Chapter 19

Questions & Answers (2)

Today we continue to ask some salient questions and provide answers as Holy Spirit leads, concerning the Melchizedeck Priesthood. The idea is to plug any gaps in the knowledge of this vital but neglected reality which Satan has used Christian Religion to take away from consciousness of saints since the 4th Century.

Many saints have grown up knowing only Levitical and Nimrodic Priesthood patterns which essentially reduce them to spectators in religious theatres. Ahead of His return, Yeshua is releasing the full measure of the sanctifying power of the Word so saints are perfected. The ultimate state of perfection is when all saints walk in the Melchizedeck priesthood – finding their place in the organic Body and becoming instruments of ministry to Elohim, to other saints, to those within their spheres of influence and to their host communities. When this happens, the True Kingdom Church would have been made ready for return of her King, Head and Spouse! Let us continue with additional questions:

Q.1. Why is the only Priesthood type for the Kingdom Church named 'Melchizedeck' Priesthood?

A. 1.1. Melchizedeck is the Name of a Priest of the Most High who was also the King of Salem which was the ancient name of Jerusalem. The name Salem means Peace or Righteousness. A Royal Priesthood therefore is one in which those who serve as Priests also have Royal or kingly functions. They are mediators between Elohim and humanity and also rule on His behalf in the earth realm. This concept was explained further during the course of this chapter.

> **Genesis 14:18-20 (KJV)** *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.

1.2. Melchizedeck, Who Abraham met was not a mere mortal. He was a Christophany or bodily manifestation of the eternal Yeshua before His Incarnation thousands of years later through the Virgin Birth in Bethlehem! In other words, the scripture in Genesis 14 was told to validate the reality that Yeshua Is an eternal Priest-King Who is far superior to the Levitical/Aaronic Priesthood which would proceed from Abraham's loins through his sons and grandsons Isaac, Jacob and from him, Levi. The Levitical Priesthood which started with Aaron the brother of Moses as High Priest was instituted to mediate the temporary Old Covenant between Him and Israel/Hebrews <who had missed His original purpose to function as a Kingdom of priests>. That temporary priesthood of a holding Covenant was to be valid amongst the Hebrews/Jews until Yeshua was incarnated to continue His Order of Royal Priests that would mediate the New, Universal Covenant where both Jews and Gentiles are be reconciled to the Father to functions as members of His holy family and citizens of His Kingdom (Ephesians 2:10-20).

Here is how Yeshua recounted His meeting millennia ago with Abraham which the incredulous Hebrews of His day could not grasp:

John 8:56-59 (KJV) *56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. 57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? 58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. 59 Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.*

The writer of the Book of Hebrews was later used by Holy Spirit to connect the dots which revealed how and why the Melchizedeck order of priesthood is superior to the Levitical Order (properly called the Aaronic priesthood) which was used to mediate the Old Covenant.

Hebrews 7:1-17 (KJV) *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.

In other words, the Royal Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedeck was inaugurated so all who believed on His atoning death would walk therein is one of the Grand purposes for which Yeshua came to call many sons of Elohim to glory! What Satan has used Christian Religion over the past 1,700 years to do is to vigorously attempt to squash this truth and make it of none effect through re-enactment of a Levitical type priesthood of a tiny professional clergy who minister to a large dormant laity.

1.3. It was a Priesthood type Yahweh the Father specifically prophesied that Yeshua would be.

Psalm 110:4 (KJV) *4 The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.*

Question 2: Why are priests after the order of Melchizedek, called 'Kings and Priests'?

Answer: The Order of Melchizedeck is that of Royal Priests. That means they are Priests who mediate between Elohim and humans as well as kings who rule in the earth realm on His behalf.

Priesthood Dimension:

On this part of eternity, engagement in the Great Commission to 'Go Ye' and be instruments of reconciling the lost to the Father which is the greatest act of priesthood! All saints are called to this priestly service of soul winning as they are led by Holy Spirit to minister to those in need of hearing the message of the Cross and saving Grace thereof in Yeshua.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (KJV) *17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

Further priesthood functions including standing in the gap for our homes, neighbourhoods, communities, cities, States, nations and this generation!

Present Application of our Kingship

Our rulership on this part of eternity is to influence the natural from the spiritual realms through Kingdom culture which acts like Salt and Light upon worldly cultures in our environments (Matthew 5:13-16).

