

PURSUING OUR CAPACITY



Intentional Preparation

Exodus 23:20, 23, 29–30 (NLT)

²⁰ “See, I am sending an angel before you to protect you on your journey and lead you safely to the place I have prepared for you.....

²³ he will go before you and bring you into the land of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hivites, and Jebusites, so you may live there. And I will destroy them completely.....

²⁹ But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals would multiply and threaten you. ³⁰ I will drive them out a little at a time until your population has increased enough to take possession of the land.

1. Intentional Preparation - Sanctification

Exodus 29:1,4 (JPS)

¹ And this is the thing that thou shalt do unto them to hallow (sanctify) them, to minister unto Me in the priest's office:

⁴ And Aaron and his sons thou shalt bring unto the door of the tent of meeting, and shalt wash them with water

2. Intentional Preparation – Wear the right garments

Exodus 29: 5-6 (JPS)

⁵ And thou shalt take the garments, and put upon Aaron the tunic, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastplate, and gird him with the skilfully woven band of the ephod. ⁶ And thou shalt set the mitre upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the mitre

“We don’t fit the garments, we just put them on”

Moses – I am not eloquent

Gideon – I'm the weakest

Jeremiah – I'm too young

Peter – I'm not worthy

“Don’t let your sin disqualify your mantle, let your mantle disqualify your sin”

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn

3. Intentional Preparation – The anointing

Exodus 29:7 (JPS)

⁷ Then shalt thou take the anointing oil, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him. His garments shall be hallowed, and his sons and his sons' garments with him...

“Wait for God’s Empowering”

Acts 1:4 (NIV)

⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but **wait for the gift my Father promised**, which you have heard me speak about.

Acts 2:4 (NIV)

⁴ All of them were **filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

“The Spirit of God Does the Will of God”

Ezekiel 36:25–27 (KJV)

²⁵ Then **will I** sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, **will I** cleanse you. ²⁶ A new heart also **will I** give you, and a new spirit **will I** put within you: and **I will** take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and **I will** give you an heart of flesh. ²⁷ And **I will** put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

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A person with a backpack stands on a rocky mountain peak, looking out over a vast, hazy mountain range under a clear sky.

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