

# The Priesthood

## Exodus 19:6

“And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the children of Israel.”

### I. God's eternal purpose

**Gen. 1:26** And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

**Gen. 2:7** Jehovah God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.

**Job 32:8** But there is a spirit in man, / And the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding.

**1 Thess. 5:23** And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gen. 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.

### II. The definition of a priest

**Lev. 16:2-3** And Jehovah said to Moses, Tell Aaron your brother that he shall not enter at just any time into the Holy of Holies inside the veil before the expiation cover, which is upon the Ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud over the expiation cover. 3 In this way Aaron shall come into the Holy of Holies: with a bull of the herd for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering.

**2 Tim. 4:22** The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

**Heb. 10:19** Having therefore, brothers, boldness for entering the Holy of Holies in the blood of Jesus.

### III. Priest in the Bible

**1 Pet. 2:5, 9** You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 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.

**Rev. 1:5-6** And from Jesus Christ, the faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and has released us from our sins by His blood 6 And made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be the glory and the might forever and ever. Amen.

#### **IV. A transformed concept**

**John 6:28-29, 35, 57, 63** Then they said to Him, What shall we do that we may work the works of God? 29 Jesus answered and said to them, This is the work of God, that you believe into Him whom He has sent. 35 Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall by no means hunger, and he who believes into Me shall by no means ever thirst. 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. 63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

**Eph. 6:17-18** And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God, 18 By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit...

**John 7:37-39** Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes into Me, as the Scripture said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water. 39 But this He said concerning the Spirit, whom those who believed into Him were about to receive; for the Spirit was not yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

**2 Cor. 3:16-18** But whenever their heart turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 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.