We also rule in a spiritual sense when through effective prayers of faith and through spiritual warfare where principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this age and spiritual wickedness in high places are subdued for the will of Elohim and Kingdom influence to manifest in various parts of the world.

Furthermore, as saints decree things that are not into existence by the principle of Faith and when miracles occur, the natural is made subject to the supernatural ordinance and power of heaven.

Job 22:27-28 (KJV) *27 Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows. 28 Thou shalt also decree*

a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

Luke 11:20 (KJV) *20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.*

Abraham became the father of faith because he observed the ways of Elohim and how He ruled from heaven through calling things that are not into existence!

Romans 4:17-22 (KJV) *17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. 18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. 19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. 22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.*

This is why saints should never rest on their oars until Miracles, Signs and Wonders become their everyday experiences. Saints were never meant to wait until they enter a building on certain 'holy days' to be spectators while a 'super anointed' minister/priest performs some miracles that wow their hearts.

Mark 16:15-20 (KJV) *15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They*

shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Future Application of Kingship

When Yeshua returns, we will rule in a physical sense over peoples, cities and nations. These are the billions of people on earth when Yeshua returns, routing the armies of the anti-Christ and the False prophet at Armageddon. Thereafter, Satan is chained for 1000 years as Revelation 20:1-6 says.

That is when the fullness of the Kingdom which Adam lost in Eden will be restored. Humanity will enjoy 1000 years of no sickness, death, terrorism, air, land and sea crashes or indeed any type of evil since Satan, the grand master of evil and his demons are out of the way! Yeshua will have His Throne in Jerusalem and reign as King of Kings because He will not rule the world alone! Those who lived in obedience and fulfilled their Melchizedeck priesthoods on this side of eternity will simply continue in office since it is one which is eternal!

Revelation 1:6 (KJV) *6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

Revelation 5:9-10 (KJV) *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.*

Q.3. Since we are all sons of Elohim in the Melchizedeck Order, is there still need of human vessels to serve as leaders in congregations

of saints? Can we all not just be automatically leaders in our various congregations and the universal Kingdom Church?

Answer: Yes, we will still need leaders in every way.

This is because the same Word where we learn of the Melchizedeck Order of Priesthood also makes it clear that on this side of eternity, human vessels will be called and set apart as instruments of bringing to pass the ordinance of heaven in the earth realm. Those who are called to serve in this regard are leaders. Their leadership however is not to rule people like Gentile Kings do.

> **Matthew 20:25-28 (KJV)** *25 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. 26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; 27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: 28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.*

Rather, such Kingdom leaders are to be vessels through which Holy Spirit will accomplish these objectives:

3.1. Modelling the right Kingdom pattern of living and ministry

> **1 Corinthians 11:1 (KJV)** *1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.*

> **Philippians 3:17-21 (KJV)** *17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. 18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) 20 For our conversation is in*

heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: 21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

3.2. Instruments to be used to process other saints. Saints come into the Kingdom as babes who know little of their true identities and the Divine purpose for their lives. Because they are still at varying stages of spiritual development, there will always be need for vessels to receive responsibility from King Yeshua to process them so they mature and walk in their full identities in Him, discover and fulfil His purpose for them. This is the main function of five-fold as Ephesians 4:11-16 makes very clear.

The Kingdom has two core principles which bring balance: Liberty and Order. If saints have liberty without order, they will be un-disciplined and take Grace for granted leading to arrested babyhood or orphan-hood syndrome. On the other hand, if they have order without liberty, they may relapse into religion, rituals without heart and hypocrisy. These two extreme concepts create the need for Authority to balance both. In the Kingdom, Yeshua confers measures of His Authority as Head to those He elects and their responsibility is to be His under-shepherds for care of the flock:

1 Peter 5:1-4 (KJV) *1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: 2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; 3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.*

In warning the Church against the dangers of worldliness, John the beloved made a distinction concerning various categories of saints not based on gender, race or socio-economic situation but rather on state of spiritual maturity.

> **1 John 2:12-17 (KJV)** *12 I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. 13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father. 14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one. 15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.*

Q.4. Since we are all sons of Elohim, Priests and Kings, is it proper to honour leaders?

A.1. Yeshua clearly told saints to avoid the kind of honour which idolizes humans and which essentially makes them take the place of Yahweh.

