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Wednesday, April 14, 2021 - Group Study  
**Lesson Series: The Work Of Ministry**  
Lesson Series Text: *(Eph. 4:7-12)*  
**Lesson 3: Taking The Kingdom To The People**  
Lesson 3 Text: *(Exo. 19:1-8; 1 Pet. 2:5-9)*  
*All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.*  
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- I. In the previous weeks we've talked about:
  - A. A New Paradigm of Ministry. *(Lesson 1)*
    - a. The word paradigm means an example serving as a model or pattern.
    - b. In the paradigm, the kingdom leaders would lead as servants.
    - c. The Work of Ministry is to become a servant of God, a servant of the saints, and a servant of mankind.
  - B. Your Work Your Ministry. *(Lesson 2)*
    - a. To the believer, every place is holy; because God is there.
    - b. Jesus is Lord of our life; therefore He is Lord of everything that we put our hands to.
    - c. Before God introduced formal worship to man; He introduced work to man.
    - d. The word work in the Old Testament has its roots in representing God.
    - e. In everything that we do; we are to bring glory to God.
    - f. We are to work with a diligence and with a right attitude; as a service to our God.
    - g. The work that we are presently assigned to, is to be part of our devotion, worship, and service to the Lord.
- II. This week we look at our position as priests in the earth.
- III. Under the Law; the normal Israelite had no direct access to the tabernacle and presence of God.
  - A. They needed someone to mediate and represent them before God.
  - B. God called Aaron and his sons for this purpose.
- IV. During the patriarchal period; each head of household functioned as priest to their families.
  - A. Job continually offered sacrifices for his children because he feared that they may have cursed God in their hearts. *(Job. 1:5)*
  - B. The first thing that Noah did after leaving the ark was to build an altar and offer burnt offering to the Lord. *(Gen. 8:20)*
  - C. Whenever Abraham traveled throughout Canaan, he built altars and offer sacrifices to the Lord. *(Gen. 12:7-8; 13:18, 22:9)*
  - D. Isaac and Jacob likewise built altars and offered sacrifices. *(Gen. 26:25; 33:20)*

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- V. In Exodus 19:1-8; God revealed to Israel His purpose in saving them and bringing them out of bondage.
  - A. You see how I brought you on eagles' wings to myself.
  - B. The purpose was to be a peculiar treasurer (*wealth that is closely shut up*) unto me above all people.
  - C. To be a kingdom of priest.
  - D. A holy (*separated*) nation.
- VI. Since, Israel was to be kingdom of priests; God gave them the responsibility of demonstrating His standards to a world that was lost and didn't know him. A world that was deep in sin and darkness.
  - A. Israel had to be obedient and obey the covenant.
  - B. Israel broke the covenant and God chose Aaron and his sons to represent Israel.
- VII. In the New Testament; 1 Peter 2:5-9; Peter reference Exodus the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter, to explain God's original desire for a kingdom of priests.
- VIII. In 1 Peter 2:9; there are four characteristics of our priesthood.
  - A. Chosen Generation – Chosen means selected or favored. Generation means family or “kin”.
    - a. Our natural background and race is overshadowed by our new spiritual background.
  - B. Royal Priesthood – Royal means kingly. Revelations 1:5 says that we have been made kings and priests unto God.
    - a. Our order is not after the Aaronic Priesthood, but after the Melchizedek Priesthood. (*Kingly Priesthood*)
    - b. Because we are all kings in the earth, we have no need of mediators on earth. Jesus represents us in heaven.
  - C. Holy Nation – Holy means set apart. Nation means a race or tribe of people.
    - a. We, as believers, are a mixed multitude of the same identity.
  - D. Peculiar People – Means a unique acquired possession. God's own treasure.
- IX. We have not been brought into this high position as kingly priests just to enjoy the blessings of our kingship. We have a ministry to perform.
  - A. That we should show forth the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness.
  - B. The term show forth the praises means to proclaim **abroad** the Excellencies of the Lord.
  - C. We are to show forth His attributes and wonderful acts toward men.
  - D. We are to testify of His goodness and love.
  - E. We are to declare His desire for reconciliation to mankind.
- X. We are to show forth his praises not in the sanctuary only, but abroad. In the work place, market place, and the community.

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