



# INSTRUCTIONS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

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## Priests of the Holy Fire

What kind of training do we need for the last days? Should we store up food or live in a remote wilderness? That might help for a while, but it is not the answer. Jesus gives the answer. The most important thing to do is to become a functional priest unto God. Three times, we read in the book of Revelation that we will become a kingdom of priests. Speaking of Jesus and us, it says, ***“You [Jesus] have made them [believers] to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.”*** *Rev. 5:10* Here are 3 amazing things. 1. Our ultimate calling is to become priests unto God. 2. Jesus ultimate task with humanity is to make us a kingdom of priests. 3. The prerequisite for ruling on the earth with Christ, is that we first become priests.

If you are a priest unto God in the last days, you will have peace, power and a clear purpose. You will not be afraid of what you might face. You will be protected and see many miracles and you will be used by God to rescue many lost and dying people.

Before priests were called priests, people were acting as priests. Cain and Abel offered sacrifices, as did the patriarchs; including, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Elijah, Solomon, to name a few. When the tabernacle was established, God gave many details concerning the administration of the priesthood. In the New Testament, the priesthood is still significant, but it is elevated to a better priesthood. Peter says,

***“You also, as living stones are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”*** *1Pe. 2:5*

Jesus, Paul, John and Peter all spoke of offering spiritual sacrifices as priests unto God.

Peter says four main things to us. He tells us:

1. We must be holy priests
2. We must offer spiritual sacrifices
3. Our sacrifices must be acceptable to God
4. This will build us together to be the house of God

God is the greatest example of the priest. After all, He offered His Son, Jesus (as the Lamb of God) on the altar of the cross, to pay for the sins of the world.

And Jesus became our high priest. He lives daily to intercede for us and to offer our sacrifices unto God.

The main theme in the Bible, regarding us, is that we become priests. It is not a sideshow for super spiritual believers who have a fascination with Israel. From the beginning to the end, the priesthood is God’s plan for our lives. Our salvation, our call to prayer, God’s grace on our lives, and the receiving of the gifts of

the Holy Spirit are given to us to prepare us to be priests. Listen to this statement. **The greatest thing you can do, is give to God the right offerings, in the right way, and then trust Him to ignite it.**

Here are seven dynamics that you need for training in the priesthood:

### 1. **Give Your All To God**

A real priest gives his or her soul to God. It is not enough to give God external obedience; it must come from your heart. Paul says:

**“Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God [NIV] - this is your spiritual act of worship.”** Ro. 12:1 NKJ

Notice the words; sacrifice, holy, acceptable, and worship.

### 2. **A Priest Must be Holy**

You cannot make yourself holy. Only Christ can sanctify you by cleansing you with His shed blood. He will justify you, sanctify you, and lastly He will glorify you. He will even do this at the end of the age with all the Jewish Levitical priests. Malachi says:

**“He will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteous-**

**ness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord as in the days gone by.”** Mal. 3:4

That is proof of a coming Jewish revival. All priests, Jews and Gentiles, will be under a new order. Levites will come under the order of Melchizedek; that is the priesthood of Christ.

### 3. **Ask What You Should Offer**

There are thousands of offerings that a person could sacrifice, but God does not want you in China if His purpose for you is in Peru. Yes, you should offer your life, money, service and your gifts to the poor, but your obedience is what determines whether your offering is acceptable to Him. Cain was a man of God. He wanted to please God, but offered a sacrifice that God did not ask for. God was not happy with him so Cain felt rejected. In his pride, he became angry and murdered his brother who offered the sacrifice that God had asked for.

### 4. **A Priest Must Tune His Heart**

Religious people do not always have mercy. That is unacceptable to God. He does not want your sacrifice if you are legalistic, controlling, judgmental or domineering. This is so important. The scriptures even say that God is looking for mercy, not sacrifice. Check your heart; are you merciful or judgmental? Jesus quoted the Old Testament when

He said: **“I desire mercy, not sacrifice.”** Mt. 9:13

### 5. **God Wants a Sacrifice of Faith**

A priest always believes.

**“Anyone who comes to Him, [God] must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him. Heb. 11:6**

Everything we sacrifice or do must be done with the expectation that God will reward us. That is faith. Our offering or sacrifice does not please God without that expectation.

### 6. **The Priesthood is Our Life**

A spiritual priest is always a priest, even when he is at his secular job or on vacation. He is always offering his life, and his activities, to God.

### 7. **God Must Ignite the Sacrifice**

Like with Elijah or Solomon, God wants to light your sacrifice. Many ministers light their own sacrifice. Some even manipulate others to get a human response, but they do not get heaven's fire. Work hard to do all you can, then step back and release your gift to God. Wait for Him to ignite your offering as a preacher, a giver, or an employee. Without His fire our efforts are not priestly. Our reward and our approval must come from heaven. AΩ



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