

## 07-Apostolic Anointing -Priesthood Before Kingship

In the last post we talked about the Melchizedek anointing, which is both the anointing of a priest and a king and is the essence of the apostolic anointing. We began by discussing the priest side last time with the intention to post concerning the king side this time.

However, God had other plans. He began to show me there is more to the priestly side of the anointing He wants us to understand. The priest side doesn't seem as exciting to us as the king side. We are all captivated by royalty and the fascination of ruling and reigning, but God is serious when He says we will never get there until we become true priests.



A coin is a perfect illustration of this truth. It is one coin with two sides. You cannot have one side without the other. The miracles, the outpourings, the change we so desperately need and want to see are the king side of the coin. But they are not going to occur in the depth and range that we need them to, until we are walking in the fullness of the priest side of the coin

I have had several recent dreams concerning unfinished business in North Dakota. The dreams confirmed what I have known for awhile, but also confirmed God's emphasis on the priestly anointing. Over the years God has given me understanding of what He wants to do in North Dakota and the Black Hills of South Dakota that will spread across the nation. It is awesome and it is glorious. Even when Chuck Pierce and Dutch Sheets visited North Dakota, they saw some of the same things God had already spoken to me.

Like so many other saints, I began to form plans and strategies on how this might happen, trying to find God's ways. Little by little, I would find God was not in it. I needed to wait on Him, as little by little He revealed His truth.



I have seen these things for many years and I am excited to see them actually begin to happen. But God is not going to allow man to run ahead of Him this time. It will be done His way. Often when God shows us what He wants to do, we grab it and we do everything in our own power to bring it to pass. We develop plans and strategies to make it happen. God is not going to allow that to happen this time. He wants priests before He wants kings.

God is going to bring unity to a divided people, but only once we understand how to become a priest. Unity comes when we embrace both the priestly and the kingly anointing, but only by being priests first. I have been instructed by God not to talk about the things planned for North Dakota and the Black Hills of South Dakota except to those who have embraced their priesthood and have come into maturity; those who have forsaken their carnal nature and laid down their lives for the King. Jesus talked straight to His disciples, but he talked in parables to others.

God wants us to understand the importance of the priesthood and maturity. He has so much He wants to share with us. This week God brought me back to my teaching on BEING versus DOING. He told me the BEING represents the priestly anointing. Only the DOING that come from BEING is anointed. Only the kingly activities done under the priestly anointing are God's doing through our BEING dedicated to Him.



It is the difference between receiving from God's hand versus His heart. We want to receive all the good things that we believe bring us the abundant life He has promised. Those are things from His hands. But in His heart, He holds His treasures, His secrets, His mysteries, His people. When we are in His heart, we cannot receive from His hands, for we are His hands. We receive from His heart. What do we want the most? Priests want to receive what is in His heart more than anything. It is only in a state of BEING that we enter into true rest.

True apostles have experienced this and know of what I am speaking. The true apostolic anointing is leading the saints to this place in the Father's heart, into a state of BEING, of rest. It is a place of waiting on God for everything. If He does not move, we do not move. Too many works are done because we hate to wait. We move forward to try to make happen what we believe God wants to do. That is a state of DOING. It is a need to perform. We expect God to speak in our "churches" through the leaders, so our ears are tickled and we feel good about our lives and what we are doing. Then we continue in our madness. This has got to stop.

We believe we must be seen doing something for God. We do things because we feel obligated, not out of a heart of love. We neglect the closet, the place where the priest is hidden. We become satisfied with our lives for the most part, occasionally wondering if there is possibly more. But we settle and never seek long enough to find what we are missing. That is why I spend so much time talking about cultivating our

relationships with Father God. We must return to our first love and allow that love to grow even stronger, if we are ever going to become the kings that take the nations. If I talked about the great things Father has in His heart for us, our focus would be on the kingship anointing where the miracles happen, more than the priestly anointing of the love between a Father and His children.

The job of the true apostle is to represent Jesus to the saints so they can become like Jesus. True apostles know Jesus deeper than a superficial knowing in which so many saints live. They refuse to falsely represent Him. They desire to pass to the children the apostolic anointing that is on their life. Superficially knowing Jesus creates superficial ministries, of which there are many today. The false apostle creates something that takes the main focus off of Jesus.

We create new programs to attract people, which require constant change in order to continue to entice people to our services. We justify it by saying, we will do whatever it takes to get them in the door so they hear about Jesus. But then we don't feed them the truth about Jesus because it might drive them away. It becomes a vicious cycle. We prophecy that God is doing a new thing and then we create a whole new language to go with the new age in which we believe we are living, trying to get people united around a vision we have for what God is doing.

We lose focus of the fact we are in training, not only for this life, but for eternity. God is building people. Until He becomes Priest and King in our own individual lives, He cannot build us into the one new man, the Ekklesia He desires to build to touch the nations. We must not let others define what it is that we should be doing or not doing. We must trust our lives into the heart of our loving Father. We must only follow Jesus, which means following others only as we see Jesus in them.

Again, I say if it is apostolic, it must be priestly first and then kingly, otherwise it is NOT apostolic. There is a reason why the Lord was defined as the "apostle and high priest of our confession" in Hebrews 3:1. In most places of teaching today, we have not been taught about this relationship between priest and apostle. We have been taught that apostles establish "churches" and networks. That is not the sign of the true apostolic calling.



The true apostle knows and understands the heart of the Father and His love for His children. The true apostle sees the desire of the Father for His children to mature and exhibit His nature in the earth, to be a 'chip off the old block'. The true apostle is a priest at heart. The priest side of the coin represents righteousness and the king side of the coin represents justice. They go together. They are the pillars of the

throne where Jesus reigns. They are the foundation of the Ekklesia revealed through the true apostles and prophets.

