

Leviticus

Chapters 1 – 7

Moses instructed the people:

As a sign that you are asking God for forgiveness,
put your hand on an animal's head
as you sacrifice it to the Lord.

Dear God, please forgive my sins

Chapters 8 – 10

Moses followed God's instructions
and ordained Aaron and his sons as priests.

Moses washed them, put special clothing on them,
anointed their heads with chrism
and offered a special animal sacrifice on their behalf.

Then Aaron lifted up his hands towards the people
and blessed them.

A flame from the Lord consumed the offering on the altar.
The people shouted for joy and fell on their knees.

But later on when two of Aaron's sons
offered unauthorized fire,
a fire from the Lord consumed them.

Moses then said:

"God expects the highest standard from priests."

Dear God, please bless and protect all priests