True Christian Nature

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Topic:

TRUE CHRISTIAN NATURE

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Prayer

God our Father in Heaven, we thank you for our lives, we thank you for the privilege to study your Word, we humbly ask for your understanding and direction in the name of Jesus Christ. (Amen)

Introduction

Our topic today tends to bend towards the direction many of us might seem to have heard before but never taken cognizance of. It's a very deep topic that if you allow the light of God shine into your hearts, you will rejoice evermore because of who Christ has made you to be in Him.

Study

Revelation 1:4-6

[4]John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

[5]And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

[6]And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

In a situation whereby an heir to the king's throne does not have the idea that he is an heir, even his very own slave will ride over him. Just an adage says that *"when the importance/essence of a thing is not known, abuse is inevitable."* So, will I also modify it a bit by saying that, *"when the value and nature of a thing is not known, abuse is also inevitable"*.

The purpose of this study is to truly know who we are in Christ, because if we don't know this, the devil will keep trying to raise his ugly head against us and we look as though we are weak even though we use our mouths to profess times without number that *we are strengthened through Christ that strengthens us,* but we will never come to the experiential demonstration of these words. They will only sound like mere words to us until we fully know our nature as christians but before we can even look at the nature of a Christian, we must first know who a Christian is so that everybody will not keep mistaking themselves as christians when Christ does not even know them as His sons and daughters.

Who is a Christian?

A Christian is a person who is born again, who has believed in Christ and has accepted Christ into His life as his/her personal savior.

The first and only time the word "Christian" was mentioned in the bible was in the book of Acts when the disciples were called Christians.

Acts 11:26:

*"And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people****. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.****"*

And, why were they called christians? It was majorly because they looked and lived like Christ. They bore fruits worthy of repentance and Christ was seen in them. Before Christ can be seen in a person, the person must have encountered Christ. The disciples preached the gospel and discipled the people with the power of the Holy Ghost. They did all they did in the Spirit and were highly filled in the Holy Ghost, so they were called Christians.

A Christian **is not** a Church goer but one who has his/her life transformed through encountering Christ.

John 3:6-7:

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

A Christian is someone who is born of the Spirit and has surrendered all to Christ. That is who a Christian is and not just a mere church goer. So, for anyone who is not yet a Christian, such is expected to believe in Jesus Christ and confess Him as His Lord and savior according to Romans 10:9-10 which says;

Romans 10:9-10:

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

So, having understood who a Christian truly is, what is now then the nature of a Christian?

Before we fully go into it, let's also know the meaning of the word, "NATURE".

Nature, according to the Merriam Webster dictionary, is the inherent character or basic constitution of a person or thing. It is also described as humankind's original or natural condition.

So, which means if we are speaking about the nature of a Christian, we are saying the inherent character of a Christian. Or we are also saying the original or natural state or condition of a Christian.

I believe we now understand the topic literally. Then, proceed as the Holy Spirit grants us understanding.

Our text: **Revelation 1:4-6**

Verse 4: "John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;"

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Verse 6: "And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

We are starting from verse 4 because we will see that verse 6 is linked to verse 4 and to have a better understanding, we should not just pick a verse but link them together to have a better understanding of what we are looking at.

Here is John writing to the seven churches in Asia. As he continued in his letter, we can see that he began talking about Jesus being the faithful witness and the first begotten of the dead. He described Jesus as who He is and mentioned something

in his last statement in verse 5: Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.

This is a reality Christ has done once for all. It's not something He will come again and do, He did it once and for all. He took the sins of all (Everyone on Earth) and nailed it to the cross. However, the reason some still don't enjoy this free gift of salvation is because they do not believe He has done it for them.

This is exactly the case of unbelievers/non-christians. They do not believe in Jesus and indirectly saying they do not believe He died for their sins. This is why you would hear someone who is not a Christian say that he has committed a lot of sins and that can God forgive him?. It's just like a debt that has been paid, yet the debtor keeps thinking if it can be paid when it has been paid already. This is why every christian is privileged and graced to have known Christ because some have heard about Christ but decided not to accept Him into their lives. This is why we need to keep preaching the gospel so that these ones can also see reasons to accept Christ.

