

SESSION 3

A Kingdom of Priests

OVERVIEW

1. The Theme of Priesthood
2. A Shadow of Good Things to Come
3. Priestly Responsibilities, Teaching
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THE TABERNACLE AND THE PRIESTHOOD

And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office. And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God.

Exodus 29v44

PART 1

The Theme of Priesthood

PART 1**PRIEST,
FIRST OCCURRENCE**

And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was **the priest of the most high God**.

Genesis 14v18

PART 1**PRIEST (OF GOD),
SECOND OCCURRENCE**

...if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And **ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation**.

Exodus 19v5-6

PART 1**A PRIESTLY HOUSE FOR
NATURAL AND SPIRITUAL ISRAEL**

Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an **holy priesthood**

...ye are a chosen generation, **a royal priesthood, an holy nation**, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light

1 Peter 2v4-12

PART 1**JESUS, THE FOUNDATION OF
OUR PRIESTLY HOUSE**

Ye...are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto **an holy temple in the Lord**: In whom ye also are builded together for **an habitation of God through the Spirit**.

Ephesians 2v19-22

PART 1**JESUS, THE FOUNDATION OF
OUR PRIESTLY HOUSE**

But **Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle**, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

Hebrews 9v11

PART 1**JESUS, A HIGH PRIEST
AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK**

So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, **Thou art my Son**, to day have I begotten thee. As he saith also in another place, **Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.**

Hebrews 5v1-10 cp. Ch. 6-7; Psalm 110v1-4

PART 1**A PRIESTHOOD
AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK**

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but **they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.**

Revelation 20v5-6 cp. 5v9-10

PART 1**THE GOAL OF OUR PRIESTLY ORDER**

1 Cor. 15v25-28

For **he [Jesus] must REIGN**, till **he hath put all enemies under his feet**. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

Rev. 20v6-15

...he that hath part in the first resurrection ...**they shall be PRIESTS of God and of Christ, and shall REIGN with him a thousand years.**

Rev. 21v1-4

Behold, **the TABERNACLE of God is with men, and he will DWELL with them**, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

PART 1**A SHADOW OF GOOD THINGS TO COME
THE GOAL OF OUR PRIESTLY ORDER**

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Exodus 29v44

PART 2**A Shadow of Good Things to Come****PART 2****THE LEVITES TAKEN INSTEAD OF
ISRAEL'S FIRSTBORN**

And thou shalt take the Levites for me (I am the LORD) instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel; and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstlings among the cattle of the children of Israel.

Numbers 3v40-51; 8v19

PART 2**CONSECRATION,
PARALLEL OF PEOPLE AND PRIESTS**

	Israel	Priesthood
Washing	Ex. 19v10, 14	Lev. 8v6 Ex. 29v4
Spirit word in fact or type	Ex. 20-24v8	Lev. 8v10-12 Ex. 29v7
Blood of burnt and peace offerings	Ex. 24v5-7	Lev. 8v18-24 Ex. 29v21
The glory of the lord and devouring fire	Ex. 24v16-18	Lev. 9v23-24

PART 2**CONSECRATION OF THE PRIESTS,
THE NATION REQUIRED TO WITNESS**

And **gather thou all the congregation** together unto the door of the tabernacle of **the congregation**. And Moses did as the LORD commanded him... And Moses said unto **the congregation**, This is the thing which the LORD commanded to be done.

Leviticus 8v2-5

PART 2**THE NAZARITE VOW AND
THE PRIESTHOOD**

	Priest	Nazarite
Separation 'on the head'	Ex. 29v6; 39v30 Lev. 21v12	Num. 6v7
Wine and strong drink	Lev. 10v8-9	Num. 6v3-4
Defilement from the dead	Lev. 21v10-11	Num. 6v6-7

PART 2**THE NAZARITE VOW
NUMBERS 6**

Nazar / Nazir / Nezer, taken together, appear 24 times, a number associated with the priests:

1 Chronicles 24v1-5, (16 + 8), 25v1 cp. v31,
Revelation 4v4 cp. 5v8-10

PART 2**THE HIGH PRIEST,
A REPRESENTATIVE ROLE**

The high priest bore the names of the children of Israel and 'holiness to the LORD'

Exodus 28v6-30; 36 cp. Leviticus 10v3

Jesus, our high priest and model

Hebrews 5-7; Romans 8v29

PART 3

Priestly Responsibilities, Teaching

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PRIEST-TEACHERS OF THE FUTURE MUST BE **GOD'S PUPILS TODAY**

O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies...I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word...How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalms 119v97-105

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PRIEST-TEACHERS OF THE FUTURE MUST **LIVE WHAT THEY LEARN TODAY**

Do not drink wine nor strong drink...when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations: And that ye may **PUT DIFFERENCE between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean**; And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.

Leviticus 10v8-11 cp. Ezekiel 22v26; 44v23

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...every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But **strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to **DISCERN** both good and evil.**

Hebrews 5v12-14

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**PRIEST-TEACHERS OF THE FUTURE
MUST LIVE WHAT THEY LEARN TODAY**

And be not conformed to this world:
but be ye transformed by the renewing
of your mind, **that ye may PROVE what
is that good, and acceptable, and perfect,
will of God.**

Romans 12v1-2

PART 3

**PRIEST-TEACHERS AND THE ANGELS,
MINISTERS TO THE HEIRS OF SALVATION**

For the priest's lips should keep
knowledge, and they should seek the
law at his mouth: for **he is the
MESSENGER of the LORD of hosts.**

Malachi 2v7 cp. Hebrews 1v7, 14; 8v2; 10v11

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MINISTERS TO THE HEIRS OF SALVATION**

...thou [*the Lamb*]...hast made us unto our
God **kings and priests:** and we shall reign on
the earth.

Revelation 5v9-10

...they which shall be accounted worthy to
obtain that world...are **equal unto the angels**

Luke 20v34-36

PART 3

**MINISTERS TO THE HEIRS OF SALVATION,
THE PATTERN OF OUR HIGH PRIEST**

God sent not his Son into the world to
condemn the world; but that the world
through him might be saved.

John 3v17

...the Son of man is come to seek and to save
that which was lost.

Luke 19v10

PART 4

Priestly Responsibilities, Sacrifice

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A LIVING SACRIFICE IN HOLINESS

Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God...

Psalm 40v6-10 cp. Heb. 10v1-18; Rom. 12v1-2

PART 4

THE BASIC ALTAR OFFERINGS

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| 1. Sin Offering | } | 1. Sin & Trespass Offering | Lev. 7v7 |
| 2. Trespass Offering | | | |
| 3. Burnt Offering | | 2. Burnt Offering | |
| 4. Peace Offering | | 3. Peace Offering | |
| 5. Meal Offering | } | 4. Meal & Drink Offering | Num. 15 |
| 6. Drink offering | | | |

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WHAT'S NEXT?

SESSION 4

1. Two Ways, The Way of Holiness and The Way of Death
2. The War in Our Members
3. The World, The Kingdom Where Human Nature Reigns
4. Two Tactics God Has Provided to Resist Our Nature and The World