

# THE FAILURE OF THE PRIESTHOOD

Part 2, Chasing The Wrong Dream.

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*Jesus worked miracles amongst the needy and the sick, fed the hungry and offered salvation to the sinners and the lost. How did those who were supposed to serve these same people react? The priests had him tortured and murdered on false charges, not caring one bit for the pain and suffering he was solving. The priesthood was morally corrupt and spiritually sick; that is why God brought it to an end and a new way was born.*

**God ends the Old Covenant with signs and wonders. MAT 27:50** Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. **51** And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

**MAR 15:33** And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

*Can you imagine the noise when the curtain (as high as a lamppost) was torn in half in the midst of darkness and an earthquake as Jesus died on the cross?*

**God starts the New Covenant with signs and wonders, first detailed in 835BC. ACT 2:16** But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; **17** And it shall come to pass in the last days (New Testament period), saith God, **I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh** (every person, both men and women... not just men and not just the Jews only... Gentiles also received the Holy Spirit, beginning in Acts 10&11): and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy (the spiritual revelations and powers were available to all offspring, not just the priestly tribe of Levi), and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams (the old and young men were not allowed to serve as priests... the age limits would be removed): **18** And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: Even the servants would receive God's power. We are the new priesthood; we have spiritual duties to perform

*We are strongly encouraged for our own blessing and that of those we are set over... to represent God in Faith and Power.*

**This is our default position when we are not walking in the spirit. JER 17:9** The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? History shows us that churches can also lose their way. Ours is a spiritual battle and should be seen spiritually. Not about gender, race, age, wealth, intelligence, etc.

How should we walk in Spirit in the age of offence and the age of the victim? How should we walk as a 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, year old male or female? People are looking for the wrong solution, because they are trying to fight the wrong battles. **\*\*The answer is consistently the same for all ages, all peoples and all scriptures.**

*Leave your ego and natural biases at the door... walk in the spirit! Be the priests that God has prepared you to be.*

**This is a very strong reality check! 1 COR 3:2** I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. You cannot move onto the meat (true spiritual service), until you activate and utilise the powers of God in your life. We are encouraged not to settle for less, but to patiently and willingly expand our spiritual weapons. There is no judgment nor negativity against not reaching these goals... the problem comes if we cease to seek for them. We are still a work in progress.

*The following 3 scriptures reveal areas of potential spiritual weakness in the church.*

**Duties of true worship...** The communion (commitment to God's people, 1Cor 11:24-34), **1 COR 11:29** For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. This failing is the same as the priests... no vision.

*The 3 redemption parables of LUK 15 (prodigal son); give us were all written for spirit filled people.*

**Forgiveness of sinners. LUK 15:1** Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him (Jesus). **2** And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

*Parable of sheep and goats (servitude, MAT 25:31-46)*

**The goats are similarly likened to the priests who failed to identify their duty. MAT 25:41** Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: **42** For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: **43** I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. **44** Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? **45** Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. **46** And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. The answer is above... **\*\***

*A positive response to these activities is the anchor of our soul, a source of every blessing and miracle, that God offers. Jesus revealed these actions as part of his ministry and set the example for us to follow. We can do a lot better than the failed priests if we make an effort to understand why we are called and how to live!!*

**\*\*THE SOLUTION is to walk in the spirit... not to divide each other over opinions and personal values... rather, follow the scriptural examples. GAL 5:16** This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh (natural reasoning). **17** For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. When our spiritual input gets too low or is misdirected... natural thinking can take us in the wrong direction. Purposes are confused.