

The Four Faces

SEEING THE FACE OF CHRIST

Class 3

The Face of a King

Kings and Priests

Christ's rightful position is King of the Earth. He will reign over all mankind in righteousness and truth. We shall reign with him. We must understand our role as "kings and priests", and prepare ourselves for that now.

• Hebrews 7:1-28

- 1) For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;
- 2) To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;
- 3) Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.
- 4) Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.
- 5) And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:
- 6) But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.
- 7) And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.
- 8) And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.
- 9) And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.
- 10) For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.
- 11) If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?
- 12) For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.
- 13) For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar.

- 14) For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.
- 15) And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest,
- 16) Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.
- 17) For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.
- 18) For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof.
- 19) For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.
- 20) And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest:
- 21) (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)
- 22) By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.
- 23) And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death:
- 24) But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.
- 25) Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.
- 26) For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;
- 27) Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.
- 28) For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.

- Our purpose this week is to see the Face of Christ in the Four Faces of the Cherubim
- To learn from four different aspects of Christ how to better reflect his character in our lives...
- We saw the Face of a Man in the Cherubim...
 - In that we saw the Face of a Man in Christ...
 - And in ourselves...
- It's purpose is to help us acknowledge our position before God
- To accept that we are sinners in desperate need of mercy and grace
- To accept that we are Mortal Men... and not God
 - And that we need the salvation that comes through another Man
 - Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...

- Ezekiel 1:10

10) As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

- On the Right Hand Side of the Cherubim, the next face that we see the Face of a Lion...

- The Lion, I hope is easy for us all to identify...

- The King of the Jungle

- The Undisputed King of all Animals...

- Solomon makes several references to a Lion...

- Proverbs 19:12

12) The king's wrath is as the roaring of a lion; but his favour is as dew upon the grass.

- Proverbs 28:15

15) As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people.

- Proverbs 20:2

2) The fear of a king is as the roaring of a lion: whoso provoketh him to anger sinneth against his own soul.

- Clearly, when we look upon the Face of the Lion, we are meant to be looking upon the Face of a King

- This is easy for us, because...

- When we see the Face of Christ, we are also seeing the Face of a King

- Not a past King...

- Not a Future King...

- But a King who is now sitting on a Heavenly throne

- A King who will reign forever

- And a King who bids us to reign with him...

- But, this isn't just any King...

- The King we are going to consider today is a King-Priest...

- That's why we read Hebrews 7 this morning...
 - Because our story starts with Melchisedec
- To understand the concept of King-Priest, I think we need to begin back in Genesis again...
 - At the King's Dale
 - The story of Abraham, and his relationship to two different kings...
- A story about a man who was faced with two decisions
 - To serve wickedness or to serve righteousness
- And two consequences
 - To be blessed or to be cursed
- Abraham met two kings
 - And he chose to give honor to one king and not to the other...
- Let's read of the account together in Genesis 14...

Genesis 14

- 1) And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations;
- 2) That these made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar.
- 3) All these were joined together in the vale of Siddim, which is the salt sea.
- 4) Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.
- 5) And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that were with him, and smote the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim,
- 6) And the Horites in their mount Seir, unto Elparan, which is by the wilderness.
- 7) And they returned, and came to Enmishpat, which is Kadesh, and smote all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, that dwelt in Hazezontamar.
- 8) And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (the same is Zoar;) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim;
- 9) With Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five.
- 10) And the vale of Siddim was full of slimepits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain.
- 11) And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way.

- 12) And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.
- 13) And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these were confederate with Abram.
- 14) And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan.
- 15) And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus.
- 16) And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.
- 17) And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale.
- 18) And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.
- 19) And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:
- 20) And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.
- 21) And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself.
- 22) And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth,
- 23) That I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich:
- 24) Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

- Four Kings draw up in battle against five...
 - Sodom and Gomorrah are overthrown
 - And Chedorlaomer carries off the goods and people of Sodom...
 - Including Lot, Abraham's nephew
- Abraham rounds up 318 of his servants and pursues after them
 - Abraham pursues after Chedorlaomer
 - And, God gives unto Abraham a victorious battle
- We pick up the story, as Abraham returns from the battle
 - Not straight down the Jordan Valley as usual
 - But detouring over by Jerusalem

