
Royal Priests

Victory Life Church — Pastor Jacob Sheriff

Part 5 - "Priestly Prayers" – Sunday April 3, 2022

1 Peter 2:9 (NLT) But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. **You are royal priests**, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Priests stand at the interface of heaven and earth, representing creation before God and God to creation

Humans "in the image of God" (Genesis 1:26): Representation and Rule (Royal Priests)

Revelation 5:6-10 (NKJV) And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, **stood a Lamb** as though **it had been slain**, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and **golden bowls full of incense**, which are **the prayers of the saints**. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For **You were slain**, And have **redeemed us to God by Your blood** Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And **have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.**"

Numbers 16:41-48 (NKJV) On the next day all the congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, saying, "You have killed the people of the Lord." Now it happened, when the congregation had gathered against Moses and Aaron, that they turned toward the tabernacle of meeting; and suddenly the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord appeared. Then Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of meeting. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Get away from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment." And they fell on their faces. So Moses said to Aaron, "Take a censer and **put fire in it** from the altar, **put incense on it**, and take it quickly to the congregation and **make atonement for them**; for wrath has gone out from the Lord. The plague has begun." Then Aaron took it as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the assembly; and already the plague had begun among the people. So **he put in the incense and made atonement for the people**. And **he stood between the dead and the living**; so **the plague was stopped**.

Matthew 8:16-17 (NKJV) When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He **cast out the spirits with a word**, and **healed all who were sick**, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: “He Himself **took** our infirmities And **bore** our sicknesses.”

Colossians 4:12 (NKJV) Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always **laboring fervently for you in prayers**, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

Colossians 4:12 (TPT) Epaphras, who is also from Colossae, sends his loving greetings. I can tell you that he is a true servant of Christ, who always **labors and intercedes for you**. His prayers are filled with requests to God that you would **grow and mature, standing complete and perfect in the beauty of God’s plan for your lives**.

Exodus 28:29 (ESV) So Aaron shall **bear the names** of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment **on his heart**, when he goes into the Holy Place, to **bring them to regular remembrance** before the Lord.

Being a priest means laboring for each other in prayer as we carry others on our hearts before the presence of the Lord.