

Session 11 (Sat, 21 Jan 06)

LIVE AS PRIESTS OR HOLD TRADITIONS

Everyday we are faced with a decision. Do we live as priests, or do we hold on to our traditions, our usual way of doing things?

1 Peter 2:5, 9

CHOSEN FOR PRIESTHOOD - Hebrews 7:15-17; 8:1

A Kingdom of Priest - Exodus 19:6; Revelation 1:6

WALKING WORTHY OF OUR CALLING - Ephesians 4:1

A Holy People - Hebrews 12:14; 1 Peter 1: 15,16; Ephesians 5:27

A Clean Conscience - Hebrews 10:22

A United Heart - Psalm 86:11; James 4:8.10; Psalms 24:3,4

A Broken Spirit - Psalm 51:17

Reverent Towards God - Psalm 89:7

Separated from World - Colossians 1:13

OUR PRIESTLY CLOTHING

Clothed with Salvation - Hebrews 12:14

➤ *Garment of Praise* - Isaiah 61:3

➤ *Linens of Righteousness* - Revelation 7:9; 19:8

OUR PRIESTLY OFFERING

Thanksgiving/Praise - Psalm 100:4

Our Possessions - Proverbs 3:9.10

Ourselves - Romans 12:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:23

Sacrifice of Praise - Hebrews 13:15,16

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Enter as Priests Entered - 1 Peter 2:5

- Through Gates - Psalm 100:4
- Courtyard - And into His courts with praise.
- Holy Place- Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.
- *Holy of Holies* - 1 Kings 8:10,11

Many who, in the church of their tradition, have sung softly and somberly from a hymnbook, feel awkward in ~ being demonstrative in their praise. Many feel it is not "fitting" to be demonstrative in their praise to God.

Psalms 33:1

Psalm 147:1

God has a reason for instructing us to rejoice, to clap our hands, to shout, and even to dance. Our praise is fulfilling to Him, and we need to give it. The benefits are ours!