

SERIES: PROPHETS, PRIESTS AND KINGS

Godly leadership in the house of God and the heart of the believer

TITLE: Temple Living

TEXT: 1 Chron. 22:19

Temple Living

Bob is pretty high strung. For one reason or another, he is always a walking time bomb. He cannot get in a discussion or disagreement without the heat rising fast and his rage coming out. And yet when the moment arises, they have no power over the rage, the fear.

Mary had little as a child. What the family did have was taken from them. On top of that she was abused as a child. Mary has been ruled by fear for most of her life.

Ryan dealing with lust

“Holy Spirit Help Me!”

1 Chron. 22:19

¹⁹ Now devote your heart and soul to seeking the LORD your God. Begin to build the sanctuary of the LORD God, so that you may bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD and the sacred articles belonging to God into the temple that will be built for the Name of the LORD.”

1 Peter 2:9

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 Corinthians 6:19

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

2 Cor. 5:1

Our body is the house in which our spirit lives here on earth.

1 Peter 2:5

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.

Ephesians 2:19-22

19 That's plain enough, isn't it? You're no longer wandering exiles. This kingdom of faith is now your home country. You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You belong here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He's using us all - irrespective of how we got here - in what he is building. 20 He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he's using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by

stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone 21 that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day - a holy temple built by God, 22 all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home.

Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Priests

The sons of Aaron

1 Chron. 23:13

Aaron was set apart, he and his descendants forever, to consecrate the most holy things, to offer sacrifices before the LORD, to minister before him and to pronounce blessings in his name forever.

Look at the role of the priest

- Consecrate the holy things
 - Sanctify – dedicate – devote yourself to HOLY THINGS

- Offer sacrifice
 - Your body is the acceptable act of worship
 - Keep yourself pure

- Minister before him
 - Minister – service, activity
 - Attend to the needs
 - The word before literally means “face”
 - Set your face to the Lord – Your life is completely lived out unto HIS glory and for HIS pleasure
 - “Burn incense” – as we live our lives and as the candle burns – we are to be bringing a sweet fragrance to the Lord

- Pronounce blessings in his name
 - Your mouth needs to be moving
 - Our mouth is to speak goodness
 - Our mouth is to give Him Glory

Levites

The sons of Moses

1 Chron. 23:14

¹⁴ The sons of Moses the man of God were counted as part of the tribe of Levi.

- In the Golden Calf episode, the Levites rally around Moses and purge the community of sin, which moves Moses to consecrate them as a priestly group (Exod 32:29).
 - *Moses then stood in the gate of the camp and said, “Who is on Yahweh’s side? Come to me.” And the Levites, Moses’ own tribe, gathered around him (Exodus 32:26).*
- In the book of Deuteronomy, the Levites are the inheritors of Moses’ teaching and scribal authority, the trustees of his written *torah*, and the executors of his will (Deut 31:9-13; 24, 26).
- The prophets Hosea and Jeremiah (both of whom have strong ties to the Levites) make important references to Moses (Hos 12:14; Jer 1:9; 15:1).

Means - connected

An important clue to the origin of the Levites is reflected in the meaning of the word “Levite” (Hebrew *lewi*), which comes from Hebrew root ל-ו-ה, meaning “connect” or “attach”; *lewi* literally means “one who is connected/attached.”

Be a Citizen of heaven – Landless

Levi – described in the book of Genesis (Gen 29:34).

- Unlike those other tribes, however, they are destined to have no permanent tribal territory once Israel crosses the Jordan and enters Canaan (Num 18:20-21; Deut 10:9; 18:1).
- Instead, they are set aside as God’s “portion,” dedicated to ritual service and sacral duties throughout Israel’s tribal holdings, and especially at the Tabernacle (P’s precursor of the Jerusalem temple).
- The Book of Joshua states that the Levites received no inheritance of land because Yahweh Himself and the “priesthood of Yahweh” were their inheritance (Joshua 13:14, 33; 18:7).
- The people of Israel gave cities and pasturelands “out of their inheritance” for the Levites to dwell (Joshua 21:3),
- Citizens of heaven
- Represent the Kingdom - be the citizen
- Allegiance to the Lord
- We are foreigners

This home is not my home... my citizenship is in the kingdom of God... presently!