- He comes to the Valley of Shaveh...
 - The King's Dale
- And out to meet him comes Bera, the King of Sodom
 - The King of Sodom...
 - The King of *Sin*...
- Sodom was probably the most wicked city existing at that time
 - And even now, it is eternally associated with Sin
- This man was the King of Sodom...
- And, one thing is as certain today as it was then...
 - Crime Pays...
 - Sin sells well...
 - Wickedness is very profitable...
- Sodom was rich
 - "Filthy" Rich!
- Abraham had traveled over 120 miles each way
 - He had carried out an amazing, daring night raid
- Abraham had brought back all of the people, wealth, and livelihood of this thriving city
- The King of Sodom offers Abraham all of these riches in return for the people...
 - He was making a most magnanimous offer, I'm sure he thought...
 - And one probably quite out of his character...
 - Surely, this speaks to the magnificence of Abraham's victory!
- Abraham was offered all of these riches...
 - But, he knew he would be in debt to Sodom...
 - He knew he would be subject to Sin....
- And, Abraham would have nothing to do with it...
 - Not even a shoelace

- Notice how he didn't just take some of it?

- A reasonable amount...

- Abraham knew what David knew...

- Psalm 24:3-5

- 3) Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?
- 4) He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.
- 5) He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

- Having clean hands means not making compromises...

- Not accepting even a little...

- Abraham didn't want people to think that he had become rich from Sodom

- So Abraham refuses him straight out...

- Abraham showed great disrespect to the King of Sodom!

- This is the "Chief Don" in the biggest mafia in town...

- This action would have placed Abraham's life in serious danger...

- But, he did it out of faith...

- Trusting that God would protect him

- Looking forward to a more eternal security, and not just a temporal, physical security

- He saw the effect that Sodom had had on his nephew, and he wanted no part of it...

- He did not want to serve Sin...

- He didn't want to be subject to the King of Sin

- Now, a second King came out to meet him also...

- Genesis 14:18

- 18) And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

- Who is this Melchisedec?

- So far, the record has told us of Adam, Noah, and Abraham...

- But this is the first time we have ever heard of this Melchisedec person...
- Where does Melchisedec come from?
- Paul gives us some insight:
- Hebrews 7:3
 - 3) Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.
- Much struggling has occurred over this verse...
 - Is he Enoch?
 - Is he Shem?
 - Who is he?
- I think the explanation that occurs in the same verse is sufficient...
 - *“made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.”*
- What Paul is trying to say is that the very existence of Melchisedec is provided beforehand as a picture of the royal priesthood of Christ
- Melchisedec appears on the scene suddenly
 - Without father, mother or genealogy
- *But, how is this like Christ?*
 - We are clearly told who is Father is, his mother, and his genealogy is recorded
- I think God is talking about the character of this priesthood...
- Under the Law, the priesthood of Aaron depended entirely on descent
 - You must have a father in the direct line from Aaron, and your mother must be a Levite
 - You can only enter the priesthood at a certain age
- The priesthood of Christ, although, has no connection with the tribe of Levi
- Let's look at the chapter we read earlier...
- Hebrews 7:14-17
 - 14) For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.

- 15) And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest,
- 16) Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.
- 17) For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

- The priesthood of Christ is ageless

- Calling both the young and the old

- This Melchisedec is a type of Christ

- Being both King and Priest

- What else do we know about him?

- What other lessons can we learn of our Lord from this man?

- Let's back up to the end of Chapter 6...

- Hebrews 6:20

- 20) Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

- Hebrews 7:1-2

- 1) For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;
- 2) To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

- Melchisedec's name has a deeper meaning...

- Melchisedec, King of Salem

- Paul specifically points out:

- "*first* by interpretation King of RIGHTEOUSNESS, and

- Melchisedec means King of Righteousness

- *then* also King of PEACE...

- As Salem means Peace

- Thus is presented a clear Bible principle that appears many times throughout Scriptures...

- A lesson that we would do well to learn...

