Kings and Priests Wednesday January 29, 2025 Dr. Pete Norris

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. I Peter 2:9-10 NKJV

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, [God's] own purchased, special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds and display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people [at all], but now you are God's people; once you were unpitied, but now you are pitied and have received mercy. **1 Peter 2:9-10 AMPC**

For if because of one man's trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive [God's] overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness [putting them into right standing with Himself] reign as kings in life through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One). **Romans 5:17 AMPC**

This means we are kings as well as priests under the king-priesthood of Jesus Christ. The Levi priesthood was not royal. In the Old Testament, kings and priests were two distinct groups of people. We are in Christ; we are Kings Priests. This means we have a double portion of speaking.

Where the word of a king is, there is power; And who may say to him, "What are you doing?" **Ecclesiastes 8:4 NKJV**

Then the priests, the sons of Levi, shall come near, for the Lord your God has chosen them to minister to Him and to bless in the name of the Lord; by their word every controversy and every assault shall be settled. **Deuteronomy 21:5 NKJV**

In the Old Testament, Melchizedek was a Priest and a King. It was strictly forbidden to bring these offices together under the Old Covenant. David and

Jesus walked in these two offices. In the New Testament, they were commanded to be joined together. David brought the two offices together in the Tabernacle of David. Jesus walked in the two offices. Now we are Kings and Priest. Let's understand this a little better.

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all. **Genesis 14:18-20 NKJV**

The Lord has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." **Psalms 110:4 NKJV**

For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils. And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham; but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives. Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak. for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him. **Hebrews** 7:1-10 NKJV

For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. For He testifies: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, for the law

made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God. And inasmuch as He was not made priest without an oath (for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him: "The Lord has sworn And will not relent, 'You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek' "), by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant. Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood.

Hebrews 7:14-24 NKJV

And has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (Revelation 1:6 NKJV)

And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth. **Revelation 5:10 NKJV**

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, **Ephesians 4:1 NKJV**