

## Will You Take the Job? - February 09, 2022

Pastor Shawn's last question on Sunday hung in the air. "Will you take the job?" In addition to his question, I would add, "Remember who you are and whose you are." These were the words that we would tell our son before he would spend time away with his friends or go into a challenging situation. It was a charge to him to remember that his dad and I were proud of him and that we had faith that he would choose the higher ground. And, that he belonged to our family and represented us wherever he went.

As worshippers of Almighty God, we are to remember, "who we are and Whose we are." Dear church family, we are no longer our own. We have been bought by the blood sacrifice of Jesus. We are His people, a royal priesthood.

1Peter 2:9 (Amp)

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a[special] people for *God's* own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies [the wonderful deeds and virtues and perfections] of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Just as Pastor Shawn explained so powerfully on Sunday, we:

- 1) Carry God's Presence
- 2) Minister to God
- 3) Bless the people

1) Carry God's Presence

Who are you? We are carriers of Almighty God's PRESENCE, adopted into His royal family. In public, in private, in the workplace, and when we are all alone, we carry His Holy Presence.

Take a moment to think about that.

Are we honoring Him everywhere? May the Holy Spirit take the blinders off the eyes of our hearts so that we fellowship with Him at all times. Dear Lord, change our perspective. Help us to renew our minds and be sensitive to Your Spirit at all times.

2) Minister to God

Ours is a One-on-one relationship, deeper and more intimate than the closest human relationship that we have ever had. In humble gratitude, we bring all of ourselves to the altar of God, our reasonable service.

Romans 12:1 (Amp)

Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies [dedicating all of yourselves, set apart] as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God, *which is* your rational (logical, intelligent) act of worship. Whatever we do we are to do as an act of worship unto God. To bring Him honor! In our times of recreation, we should want to glorify the Lord. Yes, you can laugh and play and have fun while honoring the Father. There is no "on" and "off" switch, no "sacred" and "secular", as priests, everything is set apart for Him. Isn't it wonderful that Jesus set the example for us? Fully man and fully God, He is aware of our weaknesses and desires to come alongside us in His grace and mercy to transform us. As we follow Him, the desire to please God will permeate everything in our lives. He showers His love on us and we, in turn, shower our love on Him.

### 3) Bless the People

As ambassadors of God, we share the good news of the gospel with those around us. Not as Bible thumpers, but in the right time and in the love of God being led by His Spirit. Remember, we are to speak life and light over those around us, both in the church and in the world. The blessing can be received or rejected by those we share with. If it is rejected, it is painful to us, but how much more to Jesus. After being rejected, do we stop speaking blessing?

Absolutely not. The blessing is who we are.

Galatians 6:10 (The Voice)

So seize any opportunity *the Lord gives you* to do good things *and be a blessing* to everyone, especially those within our faithful family.

And finally, remember the blessing that was spoken over the Israelites. May it be true for all of us today:

Numbers 6:24-26 (Amp)

24 The Lord bless you, and keep you [protect you, sustain you, and guard you];  
25 The Lord make His face shine upon you [with favor],  
And be gracious to you [surrounding you with lovingkindness];  
26 The Lord lift up His countenance (face) upon you [with divine approval],  
And give you peace [a tranquil heart and life].'

To accept and recognize that we are a part of this royal priesthood is to find the true identity of who we are in Christ. There we find everything that we need and all the fulfillment our hearts long for.

I pray that we all take the job.

In Jesus Name.  
Amen.

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