

THE PRIESTHOOD

The Relationship Between the Priesthood, the Kingship, and the Prophethood

I. God's desire

A. Two main ministries

- a. Priesthood – to bear God's image
- b. Kingship – to have God's authority

Genesis 1:26

“And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion...”

1 Peter 2:9

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people acquired for a possession, so that you may tell out the virtues of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;”

Revelation 20:6

“...but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.”

B. Subsidiary ministry - prophethood

1 Corinthians 13:8

“Love never falls away. But whether prophecies, they will be rendered useless; or tongues, they will cease; or knowledge, it will be rendered useless.”

II. The priesthood bearing God's image

A. By beholding and reflecting God to be transformed into His image

2 Corinthians 3:18

“But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.”

III. The priesthood bringing in the proper kingship

A. The authority follows the image

Acts 4:13

“And as they beheld the boldness of Peter and John and perceived that they were uneducated men and laymen, they marveled and they recognized them, that they had been with Jesus.”

IV. The prophethood only to restore the priesthood and the kingship

- Not the focus of gifts
- Not merely listening to “prophets”
- But be restored to spend much time living in the Lord’s presence and beholding His face.