

3-FOLD RESPONSIBILITY OF PRIESTHOOD

1 Peter 1-2



***AND YOU WILL BE CALLED
PRIESTS OF THE LORD, YOU WILL
BE NAMED MINISTERS OF OUR
GOD.***

ISAIAH 61:6

⁹ BUT YOU ARE A CHOSEN PEOPLE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, GOD'S SPECIAL POSSESSION, THAT YOU MAY DECLARE THE PRAISES OF HIM WHO CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS WONDERFUL LIGHT.

1 PETER 2:9

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- ▶ Thank God for salvation (1:2-6)
- ▶ Trials will refine their faith (1:7-9)
- ▶ Salvation revealed in the person of Christ (1:10-13)
- ▶ Live Holy lives (1:14-16)
- ▶ Fear and trust God (1:17-21)

*²² NOW THAT YOU HAVE
PURIFIED YOURSELVES BY OBEYING THE
TRUTH SO THAT YOU HAVE SINCERE LOVE
FOR EACH OTHER, LOVE ONE ANOTHER
DEEPLY, FROM THE HEART. ²³ FOR YOU
HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN, NOT OF
PERISHABLE SEED, BUT OF
IMPERISHABLE, THROUGH THE LIVING
AND ENDURING WORD OF GOD. ²⁴ FOR,*

1 PETER 1:22-25

*“ALL PEOPLE ARE LIKE GRASS, AND ALL THEIR
GLORY IS LIKE THE FLOWERS OF THE FIELD; THE
GRASS WITHERS AND THE FLOWERS FALL,*

*²⁵ BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES
FOREVER.”*

*AND THIS IS THE WORD THAT WAS PREACHED TO
YOU.*

1 PETER 1:22-25

THEREFORE, RID YOURSELVES OF ALL MALICE AND ALL DECEIT, HYPOCRISY, ENVY, AND SLANDER OF EVERY KIND. ² LIKE NEWBORN BABIES, CRAVE PURE SPIRITUAL MILK, SO THAT BY IT YOU MAY GROW UP IN YOUR SALVATION, ³ NOW THAT YOU HAVE TASTED THAT THE LORD IS GOOD.

1 PETER 2:1-3

PSALM 81:15-16 ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION (ESV)

¹⁵ THOSE WHO HATE THE LORD WOULD CRINGE TOWARD HIM, AND THEIR FATE WOULD LAST FOREVER.

¹⁶ BUT HE WOULD FEED YOU WITH THE FINEST OF THE WHEAT, AND WITH HONEY FROM THE ROCK I WOULD SATISFY YOU.”

⁴ AS YOU COME TO HIM, THE LIVING STONE

1 PETER 2:4

ISAIAH 28:16 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION (NIV)

¹⁶ SO THIS IS WHAT THE SOVEREIGN LORD SAYS:
“SEE, I LAY A STONE IN ZION, A TESTED STONE,
A PRECIOUS CORNERSTONE FOR A SURE
FOUNDATION;
THE ONE WHO RELIES ON IT WILL NEVER BE
STRICKEN WITH PANIC.

ISAIAH 8:14 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION (NIV)

¹⁴ HE WILL BE A HOLY PLACE;

FOR BOTH ISRAEL AND JUDAH HE WILL BE
A STONE THAT CAUSES PEOPLE TO STUMBLE
AND A ROCK THAT MAKES THEM FALL.

AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF JERUSALEM HE WILL BE
A TRAP AND A SNARE.

PSALM 118:22 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION (NIV)

²² THE STONE THE BUILDERS REJECTED
HAS BECOME THE CORNERSTONE;

GENESIS 28:17-19 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION (NIV)

¹⁷ HE WAS AFRAID AND SAID, “HOW AWESOME IS THIS PLACE! THIS IS NONE OTHER THAN THE HOUSE OF GOD; THIS IS THE GATE OF HEAVEN.”

¹⁸ EARLY THE NEXT MORNING JACOB TOOK THE STONE HE HAD PLACED UNDER HIS HEAD AND SET IT UP AS A PILLAR AND Poured oil on top of it. ¹⁹ HE CALLED THAT PLACE BETHEL, THOUGH THE CITY USED TO BE CALLED LUZ.

JOSHUA 24:26-27 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION (NIV)

²⁶ AND JOSHUA RECORDED THESE THINGS IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW OF GOD. THEN HE TOOK A LARGE STONE AND SET IT UP THERE UNDER THE OAK NEAR THE HOLY PLACE OF THE LORD.

