

The Responsibility of Royalty

Introduction

- The taste of the fruit is connected to the condition of the root
- We are shepherds (priests) – living and walking boundaries of His Word. Our love for Him is known in how well we maintain our sheep pens.
- The greatest downfall of His people – Mixture
- Royalty's bad rap – the thinking that we are exempt from having to do anything once we are chosen
- Feet washing – setting apart as a Mikvah. (the last thing the disciples remember - strategic)

Our Calling to Royalty (1 Peter 2:9-10)

- People want freedom but also maintain life once lived in Egyptian lifestyle (mixture) – we do not represent Egypt but the King of Kings!
- The heart of Abba is to have a people that live out their deliverance from darkness to light
- We are set free from what made us slaves (discussed later in John 8)
- It is easier to live as slaves in Egypt than to live a free life of trusting Him (real trials begin)
- **That you should proclaim the praises of Him Who is always good**

Our Behavior as Royalty

- A people of distinction - called to bring people back to the way of peace and simplicity
- (Mark 7:32-37) He hath done all things well – The enemy is attacking this
- (Psalm 50:7-23) **Offer thanksgiving!** He conforms not unto us but we unto Him (Vs. 21)
They say they are His but despise His Word (later in John 8 and Revelation 3)
- (Malachi 2:1-17, 3:13-18 and Nehemiah 13:15-31) We are called to be faithful to the truth. Returned from Babylon – Mixture causes a loss of love for the truth
- Fruit will always indicate the health of the root – sheep conform to the boundaries allowed
- The loss of the praise of His esteem for His goodness begins to blur our vision to the distinction between light and dark.
- Get out of Babylon and stop doing what you did that got you exiled there. I delivered you from Egypt, now **you** come out of Babylon! He frees us from sin – we sanctify ourselves (with His help)
- (Psalm 69:6-9, 30-31) We are persecuted for our zeal for His house – hated without a cause – yet the **praises of the persecuted (like Paul and Silas) brings about His deliverance.**
- Our praises call out to Him that He has a people of distinction
- (Genesis 19:29) Lot delivered because of the righteous set-apartness of Abraham
- (2 Chronicles 20) A Levite of the sons of Asaph – The battle belongs to Elohim – brings deliverance
- Deliverance comes through those who have separated themselves unto Elohim.

Our Duty as Royalty

- (Revelation 2:1-6 – Smyrna) Blasphemy of liars – Martyred for their stand
- (Revelation 3:1-6 – Sardis) The mega-church - large influence and power – peace and safety group – yet some within who have not defiled themselves.
- (Revelation 3:7-13 – Philadelphia) – little influence and power – Messiah before Pontius Pilate – the battle belongs to Elohim!
- Don't let anyone take your crown that you have fought to hold onto through all of your persecution.
- Psalm 69 is the song of those in Philadelphia. Stayed faithful to the truth to recognize deception.
- Revelation 10 – The words are sweet but bitterly rejected – yet we still must continue to do our duty!
- (2 Corinthians 12:9-10) My grace is sufficient!
- Persecuted by those disguised in light – hiding behind a religious mask (Psalm 50)

- (2 Corinthians 11:1-15) – Deceived by trickery of those who boast to show up their strength rather than their weaknesses. Paul (Sha’ul) – what you see is what you get Gospel
- The simplicity of the Gospel is persecuted because it requires a responsibility to truth! No loopholes.
- The truth stands on its own and does not require corrupting it just to make it easier for people to swallow. The pony express doesn’t deliver messages in a 3-piece suit (look how grand I look)
- Truth is not a vehicle used to gain status in this life
- The angel of light still deceiving that the good he shows his children is genuine – unlike Elohim (the Garden scenario again)

Our Response as Royalty

- (John 8) The children of those whom Nehemia dealt with, whom Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi prophesied about.
- Messiah stands for truth that divides between those who hear the Word and those who hide behind their religiosity to protect their works (lifestyle) of compromise.
- A form of godliness but denying the truth.

Our Reward as Royalty

- (John 9) The blind man is a culmination of those of the Assembly in Philadelphia – persecuted because all he knew to do was to testify of the goodness of Messiah
- Messiah came as the light of the world – making eyes to see the sin that caused the darkness and to fall in love again with His glorious light – becoming blind forever to any desire to be a servant to sin again.
- Like Adam, the Pharisees failed to guard His Word thus their eyes were opened to their nakedness (darkness)
- He opens our eyes to the deception to the angel of light so that our gaze can return to the true light.
- The crown of life is held by the simplicity of praising Him for rescuing us from darkness. The enemy may wear us down on every front – but he cannot touch those who hold fast to the foundation of their faith in that “Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.”
- To him that overcomes...our reward for a life of enduringly holding fast to the truth, is to live in His presence forever, never leaving His side again. To be home with Him!