



GROWING INTO MATURITY

Our Priestly Ministry

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To Be Like Jesus

- To be conformed in the image of **Jesus**
- To be **One** with **Jesus**
 - *One in Thoughts*
 - *One in Words*
 - *One in Deeds*



Hebrews 5:5-6

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Priest After Order of Melchizedek

- **Melchizedek** means **King of Righteousness**
- **Melchi** = King
- **Zedek** = Righteousness
- **JESUS** is the **KING-PRIEST**



Hebrews 8:1-2

¹ Now *this is* the **main point** of the things we are saying: We have such a **High Priest**, who is seated at the right hand of the **throne** of the **Majesty** in the heavens,

² a **Minister** of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.



Exodus 19:5-6

⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth *is* Mine.

⁶ And you shall be to Me a **kingdom** of **priests** and a **holy nation.**'



1 Peter 2:4-5

⁴ Coming to Him *as to* a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious,

⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a **holy priesthood**, to **offer up spiritual sacrifices** acceptable to God through **Jesus Christ**.



Exodus 30:22-30

²² Moreover the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

²³ “Also take for yourself quality spices—five hundred *shekels* of liquid myrrh, half as much sweet-smelling cinnamon (two hundred and fifty *shekels*), two hundred and fifty *shekels* of sweet-smelling cane,

²⁴ five hundred *shekels* of cassia, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and a hin of olive oil.



25 And you shall make from these **a holy anointing oil**, an ointment compounded according to the art of the perfumer. It shall be a holy **anointing oil**.

26 With it you shall anoint the tabernacle of meeting and the ark of the Testimony;

27 the table and all its utensils, the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense;



28 the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its base.

29 You shall consecrate them, that they may be most holy; whatever touches them must be holy.

30 And you shall **ANOINT** Aaron and his sons, and **consecrate** them, that *they* may **minister** to Me as **priests**.



Anointed For Service

1. **Service/Ministry** unto the **LORD** (Individual Temple)
2. **Service/Ministry** unto the **Body of Christ** (Corporate Temple)
3. **Service/Ministry** unto the **World** (Evangelism)



1 Samuel 2:26

26 And the child Samuel grew in stature, and in favor both with the LORD and men.



Luke 2:40

40 And the **Child** grew and became **strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.**



Luke 2:51-52

⁵¹ Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart.

⁵² And **Jesus increased** in **wisdom** and **stature**, and in **favor** with God and men.



1 Samuel 3:1-2

¹ Now the boy **Samuel ministered to the LORD before Eli**. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; *there was no widespread revelation.*

² And it came to pass at that time, while Eli *was lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he could not see,*



1) Subject To Authority

- Samuel was subject to the authority of Eli
- Jesus was subject to His earthly parents
- What did King Rehoboam do?
- Jesus did not appoint Himself



2 Kings 12:6-11

⁶ Then King Rehoboam consulted the elders who stood before his father Solomon while he still lived, and he said, “How do you advise *me* to answer these people?”

⁷ And they spoke to him, saying, “If you will be a servant to these people today, and serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever.”

⁸ But he rejected the advice which the elders had given him, and consulted the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him.



⁹ And he said to them, “What advice do you give? How should we answer this people who have spoken to me, saying, ‘Lighten the yoke which your father put on us’?”

¹⁰ Then the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, “Thus you should speak to this people who have spoken to you, saying, ‘Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make *it* lighter on us’— thus you shall say to them: ‘My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father’s waist!’

¹¹ And now, whereas my father put a heavy yoke on you, I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scourges!”



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2) Start Young

- Are children too small for spiritual things?
- Train up the child in the ways of God...
- We must not rob children



1 Samuel 2:18-21

¹⁸ But **Samuel ministered before the LORD, even as a child**, wearing a linen ephod.

¹⁹ Moreover his mother used to make him a little robe, and bring *it* to him year by year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

²⁰ And Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “The LORD give you descendants from this woman for the loan that was given to the LORD.” Then they would go to their own home.

²¹ And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile **the child Samuel grew before the LORD.**



3) Priestly Ministry First Unto The LORD

- How do we position ourselves for Acts 2?
 - Worship
 - Praising & Blessing God
 - Continually
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- See Acts 2:42



Luke 24:50-53

50 And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.

51 Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven.

52 And **they worshiped** Him, and **returned** to Jerusalem with great **joy**,

53 and were **continually** in the **temple praising** and **blessing** God. Amen.



Acts 1:12-14

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey.

¹³ And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James *the son* of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas *the son* of James.

¹⁴ These all **continued** with one **accord in prayer and supplication**, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.



Acts 2:1

¹ When the **Day of Pentecost** had fully come, they were all with **one accord in one place**.

