

sing and to make the sacrifices for them. I don't know it's so much today as it used to be but it is in some quarters, and it used to be in most of our country that any one who was a minister was considered as a man who was rather holy, and rather above the ordinary temptations of human life. That is the rank and file of people had that idea, and unfortunately it is often an erroneous idea. But I believe in this chapter here the Lord wishes to stress to us that those who are set apart for His service have a very special need of recognizing their relation to the death of Christ and their relation to the need of constant sanctification as they look to God for daily cleansing. We who are trying to set forth His Word and to represent Him before His people can easily lead people astray, or <sup>we</sup> can easily cause people to put confidence in us or trust in us and then when we fail cause their faith in God's truth to be shaken. And so it is very important that we constantly stress the importance of the atonement of Christ, and after all he has done for us how important it is that we do not fall aside from His purpose for us and that we do not lead people astray but that we seek the daily cleansing that we need for our service to Him. Now I will not linger over this section except to mention vs. 24. "This is that belongeth unto the Levites from 25 yrs. old and upward they shall go into wait upon the service of the tabernacle of the congregation." Now you look back to ch. 4 where you had the setting apart of the Levites for this service, and you read in ch. 4:35 "from 30 yrs. old and upward even <sup>every</sup> unto 50 yrs. old every one that entereth into the service for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation." Again you read in v. 39 of the sons of Gershom, one of the group of Levites: "from 30 yrs. old and upward even unto 50 yrs. old every one that entereth into the service." And in vs. 43 you read "from 30 yrs. old and upward <sup>entereth</sup> unto 50 yrs. old every one that ~~entereth~~ into the service for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation." Three times we are told in ch. 4, that they are to begin their service in the tabernacle at the age of 30. And over here in ch. 8, vs. 24 we are told that they are to have their service from the age of 25. And then vs. 25 agrees with the three statements ~~back~~ in ch. 4 that from the age of 50 yrs. they shall cease waiting upon the service thereof. Someone said -- Many people say there are many contradictions in the