

Being a Priest

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As believers, we are called to be a priestly people, representing God and ministering to him, and we must prioritize faithfulness, humility, and a willingness to be like Jesus.

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of realizing that God is not looking for one outstanding leader, but rather an army of believers filled with His power and anointing to fulfill His purposes. It highlights the need for believers to understand their role as priests, to bring God's order and peace into the world's chaos, and to be faithful in serving others. The sermon encourages believers to emulate Jesus, the greatest man who ever lived, and to prioritize being faithful servants in God's kingdom.

Transcript

Realize beloved there is that there isn't a leader There isn't an an outstanding leader in the church There's no great figure in the world in the church. There's no great figure in the political world. There's no great figure economically or any otherwise What an opportunity that we have in this hour To be people of God, you know, and I don't believe that God is this is very looking for a leader That's why there's going to be an antichrist that will easily rise up God isn't looking for one great figure.

God is looking for an army of figures God is looking for an army of believers filled with his power filled with his anointing Filled with his glory that are going to go out and do what he has purpose us to do That's exactly what he did while he was on earth Hallelujah, and this is the greatest day for the church this hour in which we are living that fact that we can fulfill the ministries And callings that God has put upon our lives But far more than that beloved that we should be like him that our character and our nature should be transformed and changed to be like Jesus hallelujah To be like Jesus to be like Jesus.

All I ask is to be like you hallelujah, and One of the things that has really been exercising me for a long while is the lack of understanding That we have of being his priests Everybody wants to be a king Everybody wants to be a ruler Everybody wants to be an overcomer everybody wants to be out there dictating establishing policy ruling and reigning But we fail to realize that before ever we can be out there in the world And it's not ruling and reigning like a king in the natural beloved It's ruling and reigning of the principalities and powers the strongholds of the enemy And then When we understand who we are as

priests We'll understand that God has purposed us to go out into the highways and the byways to go out into the darkness of this world and bring his order and His government and his system and his peace and his glory out of the confusion and the chaos that is in the world How many times do we add?

To the confusion and chaos instead of being a solution to it Amen How many of you go to family reunions? And at the end of the family reunion And you you promise I'll never go next year and every year you go back for the same punishment Then why why was it so grueling and why was it so punishing? Oh, well, we'll do it for mother's sake or we'll do it for mom and dad's sake and then you say no I'll never do it again It seemed like year after year. We go back to be beaten up, you know to be whipped again And it's like when is something gonna change?

I'll tell you what the problem is beloved There's always got to be somebody in the family that wants to take control There's always got to be some miss bossy boots Yeah, oh Mr. Busybody who interferes in everybody's affairs There's always got to be one of the family that's got to be manipulating and controlling and and you know what they do anybody identify You know what We walk into a situation of that nature and we become part of the problem Instead of being a solution to the problem Amen So instead of you know, we walk in and suddenly we're arguing with fighting We were stirred up because you know, somebody said something that offends us and we get into the debate and we get into the argument and Temperance rise and people get excited and we go away and we're totally deflated and we know that we haven't behaved the way that God Wanted us to behave and instead of us being a solution to a problem but of it we became part of the problem because we didn't carry the Authority and the anointing of Almighty God into that problem because we haven't yet overcome We haven't allowed the Spirit of God to overcome our own mostly weaknesses And if we live the way Jesus wanted us to live Wanted us to hear this because you know, you can solve many a problem You can solve many a family problem.

You can make so many a problem at work, you know go to work and You look at somebody I don't like it. I don't like We don't have the right to walk into a situation and say I don't like that person Because of the way they're behaving They are somebody that needs to be redeemed But if I'm if I'm if I'm part of the conflict, they're never gonna get redeemed Amen So we need to understand Who we are as the priests of the Most High God and what our role is What is God called us to be and do? Chapter 3 Wherefore holy brethren Hands up holy brethren Come on we are holy brethren Separated glorious completely different we've been taken out of the darkness the confusion and the chaos of this world and Translated into his wonderful kingdom Hallelujah That makes me holy I'm not I don't my thinking must change. I don't look at things like I used to look at them I don't behave like I used to behave.

I don't desire like I used to desire I have been translated. He has changed me. He has transformed me by his incredible power That's about nothing to do with me man He found me because he loved me And he's changing me because he loves me Amen, wherefore? Holy brethren You are holy tonight.

Therefore act holy think holy do holy Hallelujah So many times we we you know, we don't have anything to live up to You don't have a standard to live up to One of the things I tell my students in Africa reach for the stars and Then you'll hit the top of the trees You reach for the top of the trees. You can hit the ground You're going nowhere. Amen Have a dream make it so high You say what's the point of having such a hygiene, but other have the highest dream you could ever have Where for holy breath But takers of the heavenly calling Heavenly calling we are partakers of a heavenly calling hallelujah That's so much higher than anything that the earth has to offer beloved.

