

A Changing Leadership, for A Changing World!

“The priesthood has changed!”

ESV Hebrews 7:12 For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well.

MSG Hebrew 7:12 But since it didn't get the job done, there was a change of priesthood, which brought with it a radical new kind of law.

☐ The priests were the worship leaders.

God's idea for the new community was that the sacred system would pass on the values of God to the rest of the community.

“How can we have successful churches in a failing community?”
Rev. Phale D. Hale, Union Grove Baptist Church

The priests were a **vital** part in passing on these values.

KJV Malachi 2:7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

☐ The original priest was in sacred space, public space, the marketplace and community space.

☐ There is the call and commission of our Lord and to us today to go into all of the world and proclaim the good news.

I

Melchizedek is the first order of priest which is **explicit** in the Bible.

Genesis 14:18 And Melchizedek, **king** of Salem, brought forth bread and wine: and he was the **priest** of the most high God.

Melchizedek is a king with presence and authority in public space and in the marketplace.

As a king, he is a ruler.

- Melchizedek is a priest who is presence-driven and has authority in sacred space.
- As a priest, he is a worshiper.
- Melchizedek is a community priest strengthening the justice movement in his community.

II

The next order of priesthood that we meet is Aaron and his sons.

Aaron and his sons are appointed by God as priests of Israel. *Hebrews 5:1-2*

Exodus 28:1 And take thou unto thee **Aaron** thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.

- Aaron's priesthood was assigned to sacred space.

In this order, the priesthood was a giving community.

- They gave themselves to serving the Lord and gave themselves to serving the people.

III

The sons of Zadok were faithful priests during times of national decline and compromise among the priesthood.

Ezekiel 44:15-16 But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that **kept the charge** of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they **shall come near to me to minister unto me**, and they shall **stand before me** to offer unto me **the fat and the blood**, saith the Lord GOD: ¹⁶ They **shall enter** into my sanctuary, and they **shall come near to my table**, to minister unto me, and they shall **keep my charge**.

Ezekiel 44 describes a **rejected** priesthood, a **penalized** priesthood and an **accepted** priesthood.

□Zadot maintains a faithful priesthood during the time of compromise, decline, and open violation of God's standard.

IV

Jesus is a priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Jesus is a priest unto the Lord,
In sacred space, the marketplace, public space, and everyplace.

Jesus is a king or ruler in the Spirit realm, earthly realm, fallen realm, and public realm.

Matthew 2:2 Saying, Where is he that is born **King of the Jews**? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

The seekers were looking for a ruler, and they were looking to worship.

Matthew 27:11 And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, **Art thou the King of the Jews?** And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.

Hebrews 7:20-22 And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest: ²¹(For those **priests** were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord swear and will not repent, Thou art a **priest** for ever after the order of **Melchisedec**:) ²² By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.

□Peter calls “followers of Jesus” a royal priesthood,

1 Peter 2:9-10 But ye are a chosen generation, a **royal priesthood**, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: ¹⁰ Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

□John says Jesus has made us kings and priests.

Consider Revelation 5:9-10 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

¹⁰And hast made us unto our God **kings and priests:** and **we shall reign on the earth.**

☐ **Acts 17:16-19** Paul as an apostle moves in sacred space, the Marketplace, and public space.

☐ The anointed today is from sacred space to the marketplace and public space.

☐ We need fresh oil, for “A Changing leadership, for A Changing world!”

☐ The priest to it has changed!

KJV **Psalm 92:8-10** But thou, LORD, art most high for evermore. ⁹ For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered. ¹⁰ **But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.**

Amp Psalm 92:10 But my horn [my emblem of **strength and power**] You have exalted like that of a wild ox; I am anointed with fresh oil [**for Your service**].

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