

# Training to become Diveste

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<sup>9</sup>And thou shalt bring the Levites before the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt gather the whole assembly of the children of Israel together... <sup>11</sup>And Aaron shall offer the Levites before Yahweh for an offering of the children of Israel, that they may <u>execute</u> the <u>service</u> of Yahweh." -Numbers 8:9–11-

## Priests were Servants offered to Yahweh

### Priests for the Kingdom age

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. -Romans 12:1-

### Priests for the Kingdom age

<sup>19</sup>Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; <sup>20</sup>And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; <sup>21</sup>In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: <sup>22</sup>In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

-Ephesians 2:19-22-

Training to be Priests

### Priests-Servants for God

Priests were offered to God They were offered for service in the tabernacle

We are also to present ourselves as "living sacrifices" So we can be engaged in service

The house of God for us is the Ecclesia This is where we perform our service We are servants of the Most High God <sup>14</sup>Thus shalt thou separate the Levites from among the children of Israel: and the Levites shall be mine. <sup>15</sup>And after that shall the Levites go in to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt cleanse them, and offer them for an offering. —Numbers 8:14-15—

### Priests were separated cleansed for God's use...

<sup>21</sup>And the Levites were purified, and they washed their clothes; and Aaron offered them as an offering before Yahweh; and Aaron made an atonement for them to cleanse them. <sup>22</sup>And <u>after</u> <u>that went the Levites in to do their service in the</u> tabernacle of the congregation..." —Numbers 8:21-22—

Served only after cleansed

### Priests for the Kingdom age

And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: And he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer unto Yahweh an offering in righteousness. -Malachi 3:3-



### Priests for the Kingdom age

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the ecclesia, and gave himself for it; <sup>26</sup>That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, <sup>27</sup>That he might present it to himself a glorious ecclesia, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

-Ephesians 5:25-27-

### Cleansing Our Vessels for Use

<sup>20</sup>But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.<sup>21</sup>If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. <sup>22</sup>Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, love, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. -2 Timothy 2:20-22-

1 Thes 4:3-4

### Priests for the Kingdom age

<sup>13</sup>And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? <sup>14</sup>And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

-Revelation 7:13-14-





Priests were to be SEPARATED for SERVICE They were to be cleansed They were to be purified They were to be washed Atonement made for them This is a purification process - like precious metals

We are also SEPARATED (ie. Saints) Sanctified by the washing of the word No spot, blemish or wrinkle

Our VESSELS need to be "MADE HOLY" we need to purge out the garbage make them fit for the Master's use

Our GARMENTS are CLEANSED washed in the blood of the lamb

This is it that belongeth unto the Levites: from twenty and five years old and upward they shall go in to wait upon the service of the tabernacle of the congregation... -Numbers 8:24-



### Priests for the Kingdom age

Thus saith Yahweh of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, Then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, And I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by. ESV: right of access -Zechariah 3:7-



### A Place in the Kingdom

Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. -Revelation 3:12-



### Being in the Kingdom

Prerequisite to being in the temple in the future age Walking in his ways Keeping his charge

This qualifies us to have "right of access" Will be given privilege to "judge his house" Keep his courts

<sup>5</sup>My covenant was with him of life and peace; And I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, And was afraid before my name. <sup>6</sup>The law of truth was in his mouth, And iniquity was not found in his lips: He walked with me in peace and equity, And did turn many away from iniquity. <sup>7</sup>For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, And they should seek the law at his mouth: For he is the messenger of Yahweh of hosts.

—Malachi 2:5–7— 🌹 📢



### And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. --Daniel 12:3-

## The Job of future Priests

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And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever.

—1 Samuel 2:35—

### God's Choice of a Priest



### God's Priests...

Malachi tells us what God's priest are like They fear or RESPECT Him The WORD of God is in their mouths Iniquity is NOT found in their Lips They WALK with GOD They TURN many FROM iniquity They are the MESSENGERS of Yahweh They TEACH God's word

God gives the requirements of a Faithful Priest He DOES according to ALL that is in God's Heart and Mind





<sup>7</sup>Then on that day David delivered first this psalm to thank Yahweh into the hand of Asaph and his brethren. <sup>8</sup>Give thanks unto Yahweh, call upon his name, Make known his deeds among the people. <sup>9</sup>Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, Talk ye of all his wondrous works. <sup>10</sup>Glory ye in his holy name: Let the heart of them rejoice that seek Yahweh. 1 Chronicles 16:7–10



<sup>11</sup>Seek Yahweh and his strength, Seek his face continually. <sup>12</sup>Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, His wonders, and the judgments of his mouth; <sup>13</sup>O ye seed of Israel his servant, Ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones. <sup>14</sup>He is Yahweh our God; His judgments are in all the earth. <sup>15</sup>Be ye mindful always of his covenant; The word which he commanded to a thousand generations... 1 Chronicles 16:11–15