It's not about going to heaven This walk is not about going to heaven this walk is about Entering into the rest and the peace of Almighty God. This is about entering into the joy of the Lord This is about entering into a place beloved where I'm so satisfied in him I'm complete in him wanting lacking nothing Hallelujah So few of us ever reach there why because we get caught up with the with the affairs of the world We get caught up with this fight over here. We get caught up with that thing over there We get caught up with somebody's opinion over there instead of getting caught up with his opinion and his purposes And his plans for my life Beloved most Christians think well if I do something for God, I'm gonna get some extra brownie points It's not how it works If I give God may bless if I go somewhere God may do something for me if I you know Everything that we think of in terms of our walk with God is if I do something what can I do to please God? I want to tell you there's only one thing that you can do to please God And that is be a priest Everything else will come out of that Automatically Amen Consider consider the Apostle and the High Priest of our profession Christ Jesus and the word profession Is the same as confession in the Greek? Consider the Apostle and High Priest of your confession However, what is your confession of Christ? What is your confession of Christ? If Jesus Christ is my great Apostle and High Priest my profession of him It's gonna be my confession of him hallelujah The way that I see him what has Christ done in your life, what is Christ's goal for you? What is Christ's purpose beloved? Where am I going in Christ Jesus if I have a high high Profession I'm gonna have a glorious powerful victorious Confession Amen.

Oh Jesus is my Savior That reminds me of the old Pentecostals You know stand up every Sunday evening was testimony time, you know, what did they all say? I stand up and say well, bless God. I'm saved and sanctified. Well, so what? Amen So what you know, I'm not interested beloved that you got saved and sanctified 30 years ago I don't give a stinking hoot how long you've been saved So we always want to go back and say well I got saved 50 years ago.

Yeah. Well, where do you stand right now, Missouri? Amen See, but it's one one thing to get saved 50 years ago It's another thing to be so excited about Jesus right now that you can hardly stand life The problem with us is that we get caught up in living this natural life We get caught up with the affairs of the world that we forget. He is my great apostle and high priest He is my example.

He is my role model above anything else We plaster our walls with all kinds of people that we deem to be role models But beloved there's one above everyone That is the greatest moral model who has been the greatest man that ever lived on this planet a man above men Hallelujah, the greatest man the greatest one Jesus the Christ the Son of the Living God Hallelujah We could only emulate all I want to be like so-and-so I want to be like so-and-so I want to be like something I want to be like Jesus Stop and consider this great high priest Consider his walk consider his faith consider his faithfulness man You know as a leader There's one thing that I look for one quality above every other quality. That is faithfulness Doesn't matter how gifted Somebody may be doesn't matter how talented they may be It doesn't matter what they may have in this life and this world beloved if they cannot be faithful They will never be a leader. They will never be teacher And There's such an absence of Faithfulness why because in this generation in which we're living everybody has been trained Everybody has been indoctrinated that I am going to be my own boss man And so we've got people in ministry today who should never be in ministry They should be faithful servants to others in ministry, but everybody has been trained.

I'm to be my own man I'm to be my own minister. I'm to be this I'm to be and so we have an absence of faithful men in the house of God people with the gift of help How many people do we need with the ministry of helps or the gift of help, you know No, but somebody suddenly decides I'm gonna be a leader

You are a helper And we need faithful men and women who will be helpers all the days of their lives because beloved We're a team We are a body and every part of the body has a function and every part of the body needs another part of the body for the successful extension of that body The least member of this physical body is not even seen who is faithful to him that appointed him Who is faithful? to him that appointed him that is Jesus Christ faithful to the father as Also, Moses was faithful in all his house For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses In as much as he who has builded the house hath more honor than the house Amen He who has built the house has more honor than the house Robert We look at church builds. I often sit down and I wonder What is the value of church buildings throughout the world? We can't even begin to imagine the value What is it here in the United States six trillion dollars? Six trillion dollars Dollars could you imagine what we could do with that kind of money in preaching the gospel? And we've invested it in building now there's nothing wrong with having a building and there's nothing wrong with having a comfortable building We forget this point This is the building that God has made Hallelujah, every other building is made by the hands of men, but this building has been made by the hands of God Hallelujah And every building down through the ages every church that every building that sanctuary Temple that God speaks of here is nothing compared to the building that God has perfected And that's this body Why because he's come to dwell in here Amen No matter how frail this body may be Doesn't matter how Subjected may be to the the sicknesses the diseases the problems The affairs of this world beloved yet.

God is pleased to dwell in sir And the indwelling of God in this temple the indwelling of God in this house the indwelling of God making this the church Hallelujah turns me into a priest Hallelujah He has called us Out of darkness into his marvelous light He has called us out of the nations out of the kingdoms out of the peoples of this world to make us his royal his royal Priesthood hallelujah his royal Priesthood his holy Separated royal priesthood and what is the ministry of the priest? The ministry of the priest is to minister to him To show forth his praises to glorify him You know How much more filled do we need to be before we open this trumpet and let it blast Because that's our ministry So I don't I don't understand how people can sit in the presence of God we call it The manifest presence of God. Okay, that is the tangible presence of God And you can feel the tangible presence of God and people just sit and they look like Spirit of the Lord is moving that there's a you can almost feel like you reach out and touch it and that Manifest presence of God how can we just sit in that manifest presence of God without opening this mouth and Declaring his glory and this majesty because beloved we are required to do so as his priests It's not an option

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