

Embracing the Apostolic

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There comes a time when heaven calls us

- *That time is now to embrace your apostolic calling*
- The apostolic is not just what we do—but who we are
- Not everyone is an apostle
- All believers should be apostolic



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A biblical apostle is a *“sent one”*

- The word ***apostle*** comes from the Greek “**apostolos**,” meaning **one who is sent with authority**.
- In the New Testament, apostles were not just messengers
 - They were ambassadors of the kingdom



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—Authorized to speak and act on behalf of Christ.

- The original twelve apostles (**Like Peter, James, and John**) had a unique, foundational role in the early Church
- The New Testament also speaks of other apostles (**Like Paul, Barnabas, and Junia**)





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- The role continues beyond the Twelve
- Apostles are marked by spiritual authority
 - Deep revelation of Christ
 - Perseverance
 - Ability to pioneer and oversee works that advance the gospel.



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Apostles are Ambassadors, Generals, Governors, and Patriarchs

- When one is sent out as an ***apostolos***, he is the full delegate and representative ambassador of his sender
- He carries in his person the full authority of the one who sent him.

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The office of an apostle can be compared to a ship in several symbolic and functional ways

- **Apostles chart new territory like ships that break open new waters**
 - A ship ventures into uncharted seas to explore new lands or deliver cargo
 - Apostles are pioneering leaders sent out to establish new works, plant churches, and take the gospel into places where it has not been preached



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- They are “**sent ones**” (from the Greek ***apostolos***), commissioned to go ahead and break spiritual ground.
- **Apostles provide direction and carry others to their destiny—like ships carry passengers and cargo to a set destination.**
 - Apostles don’t just go; they bring others along with them
 - They carry vision, doctrine, and spiritual authority
 - Guide ministries, leaders, and churches

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- Like a ship's captain guides the vessel
- Help people and communities reach their divine purpose.
- **A ship must be well-built and able to withstand storms**
 - Apostles must be strong in character and grounded in truth.**
 - Apostolic ministry is not for the faint of heart
 - Like a ship enduring turbulent seas

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- Apostles often face intense spiritual opposition, persecution, and hardship
- They are designed **(and refined)** to navigate through storms and keep moving forward.
- **Ships have a mission and are not meant to stay in the harbor**
 - **Apostles are designed for movement and impact, not comfort or containment**

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- A ship fulfills its purpose only when it leaves the dock
- Apostles are called to go
- Not to remain static or institutionalized
- They mobilize others, stir revival, and advance the kingdom of God.
- Therefore, the apostle, like a ship, is built for purpose, movement, and impact

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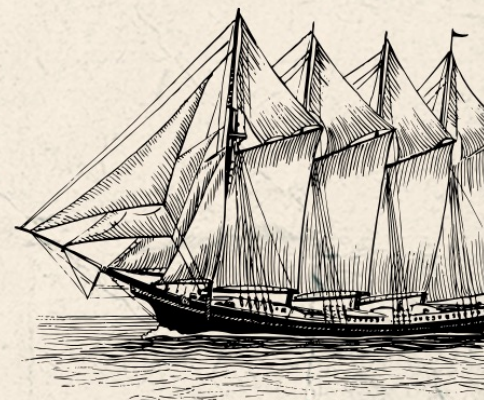
- They navigate spiritual waters
- Weather storms
- Carry people and truth to new destinations

Apostles are Covenantal and Loyal

- Apostolic identity includes deep commitment.
 - Apostles don't abandon assignments or people easily
 - They model covenantal faithfulness and stand firm under pressure.