Hallelujah!

Can you just rejoice for the fact that you are in Christ and shout Hallelujah to the king of kings!

Let's now proceed to what Christ has made us through everything He did for us in verse 5.

Verse 6: "And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

After Christ had died for our sins and redeemed us, He made us kings and priests unto God, His father. This is where we are heading to.

A Christian is dual in nature. What do I mean by duality in nature? We are **kings** and **priests**.

Many times, we read this verse or even hear that we are kings and priests but we do not know what these mean. Some only think we are just kings and priests for knowing sake. No, we will look deeply into these things and our true nature as christians would be made known to us but let's bear it in mind that we have this dual nature of being a king and priest in Christ.

Who is a king?

According to Merriam Webster, a king is a male monarch of a major territorial unit especially one whose position is hereditary and who rules for life. One thing that distinguishes us from the Normal definition of who a king is, is that both males and females in Christ are kings and priests. Kingship is not restricted to males only but both genders.

Also, due to the research I made, I discovered these:

1. **A king is also someone who is in charge of a kingdom:** He is the head of such a kingdom and takes charge of whatever happens there. Just as a king is the head of his kingdom, so are we (Christians) the ones to bring down the kingdom of God upon the earth. This is why the kingdom of God will not be established here on Earth until there are men to stand in the gap to be used.

2. **A king cannot be suppressed/commanded by anyone except by the constitution which has been laid down, so are we Christians:** We cannot be commanded or suppressed by the kingdom darkness, Never! We are far above them.

Col 2:15:

"And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it."

Since Christ has subdued them, He has placed them under our feet. Therefore, we can only be corrected, directed and commanded as kings by our own constitution "The Word of God" and not by the kingdom of darkness because we are higher than they are and we can never be compared together.

3. **A king is someone with authority and power, who has those who are serving under him:** Same thing applies to us as Christians, we have been given authority and power.

Luke 9:1:

"Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases."

We are not mere or mean men, we have authority and power! But, it's a pity many do not realize this. And, the fact that they do not realize this makes them a slave to powers and principalities that they have power over. Don't you see how grievous and painful that is? So disheartening!

Also, we have angels as our servants and errand spirits to run spiritual and even physical errands for us. Many will not utilize this till they die just because it sounds unrealistic than being real but it's the truth! I heard of a man who was so busy with the kingdom work that he had no time to wash his clothes and he always designated that to his angels. He would tell them to wash and iron his clothes before he returns and when he returns, he finds them washed, ironed and arranged. As unrealistic as this may be, it's actually true and real!

Heb 1:13-14:

"But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

Angels are assigned unto us to minister unto us. This is why for every one who comes to Christ, there is an angel assigned to guard and monitor such a person. You have the power to put them to work.

I believe that by now, you are beginning to see reasons Jesus made us kings. It's very accurate that we are! Let's continue.

4. **A king never jokes with his royal apparel as they are ways you can recognize him when he goes on a journey to another land:** Same applies to a Christian, we have the garment of righteousness even though it cannot be seen by mere eyes but spiritually and the moment we do not have this garment on, it means we have drifted away from Christ and dethroned from being a king and a priest because for every child of God, the garment of righteousness is always on such a person and when the kingdom of darkness sights the person spiritually, they know who he is and know his stand spiritually.

Isaiah 61:10:

"I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels."

Therefore, as christians, we shouldn't joke with the garment of righteousness by meddling with unrighteous works of darkness so as not to pollute this pure garment that has been placed on us. The moment the attire of a king is taken, both the crown and

everything that makes him king are on another person, it means the new person has taken over the position of the king. Therefore, when a Christian gets so acquainted with darkness or backslides and the robe of righteousness is taken away from him, such a person has lost his authority and power over the kingdom of darkness and has become a normal human being without power.

5. **A king is not permitted to see a corpse:** Such is our reality as christians that we are able to even speak unto dead bodies and they will come alive. Hardly would you see a place in the bible where Jesus came across a dead person and the person didn't come back to life. We should be allergic to seeing corpses because our aim should always be to proclaim and glorify God by manifesting His power through raising up the dead because this is one of the things the bible says we will do and that we are going to do more than what Jesus did.