- Righteousness first
- And then Peace
- You'll never have Peace, unless you chose righteousness first
- Honoring the King of Sin may bring you less harassment and persecution, but you will never have Peace if you do
- Profiting from the King of Sin may bring you riches, but you will never have Peace...
 - Unless you pursue Righteousness first...
- The King of Righteousness also came out to meet Abraham
- And how does Abraham react to this King?
 - Unlike the King of Sin...
 - To this King Abraham gives respect...
 - He gives more than respect...
- Genesis 14:18-20 (Don't Turn this up)
 - 18) And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.
 - 19) And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:
 - 20) And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.
- Not only does he NOT accept the riches of Sin
- But, he donates 10% of to the King of Righteousness
- He chooses to serve Righteousness...
 - The King of Righteousness
- Inevitably, all of us come to this same valley of decision
 - As we head home from our battles
 - Are we tempted to accept the rich, luscious, tempting things that Sin offers?
 - Or do we give 10% of everything that we have to Righteousness?
 - Are we afraid that we might offend Sin, and be harassed because we don't serve it?
 - Or do we have faith that if we do the right thing God will protect us?

- Do we chose to serve Righteousness?
 - Or do we chose to serve Sin?
- That is the lesson we get from the first appearance of Melchizedek
- And, Melchisedec introduces us to something important...
 - Melchizedek establishes for us the existence of a completely different type of priesthood...
 - A King-Priest
 - A Priesthood that exists outside the lineage of Aaron and Levi
 - A Kingship that performs the roles and functions of a Priest
- This is a completely new and different position than what the people were used to seeing
- And, Paul goes to great efforts to establish that this is a superior kind of priesthood
- Hebrews 7:4-11
 - 4) Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.
 - 5) And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:
 - 6) But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.
- This man, Melchisedec, clearly isn't one of Abraham's descendents
- Yet, Abraham, the father of Levi, Aaron, and all priests paid tithes to him
 - And Abraham was blessed by Melchisedec
 - 7) And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.
 - 8) And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.
- The Levitical priesthood then, by it's very nature, was inferior to the Melchisedec Priesthood...
 - 9) And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.
 - 10) For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.
 - 11) If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest

should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?

- If the Levitical Priesthood was perfect?
 - If it was complete...
 - Then why did Christ come after the order of Melchisedec?
- The Priesthood of Melchisedec, the Priesthood of Christ, is superior to Aaron's Priesthood
 - It is a Priesthood of Kings
- So, there exists, outside of the lineage of Aaron, another type of priesthood
 - A Priesthood of Kings
- We have other examples of this elsewhere in scriptures
 - Individuals who performed in the King-Priest role
- The first that comes to mind is David
- Let's consider the story of David bringing the Ark to Jerusalem
- 2nd Samuel 6:12-18
 - 12) And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obededom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obededom into the city of David with gladness.
 - 13) And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings.
 - King David performed sacrifices
 - 14) And David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod.
 - King David wore an ephod, a priestly garment
 - 15) So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.
 - 16) And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.
 - 17) And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.
 - King David offered Burnt Offerings

18) And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.

- King David blessed the people

19) And he dealt among all the people, even among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine. So all the people departed every one to his house.

- King David, just like Melchisedec before him, brings forth Bread and Wine

- In the next chapter, after the great promise was made to David about his Seed being established after him...

- 2nd Samuel 7:18

18) Then went king David in, and sat before the LORD, and he said, Who am I, O Lord GOD? and what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

- King David went into the sanctuary, "*and sat before the LORD*"

- And there in the sanctuary, he offered prayer before the LORD

- David is clearly designed to be an example of Christ for us

- An example of a King-Priest

- During this same time, David writes Psalm 110...

- A clear prophecy of the Messiah

- But written on the basis of the experiences he was currently having...

- There is great importance in these seven verses...

- No Old Testament Scripture is quoted or alluded to as many times in the New Testament as Psalm 110

- Psalm 110:1-7

1) The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

- David has the words of the great promise that he had just heard, still ringing in his ears...

- When he writes ths:

• 2nd Samuel 7:12-14

- 12) And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.
- 13) He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.
- 14) I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

• *“I will be his father, and he shall be my son”*

• God had promised David that a greater King would rise up after him

• A King who would be the Son of God...