²⁷ “SEE!” HE SAID TO ALL THE PEOPLE. “THIS STONE WILL BE A WITNESS AGAINST US. IT HAS HEARD ALL THE WORDS THE LORD HAS SAID TO US. IT WILL BE A WITNESS AGAINST YOU IF YOU ARE UNTRUE TO YOUR GOD.”

⁴ AS YOU COME TO HIM, THE LIVING STONE—REJECTED BY HUMANS BUT CHOSEN BY GOD AND PRECIOUS TO HIM—
⁵ YOU ALSO, LIKE LIVING STONES, ARE BEING BUILT INTO A SPIRITUAL HOUSE TO BE A HOLY PRIESTHOOD, OFFERING SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES ACCEPTABLE TO GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST. ⁶ FOR IN SCRIPTURE IT SAYS:

“SEE, I LAY A STONE IN ZION,
A CHOSEN AND PRECIOUS CORNERSTONE

1 PETER 2:4-6

AND THE ONE WHO TRUSTS IN HIM WILL NEVER BE PUT TO SHAME.”⁷ NOW TO YOU WHO BELIEVE, THIS STONE IS PRECIOUS. BUT TO THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE,
“THE STONE THE BUILDERS REJECTED HAS BECOME THE CORNERSTONE,”⁸ AND, “A STONE THAT CAUSES PEOPLE TO STUMBLE AND A ROCK THAT MAKES THEM FALL.” THEY STUMBLE BECAUSE THEY DISOBEY THE MESSAGE—WHICH IS ALSO WHAT THEY WERE DESTINED FOR.

1 PETER 2:6-8

⁹ BUT YOU ARE A CHOSEN PEOPLE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, GOD'S SPECIAL POSSESSION, THAT YOU MAY **DECLARE THE PRAISES** OF HIM WHO CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS WONDERFUL LIGHT. ¹⁰ ONCE YOU WERE NOT A PEOPLE, BUT NOW YOU ARE THE PEOPLE OF GOD; ONCE YOU HAD NOT RECEIVED MERCY, BUT NOW YOU HAVE RECEIVED MERCY.

1 PETER 2:9-10

3-FOLD RESPONSIBILITY OF PRIESTHOOD

1. Reflect the Holiness of God (1 Peter 1:15)
2. Offer Spiritual Sacrifices (1 Peter 2:5)
3. Declaring His Praises (1 Peter 2:9)

1. REFLECT THE HOLINESS OF
GOD
(1 PETER 1:15)

“God’s holiness is his infinite value as the absolutely unique, morally perfect, permanent person that he is and who by grace made himself accessible — his infinite value as the absolutely unique, morally perfect, permanent person that he is” (John Piper)

THEREFORE, WITH MINDS THAT ARE ALERT AND FULLY SOBER, SET YOUR HOPE ON THE GRACE TO BE BROUGHT TO YOU WHEN JESUS CHRIST IS REVEALED AT HIS COMING. AS OBEDIENT CHILDREN, DO NOT CONFORM TO THE EVIL DESIRES YOU HAD WHEN YOU LIVED IN IGNORANCE. BUT JUST AS HE WHO CALLED YOU IS HOLY, SO BE HOLY IN ALL YOU DO; 16 FOR IT IS WRITTEN: "BE HOLY, BECAUSE I AM HOLY.

1 PETER 1:13-16

2. OFFER SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES (1 PETER 2:5)

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1 PETER 2:5

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO OFFER SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES?

1. Ourselves – a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1)
2. Praise – the sacrifices of praise (Hebrews 13:15-16)
3. Heart – a broken spirit (Psalm 51:17)
4. Gifts (Philippians 4:18)

3. DECLARING HIS PRAISES (1 PETER 2:9)

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ISAIAH 43:21 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION (NIV)

**21 THE PEOPLE I FORMED FOR MYSELF
THAT THEY MAY PROCLAIM MY PRAISE.**

ACTS 2:11 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION (NIV)

**11 (BOTH JEWS AND CONVERTS TO JUDAISM);
CRETANS AND ARABS—WE HEAR THEM DECLARING
THE WONDERS OF GOD IN OUR OWN TONGUES!”**

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ASCRIBE GREATNESS to our God, the Rock,
His work is perfect and all His ways are just.

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His work is perfect and all His ways are just.

A God of faithfulness and without injustice,
Good and upright is He;

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