

Kings and Priests

Who Am I - Week 4 (4-10-24)

Revelation 5:5-10

I. Servant leaders

A. The tribe of Judah

1. Gen. 44:33-34 - Judah is the first to step up and offer himself in place of his brother for His father's sake.
2. Jacob's prophecy over Judah - Gen. 49:8-12

B. King AND Priest - Melchizedek Hebrews 7:1

1. In David, we encounter the first fulfillment of God's promised anointed ruler. When David becomes king, he moves the capital of Israel and the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem, the city where Melchizedek once ruled as priest-king. David is also both priest and king.
 - a) It's not so much that Jesus coming for the order Melchizedek, but that Melchizedek was showing us the way to Jesus. He gave us a foreshadowing of what we would find in the true savior.
2. The thing that made David special was that he was a man after the heart of God.
 - a) That is what made him God's chosen King and Priest.
 - b) 1 Samuel 13:24 and 16:7
 - c) Saul was continually making decisions in haste and fear, and he lost his anointing and his authority.

C. Why are WE Kings and Priests?

1. Galatians 2:20 - It's no longer us living, but Christ living in us.
2. Romans 8:29
 - a) We are to be bearing the image of Christ.
 - (1) The original intention for mankind was to rule and reign on the earth through the power of God's spirit. Jesus made this possible again.
 - (a) Adam and Eve bore the nature of God on the earth.
3. The kingly line was based on Judah's act of self-sacrifice and servant-leadership. God wants us to grow up into the likeness of Christ and serve (rule/reign) along side of Him.

II. Knowing Him

A. Exodus 19:5-6

1. "Peculiar treasure" = personal property.
2. God chose them just like He has chosen you.
 - a) "The best that love can do is provide opportunity." - Jeremy Pearsons
 - (1) Love cannot force itself on anyone or it would not be love.
 - b) We didn't ask for God to choose us. He just did because He loves us.
 - (1) God is so big that He loves unconditionally
 - (2) By choosing/loving us, He gave us opportunity to respond to His call.

(3) He doesn't need us, He wants us.

B. Knowing God = becoming a King - 2 Peter 1:3

1. Why is it so important that we grow in our knowledge of how big God really is?
2. By knowing Him we become intimate with Him and reflect His nature.

C. God is always drawing us to Himself. The closer we get to Him we get, the more like Him we become.

1. God is all sufficient and all powerful.
2. It's not that we are becoming "little gods" but that we are becoming more and more united/one with the one true God.
 - a) The "sap" that flows through His veins then run through ours. What motivates Him is now motivating us.

(1) John 15

D. God is so big that He can express every bit of Himself through me.

1. The closer we get to Him the more of a leader(king) we become.
2. You are complete in Him - Colossians 2:10
 - a) We ARE complete in Him... but only in Him!
 - b) How consistently are we abiding in Him?
 - c) If we are complete in Him then we don't need anything from anyone else.

E. A Godly King is the "first follower."

1. Being a christian leader is more about being a Christ follower than anything.
2. The first place you must learn to rule/reign is yourself.
 - a) We are to always be led to Christ, and therefore always to lead to Christ.