6. A king's word is law in his territory: Whatsoever a king says becomes a law in his territory. This is exactly how we are, whatsoever we decree over our territory stands. This is why the bible says that **we shall decree a thing and it Shall be established** because our words become a law to the kingdom of darkness and they obey without any choice!

7. **The presence of the king is the presence of his entire kingdom authority:** Whenever the king visits another land, it means it is everyone in his kingdom that is visiting the land because he represents all of them. Same thing applies to christians. Wherever we get to, our presence there is the presence of the entire kingdom of God. This is why when a genuine christian gets to a demonic territory, even without uttering a word, the demons there flee and bow because such a Christian carries the presence of God to such a place. Kai, what a powerful reality to behold!

Here are some highlights of who a king is and how we as christians are kings. I believe by now, if you are truly a genuine child of God, you shouldn't be seeing yourself as someone small or low. You are a king! You have authority and power, not just with your mouth but in your actions!

I also believe we are getting to understand our true nature as christians. May God help us to get it more and more in Jesus name. Amen.

Who is a priest?

A priest is someone who is authorized to perform the sacred rites of a religion especially as a mediatory agent between humans and God. In short, a priest is a mediator who stands in gap for the people in the presence of God.

In the old times, nobody had the right to enter into the Holy place of the temple to offer sacrifices except for the priests. Anybody who dared such wouldn't come out alive. The priest's work was to talk to God on behalf of the people but immediately Christ died for us and we received this abundant grace, we are now the temple of God.

Acts 7:48:

"Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,"

1 Corinthians 3:16:

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"

1 Corinthians 3:17:

"If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

Now, according to Revelation 1:6, He hath made us kings and **PRIESTS**. These are what it implies:

1. **We now have the right and authority to go to God in prayers and not depend on someone to take our prayers to God:**

This is what happened during justification, when we gave our lives to Christ. We became guiltless and washed clean. So, we are righteous because Christ has rained His righteousness upon us and has nailed our sinful nature to the cross. When we pray, God sees us as His son Jesus, praying because He is now in us and we are in Him. One thing the devil tries doing is making sure that we find it hard to speak to our Father in prayer. This is why he condemns many and makes them look unfit to stand and talk to God. Therefore, they decide to continue in sin rather than praying, reconciling back to God after they fell into sin the first time.

This is why the bible says

Rom 8:1:

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

2. **Our spiritual sacrifices are acceptable unto God:**

1 Peter 2:5:

"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

The major responsibility of a priest is to offer sacrifices unto God on behalf of the people but since we are now priests, we are fit to offer spiritual sacrifices which are acceptable unto God. As long as the sacrifices are holy and living, they will always be acceptable unto God when we offer them.

Romans 12:1:

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Our bodies is one of the major sacrifices we are to present unto God but the condition that makes the sacrifices acceptable unto God is that it must be holy and living. Anybody who keeps defiling his body, the temple of God, such cannot present such a body a living and holy sacrifice until it is reconciled to God and is washed by the blood of the lamb. Worship and thanksgiving are parts of the spiritual sacrifices we can offer unto God, but these must be done in Spirit and in truth.

John 4:24:

"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

Also, we must ensure we are in right standing with God when offering these spiritual sacrifices, else, we might be offering them unto Satan, unknown to us. It's so disheartening that the worship of some churches and so called believers who think they render unto God are actually rendered unto the devil, why? Because they sing profane songs and offer strange fire unto God.

You would see choristers change the lyrics of a hip hop song and start singing it in church and claim they are worshiping God, when the root of such a song emanated from the corrupt world and from the devil. Not all songs that are sung in churches these days glorify God, and this is why we need to be in the Spirit so as to sing spirit led songs.

Songs that were composed in the word are powerful and healthy spiritually. I will drop some Spirit filled songs which were gotten from the word of God in the next message.

BIBLE SONGS & OTHER PRAISE AND WORSHIP SONGS

BIBLE SONGS

1. Psalm 100:4

I will enter His Gate with Thanksgiving in my heart

I will enter His Court with Praise

I will say this is the day that the LORD has made

I will rejoice for He has made me glad

Alleluia, He has made me glad, I am so glad.

