

# God's Eternal Purpose Fulfilled Through the Priesthood

After spending forty days on the mountaintop being infused with God, Moses was shining with God's light. Notice that God did not ask Moses to do anything. Rather, He transfused Himself into Moses until Moses began to shine with Him. This was the reason that when Moses came down from the mountain, the skin of his face was shining. **The highest profession on earth is to spend time being infused with God that we may shine forth God.** This is far greater than doing anything for God. If we would shine forth God, we need to spend time with Him, not to do something but to have Him transfused into our being.

## I. The Triune God is eternal and His purpose is also eternal

**Isaiah 9:6** ...And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

**Hebrews 9:14** How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God,...

**Eph. 3:11** According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,

## II. God's eternal purpose is to work Himself into man that God and man may be fully one

**Genesis 2:9** And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. **16** And Jehovah God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may eat freely,

## III. Two trees as two sources—the tree of knowledge versus the tree of life

**Genesis 2:17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, of it you shall not eat; for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.

**John 6:57** As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.

## IV. Examples in the New Testament

### A. Pentecost

**Acts 1:13** And when they entered, they went up to the upper room... **14** These all continued steadfastly with one accord in prayer,...

### B. Peter at Joppa

**Acts 10:9** ... Peter went up on the housetop to pray around the sixth hour.

**C. Paul at Antioch**

**Acts 13:2** And as they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, Set apart for Me now Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.

**D. John at Patmos**

**Revelation 1:10** I was in spirit on the Lord's Day and heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet,

**V. Today we need to open to God and let Him come in to fill us and be one with us. Then God will do something through us. Whatever He does through us will flow out of Himself. This is the real service which God is seeking today.**

**A. Filled with God in the morning**

**Mark 16:9** Now after He had risen early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary the Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons.

**Luke 24:1** Now on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared.

**B. Filled with God during the day**

**Mark 16:12** And after these things, He appeared in a different form to two of them as they were walking on their way into the countryside.

**Luke 24:13** And behold, two of them were going on the same day to a village named Emmaus, which was sixty stadia away from Jerusalem. **14** And they were talking to each other concerning all these things which had occurred. **15** And while they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them.

**C. Filled with God in the evening**

**Mark 16:14** And afterward He appeared to the eleven as they were reclining at table,

**Luke 24:33** And they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and those with them assembled together, **36** And as they were speaking these things, He Himself stood in their midst and said to them, Peace to you.

**D. The real service to fulfill God's purpose**

**Mark 16:15** And He said to them, Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to all the creation. **20** And they went out and preached everywhere, **the Lord working with them** and confirming the word by the accompanying signs.