• On this basis, David refers to his own seed, as *“My Lord”*

• Psalm 110:1

- 1) The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

• David knew that the King-Priest to come would be greater than him or Melchisedec before him...

• David had just gone in to the Sanctuary, and had sat before the Lord

• He could see the position that Christ would be in...

• Psalm 110:2

- 2) The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

• Like in the days of Melchisedec, there will be warring kings, and Jesus will find himself surrounded by enemies

• Like Melchisedec, he will rule from Jerusalem, from Zion

• Psalm 110:3-4

- 3) Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.
- 4) The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

• Christ has an abiding priesthood

• *“Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.”*

- Psalm 110:5-7

- 5) The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.
- 6) He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.
- 7) He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

- David saw and understood his role as King-Priest

- But, more importantly, he saw the Face of Christ as the Face of A King and looked forward to the day when Christ would reign

- Solomon continues this type of a King-Priest

- At the dedication of the temple...

- 1st Kings 8:54-56

- 54) And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.

- Solomon offered prayer before the Altar

- 55) And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying,
- 56) Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

- Solomon blessed the people

- Solomon also understood the he was to function as a King-Priest

- But clearly, David, Solomon, even Melchisedec are all types of the great King-Priest

- The Face of the King that we see in Jesus Christ

- Isaiah speaks of Him...

- Isaiah 9:6-7

- 6) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
- 7) Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

- The Prophets kept alive the promise of the coming King who would serve God in offerings and sacrifices also...

- Jeremiah 33:14-18

- 14) Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.
- 15) In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.
- 16) In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness.
- 17) For thus saith the LORD; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;
- 18) Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

- Jesus sits on a Heavenly Throne at the Right Hand of God as King forever...

- Ever since his ascension he has mediated his own sacrifice at the Father's Right Hand...

- And he did so, not by Birth

- Not by lineage or genealogy

- It was the faith and the attitude of Jesus that made him a priest after the order of Melchisedec

- We also have an example of NOT doing it the right way

- We have an example of King who tried unsuccessfully to become a King-Priest...

- Let's look at Uzziah:

- 2nd Chronicles 26:14-21

- 14) And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the host shields, and spears, and helmets, and habergeons, and bows, and slings to cast stones.
- 15) And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.
- 16) But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense.
- 17) And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of the LORD, that were valiant men:
- 18) And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, It appertaineth not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests the

sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; neither shall it be for thine honour from the LORD God.

- 19) Then Uzziah was wroth, and had a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, from beside the incense altar.
- 20) And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from thence; yea, himself hastened also to go out, because the LORD had smitten him.
- 21) And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD: and Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

- Uzziah was of the line of Kings...
 - But, because his Heart was LIFTED UP, he was not acceptable to God
- There in his forehead, where a true priest carried the words, “Holy to the Lord”
 - Uzziah carried the mark of his sin
- What is possible for one man by Faith in God’s Promise...
 - Is utterly wrong to the man who takes pride in his own achievements
- Like we learned yesterday...
 - The First Face is the Man...
 - The beginning of the whole process is to humbly accept and appreciate your position and standing before God
- Our position is not to have our “hearts lifted up”
 - But to lower ourselves, and acknowledge our dependence upon God to save us
- For one to follow in the line of Melchisedec
 - To be a King-Priest
 - One must approach the position in humility and with faith
- By definition:
 - A King is the possessor of supreme power over a people
 - A priest is the person that intervenes between the people and God when the people have sinned

- So many of our cultures have been based on the principle of “Separation of Church and State” for so long, that we have a hard time thinking of much else
- And, to the extent that our Governments have been corrupt and our Churches has been apostate, it has benefited us to have Church and State separated
- But, clearly that is not God’s Ideal...
 - God intends for his Son to be the Supreme Ruler, both of the Political and the Ecclesiastical Worlds...
- When God says King in relation to Christ...
 - He means a King-Priest...
- A King who is concerned not just about the economic welfare of his people, but of their spiritual welfare also...
- Isaiah 2:1-4
 - 1) The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
 - 2) And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.
 - 3) And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
 - 4) And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
- This is the Government of a King-Priest!
- A JUST Government
 - Righteous Rulers
 - Honest Judgments
- Laws made for the benefit and betterment of all Mankind...
 - Not for special interest groups
- Policies enacted for the spiritual growth of many...
 - Not the financial growth of few
- When we combine, therefore, the two definitions of King and Priest we come up with something like this:

