

The Priesthood of the Believer

I. INTRODUCTION

A. One of chief doctrines:

B. Background:

C. Fulfillment not abolishment:

II. KEY VERSES

1 Peter 2:4 "You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

1 Peter 2:9-10 "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" -

Revelation 1:5-7 "... To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." -

Revelation 5:10 "And have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth."

Revelation 20:6 - "Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years." -

III. IMPLICATIONS FOR US

A. It means -

B. It means -

1. Rom 12:1 -

2. Heb 13:15 -

3. Heb 13:16 -

4. Phil 2:17 -

C. It means -

IV. PREPARATION FOR PRIESTHOOD

A. God had very strict requirement for the priesthood. There were 4 main areas of preparation for both Aaronic and Levitical priests:

1.

2.

3.

4.

B. As His Royal Priesthood of Believers:

1. We must

2. We are

- a) the call is still ...
- b) James 4:3-4; James 4:7-10
- c) Set apart in our hearts –
- d) The emphasis is on _____ not _____.
- e) Separated Unto Him means _____.

Rehoboam (2 Chron 12:14) -

Jehoshaphat (2 Chron 19:3) –

“Seek” – The Hebrew *darash* which means –

1 Chron 22:19 gives this admonition –

3. We also

- 4. Like the Old Testament priests, God wants an exclusive when it comes to our _____.

a) Preparation of His priests includes:

b) Why this is so hard for us:

V. HINDRANCES TO PRIESTLY MINISTRY

A. There's a big BIG DIFFERENCE between _____.

B. Some hindrances to walking in that position of priest that God has ordained for every believer:

HINDRANCE # 1 – _____

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Leviticus 21 lists 11 physical defects that disqualified people from priestly service. They were still priests by birth but couldn't walk in it because of these things. These disqualifications were a shadow of a spiritual reality which God wants us to understand because it reveals the things which will hinder us in fulfilling our calling as priests unto God. **Listen and see if any of these things are hindering you!

HINDRANCE #2 – _____

HINDRANCE #3 – _____

HINDRANCE #4 – _____

HINDRANCE #5 – _____

HINDRANCE #6 – _____

HINDRANCE # 7 – _____

HINDRANCE # 8 – _____

HINDRANCE # 9 – _____

HINDRANCE # 10 – _____

HINDRANCE #11 – _____

HINDRANCE # 12 – _____