Priests had to go through a seven-day waiting period before they could enter into their role as priest. That WAITING period was a period of WAITING. Duh! Priests need to learn to wait on God before they can minister as a priest! It is a life of waiting on the Lord, not moving ahead of Him, or standing still when He is moving! Priests must know their God and hear His voice accurately. Nothing else will do! We cannot serve God, minister to or for God, until we learn to hear His voice. The priest side of the coin is hearing God accurately. The king side obeys.

Priests were in waiting for seven days. Seven is the number of completion, of maturity. Only mature saints who understand the priesthood they have been called to, can become kings under the King of kings and truly advance the Kingdom of God in the earth.

Priests were then ready to sacrifice. We, as Melchizedek priests, are the sacrifice. We gladly lay our lives down for the King because He laid His life down for us. We die to ourselves, so that He might live in and through us. Here is one verse from Romans, chapter 6. The whole chapter is worth reading concerning our dying to self.

***Could it be any clearer that our former identity is now and forever deprived of its power? For we were co-crucified with him to dismantle the stronghold of sin within us, so that we would not continue to live one moment longer submitted to sin's power. Romans 6:6 (TPT)***

You cannot separate the two sides of the coin. It is still the same coin. It does you no good to hear the voice of God and then not obey. When you disobey what you hear God say, you are in disobedience and disobedience is as witchcraft in God's eyes. Disobedience will dull your ability to hear. So, we cannot be a full-fledge king and do things for God, without being a full-fledge priest and hearing what He wants us to do.

The king side of the coin wants to act, to move, to do without the priest side of waiting and it will not work in advancing the Kingdom of God. We must be both priests and kings and walk in the Melchizedek anointing to advance the Kingdom of God. Whole kingdoms have been built and expanded by kings, who are not walking in the anointing of the priest. They are wood, hay, and stubble and they will burn. Only that which has been built in obedience to God's command will stand. Everyone will give account and everyone stands or falls before their Maker.

There is a difference between what most people think about waiting on God and what God means when He says to wait. Most people think waiting on God is to wait for Him to do something, so we don't have to do anything. We flock to so-called prophets to hear what God might be saying He is going to do. So many of the so-called words from God today are what God is going to do for us and apart from us. His glory is going to be poured out here or there with little or no conditions on our part. People buy into these words because they do NOT know their God, I mean, really, really KNOW Him. He works through us.

When true believers are waiting on God, they are waiting to hear His voice concerning what to do or what to say. They are familiar with His voice and they hear it every day. His blessings and words over them are new every morning. They are not waiting for Him to do something for them, they are waiting for His thoughts, His words that show them the path they are walking together, man and God. When they speak, it is Jesus speaking through them. When they do, it is Jesus doing through them. That is the true state of BEING.



The Israelites in the desert were being taught this truth. Whenever the glory cloud or the fire moved, the Israelites moved. When they did not move, the people did not move. God even told Moses He wanted a nation of priests, not just a tribe of priests. He said this even before He chose the tribe of Levi to produce priests.

***Now therefore, if you will faithfully obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My special possession out of all the nations, for all the earth is Mine. And you will be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.” Exodus 19:5,6 (MEV)***

They would be a nation of priests if they would obey His voice. That is our life. We have learned to hear His voice. We do what He says to do, we say what He says to say. That is the life of the saint who walks in the priestly and kingly anointing. We hear and we do out of a state of BEING, not doing for the sake of making what God says, happen.

There is a dying that takes place in waiting. We must die to our own ideas, our own plans, our own thoughts of what God wants to do, no matter how good it all sounds. Believe me, things I believed God promised me had to die, before He could resurrect them, not as I previously saw them, but as He saw them when He promised them. We have so many preconceived ideas. We have to take the risk of dying in order to live. We have to believe in faith that we know His voice and choose to obey no matter what the cost.

Things that we have been taught and believed might be wrenched from our heart because they really aren't God breathed. We will have to give up a lot of religious thinking. We will have to take a risk, which so many of us are not comfortable doing. If we are not willing, we will miss out on a lot. It is the willing and the obedient who eat the fruit of the land according to Isaiah 1:19. We must become priests, so we can become kings and inherit what He has promised. The world and its cultures await an apostolic people who operate as priests and kings in the earth.

I do not know what all God is doing in this time. I do know we are in unprecedented times and we are blessed to be living in this day. I am satisfied to know God knows everything and all I have to do is stay close to Him, hear His voice every single day and do what He tells me to do. Things will become clearer along the path, but I need not be worried or concerned. He will lead me to others who realize also who our awesome God is, and God will bring peace and unity in His way as we, His people, begin to walk in our priestly anointing first, and then our kingly anointing. Great things await us if we can hear His voice and are willing to obey!

A priest does not go to a “church” building every Sunday to pray a little, worship a little, give a little, listen to a preacher a little. Priests live a life style of communion with their God, consecrated to Him, set apart for whatever He desires to do through them. Every day they willingly lay their life and will down to BE whatever the High Priest wants to BE in them. They crucify the flesh every day. We must get there, saints! Only then can we unite with others who are like minded and know what true unity is. Only then will we be mature enough to handle our inheritance and become kings.

Father God, let everyone who reads this post understand that you speak to them every single day, all day long. Let them have a hunger to hear and recognize your voice and to understand your heart with a willingness to obey no matter what the cost. Try us, Lord, to see if there is any wicked or religious way in us, and let us die to it all, so we can live in You. Amen.

