

# Kings and Priests

## Part 5

### Today: The Presence and Power of God

Revelation 1:5,6 NKJV “and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, **6** and **has made us kings and priests** to His God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

Priests love the Presence of God, while the Kingly anointing is all about manifestations of Power.

- **As King**, David defeated the Philistines and Drove out the Jebusites from God’s holy city.
- **As a Priest**, he lived a God saturated life, sang and danced before the Lord with Joy, and he even wore a **Linen Ephod** when he brought the ark of the covenant back to Israel

Bringing back the Ark - 1 Chron. 15:27-6:1 NKJV **27** David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as were all the Levites who bore the ark, the singers, and Chenaniah the music master *with* the singers. David also wore a linen ephod. **28** Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the horn, with trumpets and with cymbals, making music with stringed instruments and harps. **29** And it happened, *as* the ark of the covenant of the Lord came to the City of David, that Michal, Saul’s daughter, looked through a window and saw King David whirling and playing music; and she despised him in her heart. **16:1** So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it.

Last week we taught you some about the tabernacle of David.

- 1) It was a simple tent on Mount Zion.
  - 2) It was a new house which held the Ark of God’s Presence.
  - 3) It was a place where people could find unveiled intimacy with God.
  - 4) It was a place of extravagant praise and worship. 24/7
  - 5) It was a place of healing.
  - 6) It was a place of prayer and revelation.
- David and Jesus are linked forever. Jesus is called the Son of David around 20 times in the New Testament
  - Jesus the Greater David reveals the heart behind the Tabernacle of David for One Big Day

THE TEMPLE: During His last week of ministry, after His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Jesus entered the Temple and cleansed it from the money changers. Then the lame and the sick came to Him to be healed. Children danced and rejoiced before God. For One Big Day the House of God turned into a House of Power and Prayer!

Matthew 21:12-16 Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. **13** And He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’ ” **14** Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. **15** But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant **16** and said to Him, “Do You hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes. Have you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise?’”

In this Matthew 21 we see Four Things

- 1) A House of Extravagant Praise and Worship.

- 2) A House of Prayer for the Nations.
- 3) A Place of Hope and Healing.
- 4) A Place where children are free to dance, worship and participate fully.

The cleansing of the atmosphere by the removal of the money changers with their contrary spirit prepared the way for healing to flow. Filling the very atmosphere with joyful, adoring, worship and praise brought the power to heal.

1) A House of Extravagant Praise and Worship.

- a) Extravagant Praise and Worship always erupts from a foundation of Incredible JOY.
- b) It also comes from the innocence of genuine hearts.
- c) The Joy Factor
  - i) David danced with joy
  - ii) Michael was a joy killer
    - (1) She was embarrassed by his passion for God.
    - (2) So emotional - So undignified
  - iii) These Pharisee and their unbelieving heart were Joy Killers.
- d) **The Joy of worship surrounding David's tent and the joy of the children rejoicing at the manifestation of king Jesus and his Kingdom is linked to a future massive global harvest of all nations.**

Acts 15:16,17NIV 'After this I will return and rebuild David's fallen tent. Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it, **17** that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles who bear my name

- i) **A new thing in some of us:** innocent joy manifesting in God's presence mixed with prayer and the power of God will reach the nations!

2) A House of Prayer for the Nations

- a) In Matt. 21:13 Jesus is quoting Isaiah 56:7 Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."
- b) When the tabernacle of David is restored churches will become Houses of Prayer for lost nations.
- c) OUR HEART FOR the Nations is represented at CL Church:
  - i) Members: England, Mexico; Costa Rica; Venezuela; Panama; Ethiopia; Ivory Coast; Kazakhstan; Philippines; Laos; India; Iran, South Korea and even more.
  - ii) We have Missionary Hearts for: Israel, the Baltics, Macedonia, Hungry, Austria, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Turkey, South Sudan, All over North Africa; Guatemala...
  - iii) Acts 15:17 I will restore that tabernacle of David in the last days so that: the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles who bear my name...

### 3) A Place of Hope and Healing

a) A Place where the lame and the sick came and were healed. In this atmosphere of joy, rejoicing and extravagant praise, things began to happen in people's bodies and they began to experience spontaneous healings

#### b) Removing Contrary Spirits

i) Jesus drove out the money changers... he cleansed the environment in the House of God.

ii) Mark 6:1-6 In His home town there was a wall of unbelief that prevented him from doing mighty things.

The root of their unbelief was a familiarity with a non-powerful Jesus

6:5,6 Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed *them*. **6** And He marveled because of their unbelief... .

(1) For 30 years his hometown was familiar with Jesus the carpenter's son because he had not performed any miracles publically yet because his time had not come.

Mark says his towns people were offended by him.

(2) Same chapter short time later Jesus and his disciples cross over to Genneserate to take a rest but someone on the shore recognizes him:

Mk 6:53-56 NKJV When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret and anchored there. **54** And when they came out of the boat, immediately the people recognized Him, **55** ran through that whole surrounding region, and began to carry about on beds those who were sick to wherever they heard He was. **56** Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well.

#### c) The Condition of the Church Today:

i) Most evangelical churches are satisfied and conditioned to allegorical stories because they have been attending church for 30 years and have never personally seen a miracle.

(1) We have become too familiar with a non-powerful Jesus... comfortable with the powerlessness of church.

(2) In fact, there are some in church that get offended with others who choose to believe God for the miraculous.

ii) What will if you pray for a miracles and nothing happens?

#### d) The Evil heart of unbelief

Heb 3:12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God...

i) Unbelief vs the absence of Faith.

Absence of faith leaves people in a passive attitude toward God. They can't contribute to the working of the miraculous but at least they are not fighting against God.

ii) If we come to faith about these things:

We can become an instrument that God can use personally and secondly we can corporately produce a climate of faith where anything can happen.

4) A Place where children are free to dance, worship and participate fully.

a) It is also a place where children are free to come and fully participate with the adults in all these wonderful things.

i) This seemed particularly offensive to the Chief Priests and the Scribes

ii) Mt. 21:15,16 But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant **16** and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise?'"

b) So fitting for today : Win them – Disciple them – Release Them!

c) Jesus included children in His ministry.

i) Mark 10:13-16 People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. **14** When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. **15** Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." **16** And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

d) What is Perfected Praise?! It is praise that comes from an innocent, genuine, faith-filled heart.