

Go and Make Disciples of all the Nations

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Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, **teaching them to observe all that I commanded you**; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matt. 28:19,20) NASB

We are commanded (not a suggestion) to go into the world and make disciples unto the Lord. And then notice, Teaching them to obey the Lord.

What Do We Teach? (We Are a Holy Priesthood)

*Disciples are to be a Holy Priesthood, Living Stones in a Spiritual House, offering ourselves as sacrifices unto God. What is all this? I thought we just went to church once or twice a week, said amen, place a couple of dollars in the offering plate and go home. That is the extent of our experience with God. (**Wrong!**)*

And **coming to Him as to a living stone** which has been rejected by people, but is choice and **precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones**, are being built up as a **spiritual house** for a **holy priesthood**, to **offer spiritual sacrifices** that are acceptable to God **through Jesus Christ**. (1 Pet. 2:4,5) NASB

And hath **made us kings and priests unto God and his Father**; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (Rev. 1:6)

We are lively stones in the spiritual house of God. We are alive unto God by His Spirit, made into a holy priesthood. We are not a social gathering, a denomination, a ritual, creed, or dogma, we are God's living stones comprising God's spiritual house. We are living stones connected the LIVING STONE precious in the sight of God. We are the Holy temple of God. Both individually and corporately.

What? **know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**

(1 Cor. 6:19,20)

Know ye not that **ye are the temple of God**, and that **the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?** If any man **defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.** (1 Cor. 3:16,17)

And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone**; In whom **all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord**: In whom **ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.** (Eph. 2:20-22)

*We live by the Spirit of Jesus Christ and are made holy, not condemned by sin.
Living by the law of the Spirit of Life through what Jesus did on the Cross.*

There is therefore now **no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus**, who walk not after the flesh, but **after the Spirit**. For **the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death**. **For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us**, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. (Rom. 8:1-4)

Holy Priesthood - 1. Sacrifice and Offering Unto God

Sanctification means you have been set apart from the world to be a holy sacrifice and offering of praise unto God. We cannot love the world and God at the same time. We cannot eat at the devils table and then dine with the Lord in His table.

Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. (1 Cor. 10:21)

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that **ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service**. **And be not conformed to this world**: but **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye **may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

(Rom. 12:1,2)

But **we have this treasure in earthen vessels**, that **the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us**. **We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.**

For **we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.** (2 Cor. 4:7-11)

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, **let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.** (Matt. 16:24,25)

He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and **he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.** And **he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.** (Matt. 10:37-39)

Christianity has become a carnal mess, a worldly gathering, even using the scriptures in religion, but not really understanding the power of God and the reality of Christ through the scriptures. They have never experienced the presence of God (the Holy Spirit). Jesus is in their head and not their heart.

For **as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but **ye have received the Spirit of adoption,** whereby we cry, Abba, Father. **The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:** (Rom. 8:14-16)

And **hath raised us up together,** and **made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:** (Eph. 2:6)

What does this mean? It means the moment you were Born Again you reign with Christ in the Heavenly realm. When Jesus died (crucified) 2000 years ago, and rose from the dead; everyone that is Born Again past, present, and future, rose with Him. The baptism in (Rom. 6:3-10) is a spiritual baptism by the Holy Spirit into Christ.

Know ye not, that so many of us **as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?** **Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:** Knowing this, **that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.** (Rom. 6:3-6)

Holy Priesthood - 2. Sacrifice and Offering of Praise

God Himself inhabits the praises of His people. God created you to worship and adore Him. If someone comes to a worship service keeps his mouth closed and his hands dead by his side, you can tell he has no relationship with God.

But thou art holy, **O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel** (*your people*).

(Psa. 22:3)

Through Him then, **let's continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God**, that is, **the fruit of lips praising His name**. And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. (Heb. 13:15,16) NASB

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: **Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious**. Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! **through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee. All the earth shall worship thee**, and **shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name**. Selah.

(Psa. 66:1-4)

Why Should We Sacrifice our Honor and Praise unto Him?

Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, **bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul**, and **forget not all his benefits**: Who **forgiveth all thine iniquities**; who **healeth all thy diseases**; Who **redeemeth thy life from destruction**; who **crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies**; Who **satisfieth thy mouth with good things**; so that **thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed**. He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. **The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy**. He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. **He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities**. For as the heaven is high above the earth, **so great is his mercy toward them that fear him**. As far as the east is from the west, **so far hath he removed our transgressions from us**. Like as a father pitieth his children, so **the LORD pitieth them that fear him**. For **he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust**. As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. **But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children**: (Psa. 103:1-17)

Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: **praise him** in the firmament of his power. **Praise him** for his mighty acts: **praise him** according to his excellent greatness. **Praise him** with the sound of the trumpet: **praise him** with the psaltery and harp. **Praise him** with the timbrel and dance: **praise him** with stringed instruments and organs. **Praise him** upon the loud cymbals: **praise him** upon the high sounding cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath **praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.** (Psa. 150:1-6)

We have a bad habit of only praising Him when He gives us something good, but the Truth is, we should praise Him for Who He Is. Whether we are at the mountain top or a difficult valley. He is our Great God and worthy to be praised no matter what! Worship will break the chains off that root of bitterness. If you feel depressed worship will bring you out of it. Job said; “I will Trust Him even if He kills me.”

Wherefore **lift up the hands which hang down**, and **the feeble knees**; And **make straight paths for your feet**, **lest that which is lame be turned out of the way**; but **let it rather be healed**. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; **lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you**, and **thereby many be defiled**. (Heb. 12:12-15)

Holy Priesthood - 3. Sacrifice and Offering; (of tithes & offerings)

*Oh no, people are mad at me now: That's because they don't understand God's power to bless those that obey. They don't understand God will cause you more blessing in giving to His work than if you spent your whole paycheck on yourself. Here's what I've seen; people will usually test God for a season (1 to maybe 5 years let's say) to see if His Words are True. If it doesn't go well monetarily they quit a say it doesn't work. They say God's Word is not True. Well, Do you think God will honor that type of faith? Especially when He sees your heart and your thoughts? Of course not. God knows and sees everything before He created the Earth. I laugh when I see people try to deceive God with their sly thinking. These poor folk don't understand who God is! **You cannot out give God.** Don't determine yourself what the return is going to be, be faithful and Trust Him. At the end of your life you will look back and see the great blessings God gave you!*

But **I have all, and abound: I am full**, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, **a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.** But **my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.** (Phil. 4:18,19)

I have proven God to be Truthful and Trustworthy over many many years. I have been blessed far above what I deserve. I know it works, because God cannot lie!

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. (Luke 6:38)

Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. (Prov. 3:9,10)

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? **In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me,** even this whole nation. **Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse,** that there may be meat in mine house, and **prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.** And **I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes,** and **he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.** (Mal. 3:8-11)

Notice, God is telling us to prove Him Right, and see if He keeps His Word. You can't get a better promise than that. He wants you to Trust Him and keep the faith till the very end.

Look What Happens to the UnBeliever

Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. (Haggai 1:6)

For Those that Argue Tithing was Only Done in the Old Testament

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** **for ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin,** and **have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy,** and **faith:** these ought ye to have done, **and not to leave the other undone.**

(Matt. 23:23)

God started tithing way before the Old Testament. Even Abraham gave a tenth of his wealth to Melchizedek King of Salem. (Heb. 7:1,2)

This Brings Us to Our Next Lesson; (Lesson # 15)
“Five Crowns that will be Awarded to Believers”

Five Crowns Jesus will Reward Believers With:

- 1. CROWN of LIFE*** - (Jam. 1:12 & Rev. 2:10)
- 2. CROWN of RIGHTEOUSNESS*** - (2 Tim. 4:8)
- 3. CROWN of GLORY*** - (1 Pet. 5:1-4)
- 4. CROWN of REJOICING*** - (1 Thess. 2:19)
- 5. CROWN of INCORRUPTION (Imperishable CROWN)*** - (1 Cor. 9:25)
(1 Cor. 15:52-54)
(1 Cor. 15:42-44)