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Powerfully Purposed Transformation

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Accepting God's Identity for You is Everything---Following Jesus into God's Kingdom---and surrendering to His Lordship Today---This is God's formula for changing mankind, revealing His will for your life, and winning the war for your soul.

Romans 12:2 KJV

(2) 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.

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English Prologue

This is not a new teaching, or even a teaching, although everyone learns as they travel. I am attempting to show the pathway God laid out for human beings in the Garden of Eden and the path Jesus took so we could follow Him back into God's presence as citizens in His Kingdom. If you are tired of boring lectures without power, life, or destiny?

The Kingdom of God is here. The kingdom is still full of joy, peace,
and excitement in today's world.

It is not God's future plan, but rather today's agenda. Therefore, the Lord is accepting volunteers to join the kingdom's goal of establishing the mindset of His kingdom in the hearts of believers today.

If you identify as a Christian, live with the hope of attaining Heaven, and believe you will be raptured out of the current cultural war, you have become a victim of the devil's schemes and a party to their success. He always wants you to delay accepting the things of God until it is too late for them to affect the world we live in today. Discover what Satan is stealing from you today.

Because Jesus has finished all things needed for life and Godliness, our family, city, state, country, and world's future depends upon our recognizing, believing, claiming, and living in all of the things of God today, not tomorrow.

God has established our identity
as His child at the cross.

A willing and obedient heart is all it takes to live, move, and have your being, identity, and destiny in God. Therefore, passionately strive to establish a true legacy for your children. Without any exaggeration, I can say, enter at the risk of being forever changed!

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Priests unto God

The Old Testament Priest

I believe the priesthood of the Inner Court is one of the main things missing from the body of Christ. God intended that we should walk as a priest unto Him. If we do not steadily and passionately pursue this reality in our lives, the maturity of our relationship with God will suffer gravely.

Revelation 1:6 KJV

(6) And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Most citizens of the Kingdom of God know this verse and that God has made us priests unto God. Yet we often take for granted many things of God and never try to find out what we should be doing to carry out this office, nor the implications of walking in that position. Just praying for a few people does not bring us to the fullness of the priest's status. It is much more than that. As we begin our examination, it would be helpful to read Ezekiel 44:6-31. I will not quote it here but will refer to portions of it.

The label for these scriptures in my KJV is: "Rules for Levitical Priests." The setting for this teaching is the Tabernacle of Moses in the wilderness. God divided the Tabernacle into three sections: the Outer Court, the Inner Court, and the Holiest Place.

The priest had a different relationship with the Lord in these areas. They carried out these duties in accordance with their relationship with God. Now, I will mainly deal with the Outer and Inner Court priests. There are many differences in the priests' relationships and duties across the various areas of the Tabernacle.

One of the more significant distinctions was that the Outer Court ministers or priests were to serve God by meeting the needs of the people. Gentiles and Jews alike came here to get their needs met. So, the Outer Court did not stop at the walls. God did not manifest His presence in the Outer Court as much as He did elsewhere. He may have revealed Himself occasionally. Still, it was not the place of His habitation and continuous manifest presence.

God had chosen the Levites to be in charge and enter a personal relationship with Him. In the Inner Court, the spirit of God would continuously manifest, and the minister would grow in his relationship with God and become intimate with

Him in His many expressions. That enables him to present God as the healer, deliverer, priest, and so on.

But some polluted God's house by bringing Gentiles into the Inner Court. God did not take their ministry away from them. Still, it did confine them to the Outer Court. They could not go into His manifest presence. However, they could have remembered and spoken of their earlier experiences. The Outer Court is also the place of preparation for those whom God chose to allow to come into His presence and minister unto Him.

Every priest who entered the Inner Court must have passed some stringent qualifications. Here are a few, though not all:

- ❖ They could not be strangers to Israel.
- ❖ They must be willing to turn their back on everything in the Outer Court and focus completely on God.
- ❖ They must be circumcised in their hearts and flesh (showing a covenant relationship).
- ❖ They shall stand before God to offer the fat and the blood.
- ❖ They shall come into the Inner Court to minister (tarry and serve) unto God.
- ❖ They shall keep God's charge (commands).
- ❖ Unlike all the other tribes, God is their inheritance.
- ❖ When they exited, God had prepared them to teach the difference between the holy, profane, clean, and unclean. They learned to exercise judgment in accordance with God's will, to keep the law, and to consecrate the Sabbath.

I would boil it down to these things. First, the priest must be a Jew. God's requirement was for him to be also circumcised in heart and flesh. Next, the crux of his ministry was learning to wait upon the Lord. That means to tarry for instructions, then leave to carry them out or serve the Lord.

The New Testament Priest

Jesus would be our best example of a priest unto God in the New Testament. Therefore, I will use Jesus, for He is the pattern or model for those who aspire to become priests unto God. I believe Jesus's first step in preparation to become an Inner Court priest was His baptism by John the Baptist. He then received the Spirit of God, who prepared and empowered Jesus for ministry.

