

# WE ARE PRIESTS OF GOD

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**YOU SHALL BE CALLED  
THE PRIESTS OF THE  
LORD**

**Isaiah 61:6 but you shall be called the  
priests of the LORD; they shall speak of you  
as the ministers of our God; you shall eat  
the wealth of the nations, and in their  
glory you shall boast.**

**1 Peter 2:9** But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

**Revelation 1:4-6** John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**Revelation 5:9-10** And they sang a new song, saying, Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.

# THE ORIGIN OF THE PRIESTS OF GOD

## **1ST PRIEST OF THE BIBLE: MELCHIZEDEK (KING OF SALEM AND PRIEST OF GOD)**

**Genesis 14:18-20** And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) And he blessed him and said, blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand! And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

## THE ORDINATION OF PRIESTS (Aaron and His Sons)

**Exodus 28:1** Then bring near to you Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the people of Israel, to serve me as priests—Aaron and Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

## **FUNCTIONS OF PRIESTS:**

- **To serve as mediators between the people and God, to intercede for the people and atone for sin through sacrifice, and in this way to reconcile the people with God.**
- **Consult God to understand the divine will for the people.**
- **Be the interpreters and teachers of the law and teach the people the Lord's statutes.**
- **Minister in the sacred things of the tabernacle.**

# REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIESTS OF GOD

## **SANCTIFICATION:**

**Leviticus 20:7-8** They shall not marry a prostitute or a woman who has been defiled, neither shall they marry a woman divorced from her husband, for the priest is holy to his God. You shall sanctify him, for he offers the bread of your God. He shall be holy to you, for I, the LORD, who sanctify you, am holy.

**1 Peter 1:15-16** but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, You shall be holy, for I am holy.

**Exodus 28:36-37** You shall make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it, like the engraving of a signet, Holy to the LORD. And you shall fasten it on the turban by a cord of blue. It shall be on the front of the turban.

## COMMENDED:

**1 Peter 5:8** Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

**1 Timothy 3:1-5** The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?

**1 Peter 3:7** Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

## **BE AN EXAMPLE:**

**Deuteronomy 6:6-7** And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

**Proverbs 22:6** Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

**Acts of the Apostles 21:5** When our days there were ended, we departed and went on our journey, and they all, with wives and children, accompanied us until we were outside the city. And kneeling down on the beach, we prayed.

# ATTITUDES OF A PRIEST

## **ATTITUDES OF A PRIEST:**

- **Worship God with your life**
- **Pray and intercede constantly**
- **Always seek God's guidance**
- **Know the Word of God well**
- **Teach the Word of God**
- **Correct and Exhort**
- **Do not accept profane things**
- **Seek and cultivate holy things**

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