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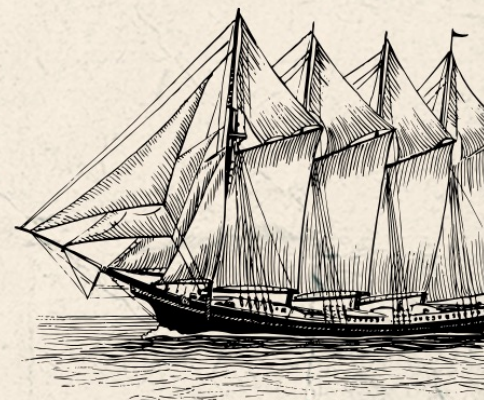
Loyal to apostolic alignment

- Faithful in financial giving
 - Apostles are faithful to their word or to their promise
 - "But make sure your statement is, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; anything beyond these is of evil origin" (Matthew 5:37 NASB)***
 - This verse comes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and teaches that our words should be trustworthy and truthful
 - A simple **"yes"** or **"no"** should be enough
 - Reflects integrity and faithfulness to what we say

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Melchizedek Principle

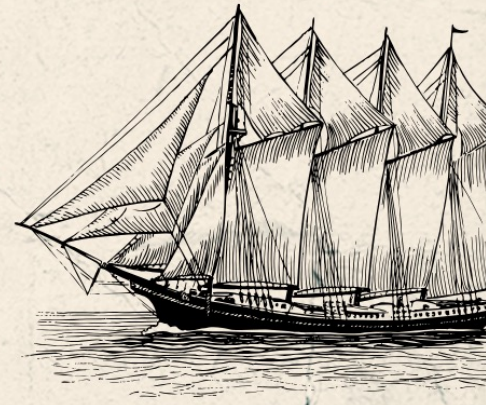
- Melchizedek appears in **Genesis 14:18–20** as the “**king of Salem**” and “**priest of God Most High,**” blessing Abraham.
- Abraham gave Melchizedek a tithe, signifying Melchizedek’s higher position
- Melchizedek order **precedes and surpasses** the Levitical priesthood



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Gave tithe before the law

- Jesus said in NT that believers should tithe without neglecting other matters
- ***“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin and have neglected the weightier provisions of the Law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others” (Matthew 23:23).***



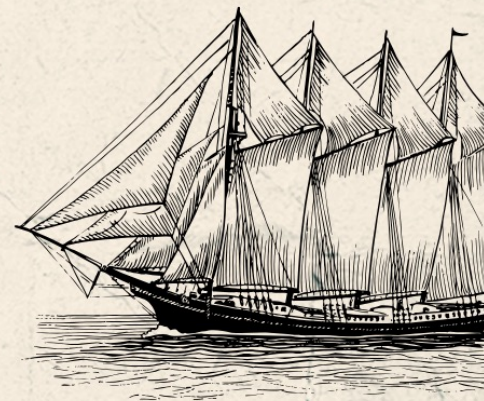
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Principle: The Melchizedek order represents a **higher realm of spiritual operation**

- Based on intimacy with God, righteousness, and peace—not religious rituals.
- Understand that without financial giving there is no commitment

These identity traits shape how apostles live, lead, and love

- Not just *what they do*

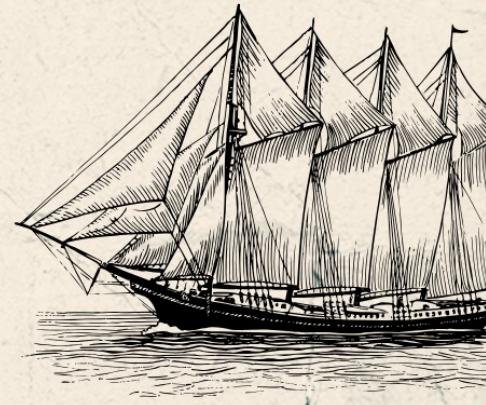


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- **Who they are** as messengers and builders of Christ's Kingdom.

Apostles are Master Builders

- Apostle Paul said in I Corinthians 3:10, ***“According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.”***
- Kingdom mentality rather than merely a congregational mentality





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Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins, they will raise up the former devastations; and they will repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations.

Isaiah 61:4



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