

**Agape House of Worship
Midweek Service & Bible Study**

Topic: Kings and Priest
Text: Rev 1:4-6 (KJV)

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Introduction: The concept of “kings and priest” in the Bible refers to believers being called to serve God as both rulers and mediators. Through Christ, we have been made kings and priests. These functions of the believer are the two powerful roles that define our spiritual identity and purpose.

Objective: The purpose of this bible study is to understand what it means for a Christian to operate as a King and a Priest. We will analyze the different ways that Jesus exemplified Kingship and Priesthood so we can use that as a model for our lives. Today's bible study will focus mainly on the Believers Kingship role and then, we will discuss his Priesthood the following week.

- ❖ The term "king" in the Bible can signify a person with authority and power, but not necessarily in a political sense. The Holy Spirit is responsible for the rebirth of the Believers spirit, and the empowerment of the Believer. The Holy Spirit abides “in” the believer when they accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and savior (Romans 8:15, Galatians 4:6). The Holy Spirit comes “upon” the believer to enable them to exercise authority and power. There is a difference when the Holy Spirit dwells “in you” and when it comes “upon you”. Before Jesus began to exercise authority and power, the Holy Spirit descended on him in the form of a dove and he embarked on a fast (Matthew 3:16-17, Luke 4:14-22). Before Jesus would start his ministry, he embarked on a 40 day fast before returning to Galilee in the power of the Spirit. Though he was sinless, he needed the spirit of God to rest on him before he could function as a King. He was empowered by the spirit of God to reign over sin, his flesh, the devil and he was given authority to speak the word of God with boldness. Functioning as a King means to exercise authority over the devil (Luke 10:19 and Mark 16:17). It empowers the believer to make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20)

Question #1: In Mark 1:22 Jesus spoke like someone with authority. What kinds of teachers were the people accustomed to that caused them to be amazed by Jesus' teaching?

- ❖ When Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tempted, he did not only defeat the devil but he also conquered his flesh. In the garden of Gethsemane Jesus surrendered his will to accept the will of God. Christians are called to reign in their own lives by overcoming the influence of evil in their thoughts, words, and actions. A believer must be able to rule over their flesh in order to live a victorious Christian life (Galatians 5:17). We cannot be transformed into the likeness of Jesus Christ until we are able to rule over our flesh. This goal becomes possible when we align ourselves with the word of God and rely on the help of the Holy Spirit (Psalm 119:11, Romans 8:12-13)

Question #2: What are some of the consequences of maintaining our former sinful lifestyle after we become born again?

Questions #3: How can believers be in the world, but not of the world?

- ❖ The role of a King is a position of leadership and Jesus exemplified all the qualities of a great leader. Though Jesus came to humanity as God in the flesh, he humbled himself and modeled servant leadership for every Christian to emulate. We function as Kings when we lead with humility, righteousness, and wisdom. (Colossians 3:12, 2 Corinthians 5:20). As we grow in our relationship with God, these attributes become more and more pronounced.

Question #4: How can we better understand and acknowledge our own limitations and areas for growth?