> **Matthew 23:8-10 (KJV)** *8 But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. 9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. 10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.*

This is why leaders who are true to their callings must consciously refuse to be made mediators between saints and their heavenly Father since Yeshua has occupied that office effectively already! The model Holy

Spirit has processed leaders to be to saints is to show the possibilities of grace in human vessels, not to substitute Who Yeshua is to them! Wisdom will therefore propel leaders to emulate John the Baptist to point saints and constantly nudge them to see Yeshua as the centre and circumference of their lives!

> **John 3:27-30 (KJV)** *27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. 28 Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. 29 He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. 30 He must increase, but I must decrease.*

Yeshua set the 12 apart to lead His Church to remember its purpose in the earth realm. Yeshua raised Paul to reveal the depth of what He accomplished on the Cross for saints and how to live according to Kingdom pattern on earth.

> **1 Corinthians 3:10 (KJV)** *10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.*

When it comes to honouring leadership, it should be organic. This means the basis of honour is not just titles people bear but rather these factors:

4.1. Relationships orchestrated by Holy Spirit. This includes Overseers and Pastors of congregations or mentors and teachers given by Yeshua to make understanding of saints perfect in Him.

4.2. Impartation released by heaven through particular vessels to build you up into your son-ship, Priest and kingly identity. Let us remember the Kingdom Church is one whole organism and division by humans or Satan

through denominational walls is unacceptable to heaven. In reality, no one should lay claim of say 'fatherhood' or 'motherhood' of saints with intent to keep them under their so called 'covering', meaning wings on a permanent basis! That would simply reduce saints to their clones mimicking them and never able to come into fullness of their individual identities.

Worse still, such tendencies create a 'glass ceiling' effect whereby the leaders are seen as at an unapproachable and insurmountable apex! This would be a strange development because in the Kingdom, children are expected to be greater in service and stature than their spiritual parents, Pastors or Mentors. There is an adage that he/she who has a true father or mentor will see further and therefore go further. The idea of making saints to carry bibles and bags for leaders at meetings and prevent them from connecting and relating with other vessels who Yahweh may have assigned as their destiny helpers is a feature of Nimrodic priesthood which hems people into exclusive religious spheres of leaders.

We must always be careful not to throw away the proverbial baby with the bath water! Though it is true there is great abuse of the concept of fatherhood and motherhood in the modern Church, there is still a biblical basis which supports a balanced approach. As noted earlier, Yeshua invests specific vessels/people with grace and capacity to nurture saints until they mature! In that context, they are spiritual babes committed to the trust of such fathers and mothers in the faith.

This is the context in which there will always be spiritual fathers and mothers in the Kingdom Church on this side of eternity worthy of recognition and measured honour not adulation which leads to idolatry. They will not however be spiritual parents by fiat or by their own design. They would rather be such by divinely orchestrated relationships designed for maturation in righteousness of specific saints committed to their trust for spiritual development and accountability.

In other words, spiritual parenting, if we may use the phrase should never be taken to mean 'ownership' or accumulation of saints for purpose of making money or other carnal motives including pride/ego. Rather, it is a spiritual facility put in place so that an environment of Liberty and Order can impact saints to mature quickly as they receive love and learn to trust to such a degree that they can receive corrections as true sons of Elohim as espoused in Hebrews 12:4-13

> **1 Corinthians 4:14-20 (KJV)** *14 I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you. 15 For though ye have ten thousand instructers in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. 16 Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me. 17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church. 18 Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you. 19 But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power. 20 For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.*

It needs to be noted that many human cultures have redemptive gifts of honour such as the Yoruba ethnic nationality of Western Nigeria. Their cultural practice of calling people 'Daddy' (Father in the Lord) or 'Mummy' (Mother in the Lord) is not necessarily wrong in view of the counsel of Elohim we learnt here in this chapter. However, those who practice such must ensure they do not unwittingly remain perpetual babes of such elders! That would be tragic indeed for whom the Son of Man has set free should be free indeed!

> **John 8:32, 36 (KJV)** *32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*
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> *36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*

Now, you know the Truth. Walk in the Liberty of sons-ship as a Royal Priest of Elohim, after the Order of Melchizedeck!

Review Questions

1. In what way has this Question and Answer session made your understanding of the Melchizedeck Order of Priesthood more complete?

2. Please describe what you will do with this resource on Priesthood and the Kingdom Church.