"Let Us"
Kingdom of Priests Part 3
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Kingdom of Priests

Exodus 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."

Every Christ follower is a priest

1 Peter 2:9 "But you are a chosen generation [race], <u>a royal priesthood</u>, 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;"

• 1 John 1:7 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.

Revelation 1:5b-6 "To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has **made us kings and priests** to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

Jesus is Our High Priest

5-6 "So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You." As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek";

7-8 "who, in the days of His flesh, when He had **offered up prayers and supplications**, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered."

9-10 "And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, called by God as High Priest "according to the order of Melchizedek," of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing."

Jesus is our Pattern

Hebrews 6:19-20 "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

Jesus Offered Himself

Hebrews 9:14 "how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

• Conscience = G4893 moral consciousness

"Believe and be ready for God's best and be prepared for the world's worst" Bishop Hamon

God has changed the human race every 2000 years – Adam and Eve 2,000 - Abraham 2,000 years to Jesus and started the Church Race and hopefully 2000 years after that He will come to start the Kingdom Race.

The Church Race has eternal life in their spirit but mortality in their bodies, but when the Kingdom Race begins at the Resurrection and Translation (first resurrection) they will not only have eternal life in their spirit but they will have immortalized bodies.

That means if the 2000 year process stays the same then...

The Church was birthed in 30AD + 2000 = 2030

That is less than 1% of time left out of the 2000 years.

High Time to Awake Out of Sleep

Romans 11:11-12 "And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light."

"The same grace and faith that it takes to demonstrate God's glory is the same grace and faith needed to solve problems and be an overcomer."

To be prepared for what is to come "Know the Word of God and talk in tongues a lot."

Fourteen "Let Us" Commands

Let Us Fear

Hebrews 4:1-2 **Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest,** <u>let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.</u> For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

- Fear G5399 to frighten, to be alarmed, to be in awe of, afraid, reverence.
- Philippians 2:12-13 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

Let Us Be Diligent to Enter that Rest

Hebrews 4:11-12 <u>Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest</u>, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

• This verse is a command not to fall away by being disobedience.

Let Us Hold Fast Our Confession

Hebrews 4:14-15 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, <u>let us hold fast our confession</u>. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

• Let us hold firmly to the faith because of Jesus Christ, the Son of God who is our High Priest.

Let Us Therefore Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace

Hebrews 4:16 <u>Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace</u>, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

(AMP) Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God's unmerited favor to us sinners), that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find grace to help in good time for every need [appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it].

Let Us Go On to Maturity

Hebrews 6:1- Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, <u>let us go on unto perfection [completeness]</u>; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit. (KJV)

Let Us Draw Near With a True Heart

Hebrews 10:19-22 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <u>let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith</u>, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

• We have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus and that needs to be evident in our lives.

Let Us Hold Fast the Confession of our Hope

Hebrews 10:23 <u>Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering</u>, for he who promised is faithful.

Let Us Consider How to Stir Up One another to Love and Good Works
Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not
neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the
more as you see the Day drawing near.

- Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works
- Let us consider not neglecting to meet together
- Let us consider encouraging one another

Let Us Throw Off What Hinders Us

Hebrews 12:1a Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. (NIV)

Let Us Run with Perseverance

Hebrews 12:1b And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, (NIV)

Let Us Fix Our Eyes on Jesus

Hebrews 12:2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (NIV)

Let Us Be Thankful

Hebrews 12:28-29 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire. (NIV)

Let Us Go Forth to Him

Hebrews 13:13-14 **Therefore let us go forth to Him**, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

Let Us Continually Offer Spiritual Sacrifices

Hebrews 13:15-16 "Therefore by Him <u>let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God</u>, that is, the fruit of our lips, **giving thanks to His name**. But do not forget **to do good** and **to share**, <u>for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."</u>

Offer Spiritual Sacrifices – "God is Well Pleased"

- 1. Praise
- 2. Thanks
- 3. Doing Good
- 4. Sharing

Add a fifth sacrifice to follow the pattern of Jesus

5. Intercession

1 Peter 2:4-5 "Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, 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."