Carry the Presence of God

Deut 10:8

⁸ *At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister and to pronounce blessings in his name, as they still do today.* ⁹ *That is why the Levites have no share or inheritance among their fellow Israelites; the LORD is their inheritance, as the LORD your God told them.*

- **They carried the presence of God –**
- **Take seriously the way you carry the Ark of His presence in your life**

They were scattered over the land

Why were the Levites scattered all over Israel?

This was probably for two reasons:

Instruct

(1) The Levites were scattered so they could instruct the Israelites in God's Word (Deuteronomy 33:10; 2 Chronicles 17:7-9; 35:3; Nehemiah 8:7-9; Malachi 2:4-7);

Guard

(2) The Levites were scattered so they could guard the worship of Yahweh

- Guard the worship
 - “And the Levites shall keep guard over the tabernacle of the testimony” (Numbers 1:53).

Warn

(3) The Levites were scattered so they could serve as a warning to Israel in case of idolatry.

- Warn of idolatry
- A breakdown of some of the roles of the Levites

1 Chron. 23:3-5

³ *The Levites thirty years old or more were counted, and the total number of men was thirty-eight thousand.*

⁴ *David said, “Of these, twenty-four thousand are to be in charge of the work of the temple of the LORD and six thousand are to be officials and judges. ⁵ Four thousand are to be gatekeepers and four thousand are to praise the LORD with the musical instruments I have provided for that purpose.”*

Work the temple – 24k

- Consecrate (be devoted to) the holy things
- Offer sacrifice – of your body
- Minister before him – your life is for HIS Glory
- your temple (not passive)

Good Judgement CH. 26 – 6k

- six thousand are to be officials and judges
- Pronounce blessings in his name – Bless others
- Instruct – know and bring the truth

Guard the Gate – Gatekeepers CH. 25 -4k

- Guard –
- David and Samuel appointed 212 gatekeepers for “positions of trust” in guarding the temple of the Lord ([1 Chronicles 9:22](#)), and those so appointed rotated through week-long assignments (verse 25).
 - **Guard the rooms of your heart** - Verses 26–29 speak of the four principal gatekeepers, “who . . . were entrusted with the responsibility for the rooms and treasuries in the house of God.
 - **Guard it night and day** - They would spend the night stationed around the house of God, because they had to guard it; and they had charge of the key for opening it each morning.

- **Guard all things holy** - Some of them were in charge of the articles used in the temple service; they counted them when they were brought in and when they were taken out.
- **Guard what you surround yourself with and what you take in** - Others were assigned to take care of the furnishings and all the other articles of the sanctuary. as well as the special flour and wine, and the olive oil, incense and spices.”
- **Guard what goes in you and what comes out of you** - Temple gatekeepers were in charge of who went in and who went out. They ensured order and reverence for God’s house.
- Our conscience, the fear of the Lord, and the Holy Spirit are “gatekeepers” for our hearts.
 - “Through the fear of the LORD evil is avoided” ([Proverbs 16:6](#)).
 - The Spirit desires our sanctification, giving us the power to repel sin.
 - When temptation comes knocking at our gate, the Holy Spirit nudges our Scripture-informed conscience: “That’s dangerous. Don’t go there.”
 - The divine Gatekeeper acts on our behalf to keep invaders from destroying us.

Your Life is a Song - Musicians CH. 24– 4k

All of them trained and skilled in music for the LORD—they numbered 288. ⁸ Young and old alike, teacher as well as student, 1 Chron. 25:7

- **Asaph**
 - Best vocalist / seemed to MC or direct the services
 - Vocals
 - Poet prophet
- **Heman**
 - (wise) grandson of Samuel
 - Instruments
 - *“for the ministry of prophesying, accompanied by harps, lyres and cymbals”* ([1 Chronicles 25:1](#)).
 - Heman: *“He was wiser than anyone else, including Ethan the Ezrahite—wiser than Heman”* ([1 Kings 4:31](#)).
- **Jeduthun (Ethan)**
 - – choirmaster Psalm 39, 62, 71, 76 (wise)
 - Poet prophet (seer)

Psalm 104:33

I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

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- Offer sacrifice
- Minister before him
- Pronounce blessings in his name
- Be connected as a Citizen of heaven
- Carry the presence of the Lord
- Instruct
- Guard the gates
- Warn
- Work your temple
- Have good judgment
- Make your life a love song to the Lord