

A Royal Priesthood

1 Peter 2:1-12

"The House of David is a picture of the Kingdom of God, and the Tabernacle of David is the priestly and governmental authority of Christ' Kingdom, to be given to the church as an inheritance. Yeshua is the King, and we are His royal subjects—a priesthood created perfectly in His image of our Heavenly Father to rule and reign together with Christ [2 Tim. 2:12] over the nations of the earth (1 Peter 2:9)." HouseofDavidMinistries

- I. This is the truth about those of us who are sincere followers of Jesus Christ. We are **a royal priesthood, a holy nation**. We are the **living stones** God uses to build his spiritual house. We are not like dead stones that merely lie dormant with no life in them at all. Instead, we give the life, vitality, excitement, and passion necessary to draw and save others through the gospel. Therefore, it is vitally important that we grow up in our faith so that we can become a responsible priesthood who proclaims the gospel well.

1 Peter 2:1-5
Gen. 16:2

Romans 15:15-16 *15Yet I have written you quite boldly on some points to remind you of them again, because of the grace God gave me to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles. He gave me the **priestly duty** of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.*

- II. We come to Jesus Christ to be enlightened about how to live this life while here on earth. As royal priests, we are commanded to offer spiritual sacrifices to Jesus as an act of total submission to his rule over our lives. We are to offer the sacrifice of ourselves, the sacrifice of praise and worship and the sacrifice of giving and serving, all because he called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:4, 6-10

1 Jn. 5:11-12

Heb. 5:1

Heb. 4:14-16

Rom. 12:1

Heb. 13:15-16

Isaiah 28:16 *So this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who relies on it will never be stricken with panic.*

Psalm 118:20-23 *This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.*

- III. As living stones, as a royal priesthood and as a people belonging to God, we are to represent our privileged position in the kingdom of God by living well in this world of ever-increasing darkness. He is most certainly coming again, and part of being watchful is living in ways that compel the lost to glorify God. In other words, at the Great White Throne Judgment, they will praise and honor God when see how our salvation changed us to live for righteousness while here on earth.

1 Peter 2:1-3, 11-12

Matthew 16:27 *For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.*