

# Preparing To Be ‘Kings And Priests’ In God’s Kingdom

**Deuteronomy 17:14-15, 18-20** [New King James] “When you come to the land which the LORD your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, ‘I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,’ you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.” ... “Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites. And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes, that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.”

**The study of the laws and statutes was to be a daily task of the king as well as the priests.**

**Revelation 5:10** [New King James] “And have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.”

**This refers to true Christians who are part of the firstfruits of God’s created Kingdom, [Romans 8:29; James 1:16-18].**

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** [New King James] “But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.”

This includes all who are true Christians who have died after the First Coming of Jesus Christ, all who are still alive at Jesus Christ’s Second Coming, joining all who received the gift of the Holy Spirit before the First Coming of Jesus Christ, bringing a new covenant that is like that made with Abraham based on faith in God’s promises, [**Romans 4:13, 16, 18-24**].

**1 Corinthians 15:12-25** [New King James] “Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up, if in fact the dead do not rise. For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ’s at His coming. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.”

**Resurrected to rule with Jesus Christ after His Second Coming.**

**Revelation 20:4-6** [New King James] *“And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.”*

**The first act of Jesus Christ will be to stop the influence that God the Father has allowed Satan to have on human beings, [Revelation 20:1-3] to deceive people [Revelation 12:9] and blind them to the very reason for human existence, [Genesis 1:26-27 – “likeness” Hebrew “demûwth” means character which takes time to develop], also how they can be forgiven for past sins that cut them off from their Creator God, [Isaiah 59:2; 2 Corinthians 4:4; John 3:16-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-3; Acts 4:12].**

**2 Timothy 3:15-17** [New King James] *“and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*

**“All scripture” includes the Old Testament with its laws, statutes and examples of how “God’s people” should live their lives.**

Note it also includes our being equipped for every good work that our Creator God desires us to do.

Being a priest [teacher] or king [who makes judgements on personal situations and conduct of those whom they rule over].

Our daily study of God’s Word, the Christian Bible, allowing the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, [John 16:13].

**Romans 8:1-17** [New King James] *“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has 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 did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, ‘Abba, Father.’ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.”*

**It is the active presence of the Holy Spirit in us that causes us to live a life that can be used by God as an example and teacher for all who have never known the one and only true God and His Son Jesus Christ.**

**Hebrews 9:14** [New King James] *“how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”*

**It was the power of the active Holy Spirit in the physical human Jesus Christ that enabled Him to be our Saviour.**

**Hebrews 9:15** [New King James] *“And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.”*

**It is by this same empowerment of the active Holy Spirit in us that allows us to receive eternal life as a gift from God, [Romans 6:23].**

**Ecclesiastes 3:11** [New King James] *“He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.”*

**No human being, in their right mind, can accept not existing.**

**1 John 5:11-13** [New King James] *“And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.”*

**We can experience eternal life now.**

**John 6:47-58, 63, 66-69** [New King James] *“‘Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.’ The Jews therefore quarrelled among themselves, saying, ‘How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. This is the bread which came down from heaven, not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. **He who eats this bread will live forever.**” ... **“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.”** ... “From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. Then Jesus said to the twelve, ‘Do you also want to go away?’ But Simon Peter answered Him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? **You have the words of eternal life.** Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’”*

**Peter understood the words that Jesus Christ taught was eternal life for all who received them and digested them by meditating on them daily.**

**It is only the work of the Holy Spirit in us that can prepare us for our work as priests and kings at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.**

**Acts 2:1-4** [New King James] *“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. **And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**”*

**This is how the Christian church began and in the same way the created Kingdom of God will come in its fullness, [Revelation 20:4-6].**

**This first phase of the created Kingdom of God will prepare a large number of priests and kings to lead all who have never even heard of the name of Jesus Christ let alone accept Him as their Saviour in a vast resurrection back to physical life.**

**Revelation 20:7-10** [New King James] *“Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”*

**Once again, for the last time, Satan will be able to deceive people who live in vast expanses of this earth. Once again Satan and all who work with him will be silenced.**

**Revelation 20:11-13** [New King James] *“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.”*

**This second phase of the created Kingdom of God will then begin, and once again the Word of God, the Christian Bible, will be the central text book for the conversion of these people.**

**Revelation 20:14-15** [New King James] *“Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”*

**This is the final judgement of all who still do not accept Jesus Christ as their only Saviour, [Acts 4:12].**

**As we have seen our future as Christians, and our receiving the gift of eternal life in a new spirit body, depends on how we allow the Holy Spirit to work in us now day by day.**

**1 Corinthians 15:35-58** [New King James] *“But someone will say, ‘How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?’ Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain, perhaps wheat or some other grain. But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body. All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, ‘The first man Adam became a living being.’ The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on*

*immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?' The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."*

Do not overlook the final words of Paul in this part of his letter to the church in Corinth, [**verse 58**].

We do not “*drift*” into the created Kingdom of God but take it by “*storm*,” [**Matthew 11:12**].

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