning worship in person if weather improves; updates to follow via usual channels.