I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

2 Exodus 15:1b

I will sing unto the LORD, for He hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

3 Exodus 15:11

Who is like unto thee, O LORD (2ce)

Among the gods?

Who is like thee,

Glorious in Holiness, Fearful in praises,

Doing wonders?

Alleluia.

4 Exodus 15:18

The LORD shall reign for ever more, He shall reign for ever more.

5 1 Samuel 2:2

There is none holy as the LORD:

There is none beside thee:

Neither is there is any rock like our God.

There is none holy as the LORD.

6 Psalms 25:1-2

Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not

mine enemies triumph over me.

7 Psalms 34:1-4

"I will bless the LORD at all times: His praise shall continually be

be in my mouth."

"My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall

hear thereof and be glad."

"O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His Name

together."

"I sought the LORD, and He heard me, and delivered me from

all my fears."

8 Psalms 48:1-2

"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our

God, in the mountain of His Holiness."

"Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth,

Is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great

King. (2ce)

9 Psalm 57:11

Be Thou exalted, O God, above the Heavens: (2ce)

Let Thy Glory be above all the Earth.

10 Psalm 68:1

Let God arise and His enemies be scattered (3ce)

Let God, Let God arise.

Arise O LORD

Let your enemies be scattered (3ce)

Arise O LORD Arise.

11 Psalms 107:15-16

"Oh that men would praise the LORD (2ce)

For His goodness, and for His wonderful works

To the children of men! (2ce)

For He hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron

in sunder. (2ce)

12 Psalm 119:89

For ever O LORD,

Thy Word is settled in Heaven, it is settled

It is settled

For ever O LORD,

Thy Word is settled in Heaven,

It is settled.

13 Psalms 150:1

Praise ye the LORD, Praise God

In His sanctuary:

Praise Him

In the firmament of his power.

14 Isaiah 42:8

You Are the LORD

That is Your Name

You will never share Your Glory with anyone

You will never share Your Glory with anybody

Almighty God (or I Am That I Am)

That is Your Name.

15 Matthew 6:9

Our Father 2ce

Who Art in Heaven Amen

Hallowed be thy Name (3ce)

b Hallowed be thy Name (2ce)

Hallowed be thy Name, O LORD, Alleluia

Hallowed be thy Name (2ce)

Hallowed be thy Name O LORD.

16 Matthew 8:27

What manner of Man is JESUS, Alleluia 2ce

He stilled the storm, Alleluia

He made the lame to walk, Alleluia

He made the blind to see, Alleluia

He made the deaf to hear, Alleluia

He made the dumb to speak, Alleluia

He raised the dead, Alleluia.

Alleluia

Alleluia Amen 2ce.

17 Luke 10:21a

I thank thee, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

Heaven and Earth 3ce

O Heaven and Earth.

18 Philippians 2:10

At the mention of Thy Name

Every knee shall bow

At the mention of Thy Name

Every tongue confess.

19 Revelation 4:11

Thou art worthy, 2ce O Lord,

To receive glory and honour and power:

For thou hast created all things,

and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

20 Revelation 5:12

Worthy, Worthy is the Lamb 3ce

That was slained.

Glory Alleluia 3ce

Praise the LORD.

21 Revelation 7:10

Salvation to our God which sitteth on the Throne, and to the

Lamb.

For ever more.

22 Revelation 7:12

Amen, Amen: 2ce

Blessing and Glory,

Wisdom, Thanksgiving and honour,

Power, and might, be unto our God

for ever and ever. Amen.

23 Revelation 19:4c.

Amen; Alleluia. 2ce

Amen, Amen

Alleluia

Amen; Alleluia

Amen, Amen.

24 Revelation 19:6c.

Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth

Alleluia, Alleluia

Praise the LORD

Alleluia

Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth

Alleluia, Alleluia

Praise the LORD.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP SONGS

1 He is LORD

He is LORD, Amen

He has risen from the dead

He is LORD

Every knee shall bow

Every tongue confess

That Jesus Christ is LORD.

2 Adonai, I worship You

Son of God, You Are so good

Almighty God, hallowed be Thy Name

Your Dominion is forever more.

3 Take Glory Father

Take Glory Son

Take Glory Holy Ghost

Now and forever more.

