

*“<sup>d10</sup> The Levites who went far from me when Israel went astray and who wandered from me after their idols must bear the consequences of their sin. <sup>11</sup> They may serve in my sanctuary, having charge of the gates of the temple and serving in it; they may slaughter the burnt offerings and sacrifices for the people and stand before the people and serve them. <sup>12</sup> But because they served them in the presence of their idols and made the people of Israel fall into sin, therefore I have sworn with uplifted hand that they must bear the consequences of their sin, declares the Sovereign LORD. <sup>13</sup> They are not to come near to serve me as priests or come near any of my holy things or my most holy offerings; they must bear the shame of their detestable practices. <sup>14</sup> And I will appoint them to guard the temple for all the work that is to be done in it.”(Ezekiel 44:10-14)*



*The Levites are those who are called by God and had responded to God’s call to come near to Him, attached to God and become responsible to serve Him and do His work in the temple.*

*Therefore they should not leave God and fall in sin and go after worldly things. If they have done so, then should bear the consequences of their sins. If they would come back and repent then they will be accepted and restored back, but the consequences of what they did in neglecting their duties and responsibilities toward the temple and the service in it, and in encouraging the people to go into wrong direction they should bear the consequences of that.*

*They will serve and be responsible in the temple and the service that is going on but they will not serve as priests because they went away with the people and follow the people’s idols. What they have done is shame and they will bear the consequences of that.*

*Our God is a God of Justice and reward. He rewards everyone according to His conduct as we can read here: “**But the Levitical priests, who are descendants of Zadok and who guarded my sanctuary when the Israelites went astray from me, are to come near to minister before me; they are to stand before me to offer sacrifices of fat and blood, declares the Sovereign LORD. <sup>16</sup> They alone are to enter my sanctuary; they alone are to come near my table to minister before me and serve me as guards.”** (Ezekiel 44:15-16) Those workers who stood firm and did not sin when others went away, God is rewarding them by making them leaders and priest who would lead the people. They understand what is responsibility and commitment therefore they are the right people, proved and approved to do the work of God.*



## **My Prayer**

***Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord gives me discernment and to be aware about your Word and your instructions. Lord I commit myself into your hand, help me to do the right thing and to give responsibly and assignments to everyone according to his conduct and what he had done for your name sake. This all I ask and pray in Jesus name Amen.***



***“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.”***

***(Revelation 22:12)***

# **The Lord Is My Shepherd**

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***“And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.”***

***(Malachi 3:18)***

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