The Ruling Power of PRIESTHOOD

PART I

"God's word has an answer for EVERYONE and EVERY SITUATION."

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“The Lord said unto my Lord, sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.”

PSALM 110:1-3

“Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should

shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light;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."

1 PETER 2:5-10

Every believer is a kingly priest who has been endowed with authority to rule over the universe and transform the world. This divine endowment comes by virtue of our redemption - that is, believing in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. While we have received this endowment freely, we have a responsibility to ensure its full expression. One way we take up this responsibility is by praying; prayers are essential if we must display the glory of God to its fullest here on Earth.

In one of our articles titled, The Priesthood of the Believer I, we shared with you how prayer is the ruling room for the believer. That is, through prayers, we can change the direction of our lives and make use of the amazing gifts and power that Jesus Christ has placed inside us to help us make a big difference

for Him in the world. These prayers are not mere requests, but powerful acts of intercession that align our will with God's will and equip us for the tasks He has assigned to us in our sectors, cities, communities and environment.

Although rulership is a different concept from priesthood, the believer must ensure to intersect both in their lives flawlessly because Jesus Christ died, not just to make us operate as priests but for us to operate in kingship - dominating, ruling and commanding power wherever we find ourselves. Rulership entails that the believer has influence that is able to make us stand tall as pillars of God’s kingdom wherever we find ourselves and this kind of influence will not be gotten by polls, lobbying or bribing our way through but rather, will be birthed through consistent, continuous and fervent prayers.

Now, you might wonder what role prayers play in ruling and priesthood on Earth? We’ll answer that question right away. Consistent prayers strengthens our faith, helps us get bolder, and empowers us to speak with authority in the places God has put us. Prayer is the foundation upon which the

believer's authority rests and we receive divine resources, guidance, and overcome obstacles by God. When we make that decision to start praying over our academics, businesses, careers or ministry, we will see God honour our words and strengthen us to go all the way. Now that we have established the importance of prayer (i.e. operating in our offices as priests) in ruling and dominating. Let's take a quick look at what we experience when we function as kingly priests.

POWER WITH GOD

Power with God is the believer's ability to get God's hands on the scene. This is not a means of getting God to do our bidding but rather, an avenue for us to lay hold on God by His promises. It is at this point that we yield ourselves to become instruments in God's hands to do what He wants with us - this showcases our faith in the faithfulness of God.

The major way this power with God comes is by **PRAYERS**! That is, a heartfelt, continuous type of prayer where we want to enforce the fulfilment of God's words in our lives. Here, we **pray from scriptures**; literally taking God at His word

because the Bible assures us in Numbers 23:19 that, *'God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?'*

Now, you might wonder what difference it makes when you pray with scriptures - Praying with God's word helps you to find the light of God's word on particular matters. For instance, as a politician, you might have been required to send resources to sponsor certain practices that do not align with the principles of God's word and are being threatened upon your refusal, when you carry God's word as you start praying, you will see from Daniel 6 how Daniel was conspired against yet, was delivered by God! This will then give you insight on what to do, wisdom on how to do it and strength to see it through to the end.

Your case might be challenges in your business, career, academics or in ministry; regardless of what it is, God's word contains an answer for everyone. This year, do not neglect praying with scriptures because doing so is the key to living

a life of victory and purpose!

When we pray with scriptures running through our mind and flowing from our lips, something extraordinary begins to happen within us - the living word of God starts to weave itself into the very fabric of our soul, reshaping our thoughts, attitudes, and desires. As this transformation takes place, we find ourselves being realigned with the plans and purposes of God. His divine will becomes clearer, and our hearts begin to beat in rhythm with His.

This alignment doesn't just stop at personal transformation; it launches us into a new dimension of faith and power. We step into an undeniable arena where miracles, signs, and wonders become part of our everyday experience. The word of God, spoken in faith, activates heavenly realities in our lives and circumstances. It opens doors that seemed impossible to unlock and brings supernatural intervention in ways we could never imagine.

When we live in this state of alignment and divine empowerment, we become equipped to fulfill God's mandate for our lives. We are anointed to take the wealth of nations and occupy positions of authority in every sphere of influence we find ourselves in - be it in business, government, education, or ministry. This isn't just for our benefit but for the greater good of our generation.

With God's word as our foundation and prayer as our weapon, we become conduits of divine blessings. We are positioned to make an impact that not only changes our lives but also transforms the lives of those around us. Through us, the light of God's kingdom will shine brightly, bringing hope, restoration, and blessings to the nations.

CONCLUDING NOTE:

In a world where darkness often threatens to overshadow light, believers are called to be kings and priests - wielding power with men and over territories through fervent prayer. Let us therefore rise to the occasion, remembering that our greatest influence is birthed not by complaint or complacency, but in prayers.

This year, take the charge to seek God's will for your nation, workplace, and sphere of influence with a renewed commitment to prayer. As we partner with heaven, we will see policies shift, systems align, and territories transformed for His glory. Pray boldly, act wisely, and trust completely - for the power of God at work through prayer knows no limits.

We believe you have been greatly blessed by this series! Ensure to share these articles with your loved ones as well.

MORE RESOURCES

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