



"A Royal Priesthood" (Part 3)

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1 Peter 2:5



4 And coming to Him as the Living Stone, having been rejected by men—but chosen by God and precious [to Him]. **5** You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. **6** For it is contained in Scripture: BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOSEN STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNERSTONE; AND THE ONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NEVER BE PUT TO SHAME. **7** This honor, therefore, is for you who believe. But for those who disbelieve: THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER. **8** And: A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE. They stumble because they

are disobedient to the word, unto which [ends] they were appointed. **9** But you are AN ELECT RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR [GOD'S OWN] POSSESSION so that you might proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. **10** Once you were not a people, but now [you are the] people of God; [once you were] those who had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

– 1 Peter 2:4-10, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

Introduction

Six Principles Related to the Old Testament Priesthood

- 1) The Old Testament priests were _____ by God.
- 2) The Priesthood was not about the mighty but the _____.
- 3) Old Testament priests had to be _____ before they were fit for service.
- 4) In the Old Testament God _____ the priests for service.
- 5) The Levitical priests were to be _____ for service.
- 6) God called the Old Testament priests to _____ service.

Five Principles From Malachi Chapter Two

- 1) A life of personal holiness (obedience).
- 2) A high regard for God's Word (love and respect for Scripture).
- 3) A Passion for God's Worship (innate hunger to see Him glorified).
- 4) A Desire to Proclaim the supremacy of God to all people (Evangelism).
- 5) A Desire to serve God and His people (heart of a servant).

Compare those Five Principles in Malachi with 1 Peter Chapters One and Two

- 1) A life of personal holiness (cf. 1:14-16).
- 2) High esteem for God's Word (1:22-25).
- 3) A passion for God's Worship (2:5, cf. 4:11).
- 4) A desire to spread the supremacy of God (2:9).
- 5) A desire to serve God & His people (1:22; 2:4-10).

I. The Church as a Royal Priesthood (2:4-10)

"The priesthood of the believer is the privilege won for every Christian by Christ giving the believer access to God in prayer, confession, sacrifice and Word."

- I. The Church as a Royal Priesthood (2:4-10)
- A. Established in the Living Stone (4)
 - B. Erected as a Spiritual Temple (5)
 - C. Elected as the People of God (6-10)

A. **Established** in the Living Stone (4) *This is the Source of our Priesthood*

B. **Erected** as a Spiritual Temple (5): *This is the _____ of our Priesthood*

1. The Nature of the Temple: We are Living Stones
2. The Paradox of the Temple: We are both a Spiritual House and a Holy Priesthood
3. The Service of the Temple: We are to offer Spiritual Sacrifices
 - a. What are "spiritual sacrifices" (seven ideas)
 - (1) Prayers of the saints (A life of _____) - Rev. 5:8; Psa. 141:2
 - (2) Reverence for God (A life of _____) - Psa. 50:14-15,23; Heb. 13:15
 - (3) Intense love for one another (A life of _____) - 1 Peter 1:22, 4:8
 - (4) Evangelism of the Lost (A life of _____) - 1 Peter 2:9
 - (5) Spirit of humility (A life of _____) - Psa. 51:17
 - (6) Totality of our lives (A life of _____) - Romans 12:1-2
 - (7) Sanctified walk (A life of _____) - 1 Peter 1:14-16; Heb. 13:16
 - b. "Acceptable to God through Christ Jesus"

Conclusion