

# “Qualified to Reign”



# The Priesthood of all Believers

1 Peter 2:9 (KJV)

<sup>9</sup> But ye are a chosen generation, **a royal priesthood**, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light

Isaiah 61:6 (NLT)

<sup>6</sup> You will be called **priests** of the LORD, ministers of our God.

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Revelation 1:5–6 (NLT)

<sup>5b</sup> All glory to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us. <sup>6</sup> **He has made us a Kingdom of priests** for God his Father. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.

Revelation 5:10 (NLT)

<sup>10</sup> And you have **caused them to become a Kingdom of priests** for our God. And they will reign on the earth.”

# 1. Sacrifice

Romans 6:9–10 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he **died to sin once for all**; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

# 1. Sacrifice

Leviticus 17:11 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> For **the life of a creature is in the blood**, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.

Jesus didn't only shed his blood,  
He also laid down His life,  
**He was Priest and sacrifice**

# 1. Sacrifice

John 17:9 (NLT)

<sup>9</sup> “My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you.

John 17:21 (NLT)

<sup>21</sup> I pray that they will all be one, **just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you.** And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

# 1. Sacrifice

Romans 12:1 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable.

## 2. Prayer and Intercession

James 5:16 (KJV)

<sup>16</sup> Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. **The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.**

James 5:16 (NLT)

<sup>16</sup> Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. **The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.**

## 2. Prayer and Intercession

What does it mean to intercede?

It is the act of intervening on behalf of another.

Biblically it means to speak to God on behalf of a person, people, situation or community.

Some would say, standing in the gap

## 2. Prayer and Intercession

Hebrews 5:7 (NLT)

<sup>7</sup> While Jesus was **here on earth**, he offered prayers and pleadings, with a loud cry and tears, to the one who could rescue him from death. And God heard his prayers because of his deep reverence for God.

**And where is Jesus now?**

Romans 8:34 (NIV)

<sup>34</sup> Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is **at the right hand of God** and is also interceding for us.

## 2. Prayer and Intercession

Ezekiel 36:37 (KJV 1900)

<sup>37</sup> Thus saith the Lord GOD; **I will yet for this be inquired of** by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock.

Ezekiel 36:37 (NLT)

<sup>37</sup> “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: **I am ready to hear Israel’s prayers** and to increase their numbers like a flock.

## 2. Prayer and Intercession

Daniel 9: 2-4 (NLT)

<sup>2</sup> During the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, **learned from reading the word** of the LORD, as revealed to Jeremiah the prophet, that Jerusalem must lie desolate for seventy years. <sup>3</sup> So I turned to the Lord God and **pleaded with him in prayer** and fasting. I also wore rough burlap and sprinkled myself with ashes.

<sup>4</sup> I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed .....

## 2. Prayer and Intercession

Daniel 9:21–23 (NLT)

<sup>21</sup> As I was praying, Gabriel, whom I had seen in the earlier vision, came swiftly to me at the time of the evening sacrifice. <sup>22</sup> He explained to me, “Daniel, I have come here to give you insight and understanding.

<sup>23</sup> **The moment you began praying, a command was given.** And now I am here to tell you what it was, for you are very precious to God.

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Nehemiah 1:3–5 (NLT)

<sup>3</sup> They said to me, “Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire.”

<sup>4</sup> When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days **I mourned, fasted, and prayed** to the God of heaven. <sup>5</sup> Then I said .....

# 3. Worship

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