4 The LORD reigns

Let the Earth tremble

He reigns let the Earth tremble

Jehovah reigns let the Earth tremble.

He reigns let the Earth tremble.

5 You are the Mighty Man in battle

El Shadai

You are the Mighty in battle

Jehovah Nissi

You are the Mighty Man in battle

El Shadai

You are the Mighty Man in battle

Glory to Your Name.

6 The LORD shall reign forever more

He shall reign forever more.

Jesus shall reign forever more

He shall reign forever more.

7 The Blood of Jesus

The Blood that conquer Satan.

8 There is Mighty power in the Blood 2ce

There is Mighty power in the Blood of Jesus Christ

There is Mighty power in the Blood.

9 I have a Father, Who will never, never fail me 2ce

Jesus is my Father, He will never, never fail me

Rock of ages never, never fail.

10 What shall I render 2ce

What shall I render to You, O LORD

I will praise You, O LORD

And shout Alleluia

What shall I render to You O LORD.

11 Immortal God

Invisible God

Immortal God

How Great Thou Art.

How Great Thou Art.

How Mighty Thou Art

Immortal God

How Great Thou Art.

12 You are the Mighty God

The Great I Am

Alleluia, Alleluia.

13 Who can battle with the LORD 3ce

I say nobody.

14 Blessed be Thy Name 2ce

Blessed be Thy Name O LORD Alleluia

Blessed be Thy Name 2ce

Blessed be Thy Name O LORD.

15 O LORD, my God

How Excellent is Thy Name

In all the Earth

How Excellent is Thy Name

How Excellent, how Powerful, how Mighty is Thy Name

In all the Earth

How Excellent is Thy Name.

16 You Are the LORD

Let Your Name be Glorified

We give You Honour and Glory

You Are the LORD

Let Your Name be Glorified.

17 I will praise You LORD 4ce

If nobody will praise Your name

I will praise You LORD

He has done it for me 4ce

What my father cannot do

You have done for me

What my mother cannot do

You have done for me.

18 What shall I say

Unto the LORD

All I have to say, is thank You LORD

Thank You LORD 2ce

All I have to say is thank You LORD.

19 In the Morning

Early in the Morning

In the Morning

I will rise and Praise the LORD.

20 Good Morning Jesus

Good Morning LORD

I know You came from Heaven above

The Holy Spirit is on the Throne.

Good Morning Jesus

Good Morning LORD.

21 Do you know why I believe Jesus

Do you know why He is so Great

After Three Days He rose from dead

I've never seen a man who rose from dead like Jesus Christ

That's why, He is LORD

He is LORD, Amen

He has risen from the dead

He is LORD

Every knee shall bow

Every tongue confess, That Jesus Christ is LORD.

22 Heavenly LORD

Your Name is Wonderful

Your Name is Excellent

Your Name is Beautiful

Jehovah, I worship LORD

For You Are Mighty

You've got the whole world in Your Hands

You've got the whole world in Your Hands 4ce.

23 He can Never, ever change 3ce

Jesus the same forever.

24 He's Alive, Amen 2ce

Jesus is Alive, forever

He is Alive, Amen.

25 I love the Man of Galilee

For He has done so very much for me

He has forgiven me all my sins

And sent the Holy Ghost to me

I love the Man of Galilee.

26 Praise the LORD

O sing, O sing O

Praise the LORD

Praise His Holy Name

Praise the LORD 2ce

O sing O sing O

Praise the LORD.

27 Hosanna in highest

Hosanna in the highest

The Angels are singing

Hosanna in the highest.

28 Hosanna 2ce

Hosanna to the King of kings

Hosanna 2ce

Hosanna to the Lord of lords

LORD I lift up Your Name

With a heart full of praise

Be Thou exalted oh Lord my God

Hosanna in the highest.

29 Thank You

Thank You LORD

Thank You LORD

Thank You LORD

For everything You Have Done.

3. **We are now intercessors:**

Before a priest would pray for himself, he would have prayed for a lot of people first because that is his responsibility. Now that we are priests, one of our major responsibilities is intercession!

