

## What Does It Mean to Be a Baptist? - We, as Believers, Have Full Access to God

### 3 Old Testament Orders:

- Kingly – rule men for God
- Prophetic – spoke for God to men
- Priestly – spoke to God for men

### Israel Called To Be a Kingdom of Priests

(Ex 19:4-6) 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and [how] I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth [is] Mine. And **you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**' These [are] the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.

### Being a Priest Affected:

- What they did
- What they could and couldn't do
- The way they dressed
- Who they married

### Becoming a Priest

- The priesthood wasn't earned
- One became a priest *by birth*

**Clarification #1 – Priest ≠ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Clarification #2 – Priest ≠ No \_\_\_\_\_ Roles**

**Being a priest involves both “Rights & Responsibilities”** The priesthood brings not only privileges, but duties also.

**Priestly \_\_\_\_\_:**

- **To directly \_\_\_\_\_ God through Christ, without going through any man (1 Tim 2:5-7)**

<sup>5</sup> For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the Man* Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, <sup>7</sup> for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am speaking the truth in Christ *and* not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

- **To directly \_\_\_\_\_ God**

(Ex 30:10) And Aaron shall make atonement upon its horns once a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonement; once a year he shall make atonement upon it throughout your generations. It [is] most holy to the LORD.

**Priestly \_\_\_\_\_:**

1. **Doing \_\_\_\_\_ Work (cp. Num 3:5-8; Deut 21:5)**

(Rom 12:1) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, [which is] your reasonable service.

(Eph 4:12) for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **and Making Intercession (cp. Joel 2:17)**

(Matt 5:44) But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

(1 Tim 2:1-4) Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, [and] giving of thanks be made for all men, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. <sup>3</sup> For this [is] good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

(1 Tim 2:8) I desire therefore that the men {adult males} pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;

(Heb 4:16) Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

3. \_\_\_\_\_

- A. **By presenting our bodies** - (Rom 12:1) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, [which is] your reasonable service.
- B. **By walking in love** - (Eph 5:2) And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.
- C. **By dying for others** - (Phil 2:17) Yes, and if I am being poured out [as a drink offering] on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.
- D. **By supporting evangelizers** - (Phil 4:18) Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things [sent] from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.
- E. **By praising God and giving thanks to Him** - (Heb 13:15) Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of [our] lips, giving thanks to His name.
- F. **By doing good and sharing material things** - (Heb 13:16) But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.
- G. **By proclaiming God's praises to the unsaved** - (1 Pet 2:5, 9) you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

4. **Being \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (cp. Ex 39:30; Ez 44:11)**

(Heb 10:22) let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

(1 Pet 2:5) you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

(1 Pet 1:13-16) Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest [your] hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, [as] in your ignorance; but as He who called you [is] holy, you also be holy in all [your] conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

(1 John 1:6-10) If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

5. **\_\_\_\_\_ Others (cp. Lev 9:22; Num 6:22-27; Deut 21:5)**

(Rom 12:14) Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

(1 Cor 4:12) And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure;

6. **Being a \_\_\_\_\_ For the Holy Spirit (serving AS a temple, as opposed to serving IN a temple)**

(1 Cor 3:16-17) Do you not know that you are the temple of God and [that] the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which [temple] you are.

(1 Cor 6:19-20) Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit [who is] in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

(2 Cor 6:16) And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among [them.] I will be their God, And they shall be My people."

(Eph 2:19-22) Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner[stone,] <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

7. **\_\_\_\_\_ God Through His Word (1 Pet 2:1-17)**

**Present-Looking Focus (1 Pet 2:1-17)**

**Forward-Looking Focus (Rev 1:4-6; 5:8-10; 20:4-6)**