

cleansed from the evil that is in him. It is the same ordinance as regards the leper and the priest; but the leper wants to get *cleansed* as a sinner, the priest that he may be *consecrated* to God. If not cleansed in every respect, we could not stand before God at all. There was sprinkling of blood on the leper, on the right ear, the right hand, the right toe : his thoughts, his acts, his walk, must be all cleansed, by being brought under the "blood of sprinkling." So in this chapter we are consecrated in the same way. In verse 4, "Aaron and his sons thou shalt bring unto the door of the tabernacle," etc. You do not find Aaron washed by himself, because Christ did not want it. They are washed together as a figure of the Christian body. Christ as a man identifies Himself with the Church. (1 Cor. xii. 12.) Aaron was anointed. (Ver. 7.) The Holy Ghost descended upon Christ when He had been baptized.

But before unction *we* need to be cleansed. The word of God applied to the heart and conscience with power by the Spirit is called washing with the word. "Ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." This is not habitation, but washing. Christ came not by water only, but by water and blood. The blood was for expiation, the water for washing, in order to meet God. In anything of Christ's work, it is not a question merely of atonement, but of meeting God. If I think of meeting God, it is what God requires. There must be perfect cleansing. It turns the eye