

Kings and Priest 2

Revelation 1:5,6 NKJV “and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, **6** and **has made us kings and priests** to His God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

1 Peter 2:9,10 NKJV “you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; **10** who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God...”

Note: how plural the language is here. (Nation & people)

Kings exercise authority over their enemies and their flesh.

- In their personal life: Romans 6:12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.
- In the Church: Luke 10:19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy.

Kings generate wealth and resources for the purpose of the kingdom.

- In their personal life: 2 Cor. 9:8, 10,11
v. 8 NLT And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need.... and plenty left over to share with others.
- In the church: 2 Cor. 9:8 **NKJV** And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work.
2 Cor. 9:10,11 NLT For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. **11** Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.

The Divine Partnership for the Kingdom of Kings and Priest.

1) The Primary Responsibility for the Priests in the Church is to Provide Vision.

Prov. 29:18 NKJV For where there is no vision the people perish.

- a) Notice he is not talking about a person.... He is talking about a “people”. A group will perish where there no vision.

“Vision” is to stay in your lane

- b) Critical - learn how to be Self- Feeders – the shepherd of a flock lead with vision, but they have to feed.

2) The Primary Responsibility for the Kings is provide Provision for the Vision.

- a) Three ways the Kings generate provision for the vision.

KINGS GENERATION PROVISION:

- i) Tithes and Offerings**
- ii) Impactful Volunteerism**
- iii) Prayer: Spiritual Warfare**

In the business world we always talk about the ROI (return on investment); I want you to think about the EROI (eternal return on investment)

- b) EXAMPLE: David was an Old Testament King who live by faith in a New Covenant revelation.
 - i) He was an extravagant giver.
 - ii) He was a faith-filled volunteer – when nobody would volunteer to fight Goliath.... David did!
 - iii) He was a worship intercessor.... When he prayed and worshiped, demonic torment on King Saul left.

David – New Testament KING AND PRIEST living in the Old Testament.

I have a lot more to share about David's anointing, but today I want you to see this partnership in couple of other powerful people.

Psalms 110 is the most quoted OT passage in the New Testament

Psalms 110:1,2 & 4 NKJV The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." **2** The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! v.4 he Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

Hebrews in the NT picks up this same phrase several times:

Hebrews 6:18 – 7:4 NKJV "... we have a hope that is set before us... This *hope* anchors us... and takes us into our priestly anointing **6:19** "... which enters the Presence behind the veil, **6:20** where the forerunner has entered for us, *even* Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 7:1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, **2** to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all.... first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," **3** without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. **4** Now consider how great this man *was*, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.

Melchizedek was both a King and a Priest of the Most High God.

He is introduced to us in Genesis 14

- Melchizedek was the King of Salem (Ancient Jerusalem) and the Priests of the Most High God.
- Melchizedek was both priest and king.

- Psalm's tells us that the Messiah would come from the order of Melchizedek.

Jesus is our forerunner after the order of Melchizedek.

Abraham's Encounter with Melchizedek Illustrates the Divine Partnership of Kings and Priests

Gen 14:14 Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.

1) Abraham was just an average man who trusted in his promise.

Abraham had a Promise – You will be Blessed So You Can Bless Others.

(Gen 12:1-2), If you leave behind your old life and follow me and obey me, (v.2) I will make you a great nation, And **I will bless you**, And make your name great; And **so you shall be a blessing**"

- a) He was taking territory for God
- b) He was about to conquer his enemies and take back what was stolen from him.
- c) Here is God's first covenant man who was a prosperous man and a successful man. One who ruled over his enemies.

2) Abraham's faith in the God's promise made him prosperous.

Read: Gen 14:16-17 So he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people. **17** And the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley), after his return from the defeat of (pro: care deh lo mere) Chedorlaomer and the kings who *were* with him.

- a) The men of Abraham's day considered him a King.

NOTE: The King of Sodom is the first one to Meet Abraham after his great victory!

- b) The King of Sodom represents WICKEDNESS (Gen 13:13 But the men of Sodom *were* exceedingly wicked and sinful against the Lord)
 - i) The first voice that comes out to speak to Abraham in the valley of the kings... in the place of success, in the realm of his victory.... **AFTER** his Greatest Victory **is the voice of wickedness.**
- c) The King of Salem which translated means "King of Righteousness." (Heb. 7:2)

Note: Jesus said, seek first the Kingdom of God and His RIGHTEOUSNESS and all these things you need will be added unto you. (Mt 6:33)

Gen 14:18 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he *was* the priest of God Most High.

One represents the Devil and **realm of sin** the other represents Jesus and the **realm of redemption!**

3) In his prosperity, Abraham he chose the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

4) The Melchizedek Message

The bread and the wine are the articles of covenant.

a) Remember your covenant

God promised him "I will bless you so you can bless others"

b) You belong to God

v. 19 And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High"

You are OF God... the implication is You are NOT like this wicked king!

c) God owns it all anyway

(v.19) And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth.

d) It is God who delivered you from your enemies.

(v.20) And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.

5) Abraham's response was to tithe

a) It wasn't asked for or demanded. Abraham just responded from his heart.

Romans 4:12 "... we are those who walk in the steps of faith like our father Abraham."

Gal 3:29 "And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise"

b) The wicked one is still lingering and he now speaks (v. 21-23)

21 Now the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, and take the goods for yourself."

22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the Lord, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth, **23** that I *will take* nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that *is* yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich'

i) Abraham says I have lifted up my hand to the Lord He is the possessor of heaven and earth.

ii) I belong to him ---- All that am, All that I have, All that I ever will be belongs to Him.... and Not You!