### David's Instructions

### Priests were to be joyful Give thanks unto Yahweh

- ☑ call upon his name
   ☑ Make known his deeds
- Sing unto him  $\Box$  Talk of all his wondrous works.
- ✓ Clory in his holy name
   ✓ Let theirs heart rejoice

- Priests were to actively:
  Seek Yahweh and his strength
  Seek his face continually
  Remember his marvellous works & wonders
  the judgments of his mouth
  Be mindful always of his covenant



<sup>3</sup>He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of Yahweh, and repaired them. <sup>4</sup>And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street, <sup>5</sup>And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of Yahweh God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place. —2 Chronicles 29:3–5—



But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all your conduct -1 Peter 1:15 (ESV)-51

### Cleanse ourselves first.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance... -1 Peter 1:13-14 (ESV)-



### Training to be Priests

### Hezekiah's Instructions

In order to serve in the Temple  $\checkmark$  Priests had to sanctify themselves first  $\checkmark$  Then sanctify the house

### To be of service in the Ecclesia

- We need to sanctify ourselves be holy as God is
   Prepare out minds for action
   Be sober minded
- Set our hope on the kingdom Don't get caught up in former desires

<sup>6</sup>For our fathers have been unfaithful and have done what was evil in the sight of Yahweh our God. They have forsaken him and have turned away their faces from the habitation of Yahweh and turned their backs. <sup>7</sup>They also shut the doors of the vestibule and put out the lamps and have not burned incense or offered burnt offerings in the Holy Place to the God of Israel. \_\_\_2 Chronicles 29:6–7—

House defiled

<sup>1</sup>And the child Samuel ministered unto Yahweh before Eli. And the word of Yahweh was precious in those days; there was no open vision. <sup>2</sup>And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see; <sup>3</sup>And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of Yahweh, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep;

—1 Samuel 3:1–3—



My sons, be not now negligent: for Yahweh hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him, and burn incense. -2 Chronicles 29:11-

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Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. —Psalm 141:2—

And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. —Revelation 8:3—



### Don't Megleet the Ecclesia

<sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. -Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)-



<sup>15</sup>And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of Yahweh, to cleanse the house of Yahweh. <sup>16</sup>And the priests went into the inner part of the house of Yahweh, to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of Yahweh into the court of the house of Yahweh. And the Levites took it, to carry it out abroad into the brook Kidron. —2 Chronicles 29:15-16—

# Cleanse Gowiself, Then the House

### Hezekiah's Instructions

### Temple was defiled because of NEGLECT

- former generation unfaithful and did evil forsook him
   turned away their faces & turned their backs
   shut the doors of the vestibule

Training to be

Priests

put out the lamps
 did not burned incense or offered burnt offerings

# There was a similar problem in Samuel's day The lamp was going out Son's of Eli were committing wickedness

### We are not to neglect the ecclesia Don't stop getting together

- More and more as we see the day getting close
- Encourage one another
- Stirring each other up to love and good works

<sup>18</sup>For a multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good Yahweh pardon every one <sup>19</sup>That prepareth his heart to seek God, Yahweh God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary. —2 Chronicles 30:18-19—

> Preparing our Hearts to Seek

# Exta: A Ready Scribe

This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which Yahweh God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of Yahweh his God upon him.

—Ezra 7:6—

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For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of Yahweh, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments. —Ezra 7:10And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them. -Deuteronomy 5:1-

## Learn, Keep & Do!

<sup>3</sup>Who shall ascend into the hill of Yahweh? Or who shall stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup>He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, Nor sworn deceitfully. <sup>5</sup>He shall receive the blessing from Yahweh, And righteousness from the God of his salvation. 6This is the generation of them that seek him, That seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

-Psalm 24:3-6-

Psalm 27:4

Psalm 119:9

## Learn, Keep & Do!

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock... --Matthew 7:24---

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. —James 2:26—

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. — John 15:14—

### Learn, Keep & Do!

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### Preparing our Hearts

Ezra - a great example
Was a ready scribe - ready to go!
Prepared his heart to SEEK Yahweh
To TEACH Israel
And to DO it himself

Moses Gave Israel the Law So they could LEARN, KEEP and DO it.

Those who get to ascend the Temple Mount Have to have CLEAN HANDS A PURE HEART Not spend their life chasing EMPTY THINGS

Jesus Qualifies his Friends Those who hear his words and DO THEM FAITH without ACTION is DEAD



I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and of his priests and Levites, in my realm, which are minded of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee. —Ezra 7:13—

# Don't miss the bus!