We now have the ministry of intercession on our neck and must not be found wanting daily in our secret places. This is why we are not happy when those around us have not known Christ and because of that, we intercede for them and pray that God saves them. One of the natures of a Christian is love for other souls. A true christian will always want to intercede for souls either in distress or who have not known Christ. A Christian will never say "what is my concern about that" but will see others as his brethren and stand in the gap for those who need it.

If as a Christian, all you pray for is yourself, you are not yet showcasing your true nature because a priest does not seek his own good only but the good of others too.

4. **We are to take charge of whatever happens in our territory and take any unpleasant situations to our secret place:**

It's not appropriate that negative spiritual dealings should be happening around where a Christian stays without such christian taking charge! This is why our secret place is the place where we settle matters and take all situations to God. Your nature as a Christian should be, not allowing the kingdom of darkness to prevail around you. We have authority over those things and they shouldn't be raising their heads wherever we are, talk more of causing havoc around us.

This is one of the reasons we are priests. We should never be far from our secret places and should always expose darkness rather than pampering them. It should not be heard that we pamper darkness or allow them to exist wherever we are!

5. **A priest is to continually love in holiness:**

In those days, priests consecrated themselves before entering into the holy place to offer sacrifices, because when they are not holy and they enter therein, they die! Therefore, as christians, we are meant to constantly live a holy life without blemish because we are a holy nation! We shouldn't be found playing with sin or unholy things because we have been consecrated before the Lord. We have been set apart by God and our garments have been made pure!

These are what it means to be kings and priests. We have access to God and His authority. This is why when we speak, nothing can resist our authority and power because He that is in us is greater than he that is in the world!

Let's quickly look at 2 things we are required to be doing as priests so as to continually sustain our priesthood.

2 Things that continually renew our priesthood:

1. Consecration

2. Intimacy

Deuteronomy 10:8:

"At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, unto this day."

1. **Consecration:**

Consecration means to set apart. It's an act of separation for a sacred and holy purpose. We know that when you have a lot of oranges in a basket and one is spoiled, the spoiled one begins to affect the rest. But, what do you do in order to preserve a single orange from getting spoilt or contaminated?

You take it out of the basket. You consecrate it by setting it apart. That is what consecration simply means. An act of separation from the corrupt world system and practices.

Consecration entails taking a **deliberate** action towards separating one's self from the corrupt world system. You would notice in the verse above that when God wanted the children of Levi to work for Him, what He did first was separating them, setting them apart for His use. Someone who is determined to separate himself from the world won't dress, talk, behave, eat, walk and run like the world. Everything about such a person will be totally different because he has been set apart.

2 Corinthians 6:17:

*"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye **separate**, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you."*

God wants His children to be distinct from the world. He wants His children to be easily pointed at amidst numerous people of the world. He wants a separation. And, a way to continually retain our priesthood is setting ourselves apart and not conforming to this world.

2. **Intimacy:**

Deuteronomy 10:8:

*"At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, **to stand before the LORD to minister unto him,** and to bless in his name, unto this day."*

The second way to continually retain our priesthood is by building intimacy with our father. The more we stand before the Lord in our secret places, the more we become intimate with Him and take territories.

An unstable prayer and study life cannot ignite intimacy. Intimacy means having a very strong relationship with someone and that is what God desires. He desires that we long for His presence and continually seek more of Him.

One thing about God is that He is always ready to draw near as long we are ready to draw near to Him too. The more we tarry in His presence, the more His glory rubs on us and we become stronger day by day in Him. This is a powerful way to continually ignite the fire on our altar.

I believe we now understand our true nature as christians and shouldn't be tossed to and fro by darkness. It's when you understand who you are that you will take charge and behave as who you truly are.

Invitation

If you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven. Please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Saviour, I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I make a decision to obey and follow You today. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ name I pray Amen.

Congratulations, now you are saved. If you prayed this short prayer please WhatsApp +2347067511039, and tell me that you just got saved. I want to have a word with you. God bless you.

Prayer

Father, we thank You for Your word that has blessed our souls, we pray that You would remove every veil that has blinded our minds and let Your light shine upon us so that we be able to focus more on You and not be distracted by the frivolities of this world so that we can reign with You eternally, in Jesus Christ's name. AMEN

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