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TEXT: HEBREWS 9:1-5

A rod is something that isn't in usual place in our society. It was much more common place in an agrarian society like the setting of much of the Bible's narrative.

1. Surrendered to God's call

The first mention of a rod is found with Moses, at this point he was no longer a prince of Egypt and it seemed his calling to be a deliverer had been squandered by him.

a. His authority was laid down

— A good pastor must first surrender himself to the Lord and his authority given over to God.

b. His authority was blessed by God

— A good pastor will learn to let God do the miracle rather than his own simply efforts or abilities.

c. His authority was what lead his family

— A good pastor will demonstrate his God-given authority in his home life first.

— *“One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)”*
I Timothy 3:4-5

2. Evidence of God's power

Aaron became the mouthpiece for the Lord. His rod was the one placed in the ark. This was God's power which was demonstrated!

a. His authority is affirmed through God's power in his life.

b. His authority is amplified through fruitfulness in life.

— *“Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.”* Matthew 7:20

3. Able to enlighten through God's Word

“Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.” Micah 7:14

We need someone who loves God's Word, but is also able to enlighten with God's Word.

a. His authority is underpinned by his own enlightening

b. His authority is used to enlighten others

4. Able to lead by God's design

The rod is synonymous with the shepherd. This psalm about the shepherd makes mention of the rod as a tool that the shepherd will use to lead the flock.

a. His authority demonstrated by his comforting

— Is he able to comfort by his presence?

b. His authority demonstrated by his correction

— *“What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?”* I Corinthians 4:21

May we pray for these qualities in God's next appointment.