- *A possessor of Supreme Power who intervenes between the People and God*
- That sounds exactly like a definition of Christ...
- Jesus fulfills this role today...
 - He has not yet taken possession of the physical land...
- But he clearly reigns as a King-Priest for his people
 - When we look at Jesus we should see the Face of A King
- Matthew clearly saw the Face of A King...
 - The Genealogy recorded in Matthew 1 is the Genealogy of a King
 - He doesn't trace Christ's lineage back to carnal Adam, like Luke does...
 - Matthew's genealogy goes to Abraham
 - The Father of Israel
 - Establishing Christ as the Heir Proper
 - Only Matthew's record includes the visit from the Wise Men in chapter 2, who come asking the question,
 - "Where is born the King of the Jews?"
- Several parables, like this one in Matthew introduce an important theme...
- Matthew 25:14-21
 - 14) For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.
 - 15) And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.
 - 16) Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.
 - 17) And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.
 - 18) But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.
 - 19) After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.
 - 20) And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.
 - 21) His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

- Here we find the sentence that we all long to hear...
 - *“Well done, thou good and faithful servant...”*
- But, did you notice that this sentence Includes...
 - *“Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things”*
- It has been God’s Plan and Jesus’ intention all along to share the rule in the Kingdom
- When we see the Face of A King in our Lord Jesus
 - We also need to be looking for the same face in ourselves
 - Because WE will reign with our Lord in His Kingdom
 - We also will be King-Priests
- Mathew 19:28-29 (Don’t Turn this up)
 - 28) And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
 - 29) And **every one** that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an **hundredfold**, and shall inherit everlasting life.
- We will join Christ and the Apostles...
- We’re very familiar with the verses...
- Daniel 7:27
 - 27) And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.
- But, do we see ourselves in them...
 - NIV 27)** *“... the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under The whole heaven **will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High.**”*
- Do we see ourselves when we look at the Face of the King?
- Do we see ourselves in the role of the King-Priest?
- Do we see ourselves reigning with Christ?

- Revelation 1:4-6

- 4) John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;
- 5) And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,
- 6) And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

- We will perform in the same role as our Lord

- King-Priests ruling in Righteousness

- Passing Righteous Judgment

- 1st Corinthians 6:2-3

- 2) Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?
- 3) Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?

- But, it is only through Jesus that we are placed in this position of Authority

- Jesus is the Source of Eternal Life

- The originator of our appointments to High and Holy positions

- Hebrews 5:6-10

- 6) As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.
- 7) Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;
- 8) Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;
- 9) And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;
- 10) Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

- We will become King-Priests also...

- Not by Birth or Lineage...

- And, not if our hearts are LIFTED UP, like Uzziah...

- But only if we have Faith...

- Then we become the Children of God and heirs with Christ

- Galatians 3:26-29

- 26) For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.
- 27) For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- 28) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.
- 29) And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

- We are heirs to a new kind of Throne...

- A throne of King-Priests that existed before Aaron, even before Abraham

- King-Priests who do not have to be born of any special line...

- But, HAVE to accept salvation through our Lord and Savior Jesus

- And have to have the Faith and Character that God is looking for in His Children

- Yesterday, it was easy for us to see ourselves in the Face of the Man

- Today, it was probably fairly easy to see the Face of A King in Christ

- But, we must see ourselves in that same Face

- We must have Faith that God will perform what He has promised

- That He wants us in the Kingdom

- He wants us to reign with His Son...

- Ezekiel 1:10

- 10) As for the likeness of their faces, the face of a lion, on the right side

- On the Right Hand Side of the Cherubim, we see the Face of a Lion...

- And when we look upon the Face of the Lion, we are looking upon the Face of a King

- Not a past King...

- Not a Future King...

- But a King who is now currently sitting on a Heavenly throne

- A King who will reign forever

- And a King who bids us to reign with him...

- Revelation 5:9-11

- 9) And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;
- 10) And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.
- 11) And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands

- Closing Hymn:

- ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME