

"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord..." - 1 Cor 15:58

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"Aaron"

Aaron is a very important person during the transition from the Patriarchal age into the Mosaic age. There is much we can learn from his virtues & vices.

Who is Aaron?

Aaron is the son of a man & woman from the tribe of Levi (*Exodus 2:1*). Their names were Amram & Jochebed (*Numbers 26:59*). Aaron was the older brother of Moses by 3 years (*Exodus 7:7*) & younger brother to Miriam. Aaron was the spokesman for Moses before Pharaoh (*Exodus 4:10-17*) & Israel's first high priest (*Numbers 18 & Hebrews 5:1-4*).

Aaron's Virtue – High Priest (Type of Christ)

The words "high priest" is found 78 times in the ESV. It is found 15 times in the book of Hebrews, in which Jesus Christ is identified as our High Priest today. Seeing the duties that Aaron did for Israel helps Christians to have a greater appreciation for what Christ is doing for us today.

- The high priest made propitiation for the people (*Hebrews 2:17*). Through an atoning sacrifice, a debt was paid & God was appeased. With Christ as our High Priest, he died once & for all being the last sacrifice necessary to redeem humanity.
- The high priest was chosen among men. They did not exalt themselves for this office. Neither did Jesus (*Hebrews 4:14-5:10*). Therefore, Christ was qualified to do this work being appointed by God to deal gently with the ignorant & wayward.

- In the tabernacle & temple, only the high priest could enter into the Most Holy Place to intercede for the people (*Hebrews 9:7*). Jesus has entered this place today called Heaven, presently interceding for us (*1 Timothy 2:3-6 & Hebrews 8:1-2*).

Aaron's Vices – Idolatry & Unbelief

Aaron built a golden calf for the people after God was clear regarding idolatry (*Exodus 20:23 & Exodus 32:21-24*). Let us not sin against God in any way. If we do, then own it, repent, & sin no more!

Aaron did not enter the Land of Promise because of his unbelief (*Numbers 20:24*). Aaron lived to be 123 years old (*Numbers 33:39*). A life of longevity ended with him missing out on the inheritance. Let us not live & lose, but live & gain (*Matthew 25:24*).

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