Matthew 3:16 KJV

(16) And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water:

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and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

The very next step was when the Father spoke from the heavens:

Matthew 3:17 KJV

(17) And lo a voice from heaven, saying, That is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

With this statement, the Father rooted and grounded Jesus in the Father's love for Him. The Lord needed this foundation of reassurance to carry Him through His forty days of fasting and the ministry that followed. Understanding God's love is our first step into the priesthood. Practicing the reality of this walk brings Jesus to the forefront as the fountainhead or source of our life. That fountainhead gives love (to keep the law), faith (confidence in God's goodness), and God's life (to minister to others).

The priests in the Tabernacle had to leave the outer area to enter the Inner Court. Jesus also had to leave everything behind and go into the desert, focusing His full attention on God. In the place of isolation, without the world's distractions, He could now hear God speak to Him. John the Baptist and the Apostle Paul followed this pattern to listen to and experience God.

At the end of His fast, the devil came to Him and tempted Him. Facing and defeating those things that had the potential to bring about His downfall completed the circumcision of His heart (mind). The spiritual scars of that cut were visible in the spiritual realm, establishing a covenant with God.

Many teach that Jesus cited the scriptures, but I do not think so. Instead, he quoted from what the Word of God had written in His heart. This Word, accompanied by faith, is what brings forth the power of God. Memorizing the Bible verses or reading them does not produce much spiritual force. The Word of God must write the things we need on the tablets of our hearts.

After receiving ministry from angels, He left the desert in the power of the Holy Spirit. God had fully prepared Him to function as a priest of the Inner Court. For the remainder of His life, He ministered from that office. Jesus was now a carrier of the habitation and continual manifestation of the presence of God. Jesus is our pattern son, and we are to live according to the pattern he lived.

But Jesus is a Jew inwardly; circumcision is that of the heart, not the letter. So that fulfills one of the conditions for becoming a priest of the Inner Court and practicing the relationship with God that Jesus had when He ministered.

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Jesus continuously practiced full communion with God. Therefore, His ministry reflected the full power of God flowing from that relationship. We must do likewise.

I think the term habitation of God is a bit confusing to some. God is always everywhere, all the time. So everywhere is His living place. However, He has picked specific areas to make Himself seen, heard, and felt by His people. We call these particular sites the places of His manifest habitation. In the Old Testament, it was the Tabernacle of Moses. In the Gospels, Jesus became the temple of God. He was God's place for the manifestation of His habitation. God had always lived in Him. Still, He did not display the presence of God to the world until He received the Holy Spirit. So today, as we walk in the temple of God, we are to be the place of the manifestation of His habitation.

Many of the priests today operate as Outer Court ministries. They sometimes do magnificent work in preparing people for the Kingdom of God and meeting the needs of the people in other ways. However, the ministry's purpose and focus are always on the people. The manifestation of God's presence varies over time and from ministry to ministry. The Outer Court is not the place of His permanent manifest habitation, but is essential in God's plan. I want to note that no one could ever get to the Inner Court without passing through the Outer Court. Here, we grow in a godly relationship with tutors until the time appointed by the Father. Our ministry to others should be our training to minister unto God in the Inner Court. The work God has called us to is His tool for developing us to enter God's eternal presence and minister unto Him.

Today, very few practice the inner-Court ministry unto God, learning to do what they see God doing and to say what they hear God speaking. That relationship is available to everyone, but very few walk in it. We cannot do more outstanding works than Jesus while living and functioning in an Outer Court relationship. We must practice an Inner Court relationship with God to do these things.

Are we not Jews? Has God circumcised our hearts?

Romans 2:28-29 KJV

(28) For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

(29) But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Are we unable to leave the world (Outer Court) behind? Jesus did not seem to think so.

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2 Corinthians 6:17 KJV

(17) Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

Through communion with the Lord, we can find the laws He has written on our hearts. We would also experience faith from hearing Him speak those things to us.

Jeremiah 31:33 KJV

(33) But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Hebrews 12:2 KJV

(2) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

If we were to believe, receive, and start walking as priests unto God, we could start on the pathway to performing the greater works of God promised by Jesus. We preach that the Kingdom of God is at hand and give proof through physical, spiritual, and emotional healing. The resurrections of the dead, deliverance, signs, and miracles would be ordinary. These are not just for a select few.

We should be doing the most important thing Christ could not do. He must die before anyone can be born into the Kingdom of God. It took His death to ratify God's last will. He came to live God's will. While He lived as the testator of the will, it would have no strength or legal effect. His death ratified the testament and made it secure forever. It was then possible for people to be born again and enter God's Kingdom. Therefore, He commissioned us as ambassadors of the ministries of salvation and reconciliation.

Prayer

Father, strengthen my soul so I might leave the world to come into your permanent presence. Train me as a priest unto God, as I await you in the Inner Courts of your tabernacle in Heaven. As I leave to minister to others, let your presence never depart from me. I wish to live with you 100% of the time. Fill this deep longing of my heart for your eternal presence. It is my joy to do your will. In the name of Jesus, I pray, Amen.