18th April, 2021 Burmah Road Gospel Hall

# Theme: **The Christian Priesthood** in **Hebrews 10:19-25**

# Recap. : The Christian Priesthood - Heb. 10:19-25

# A. The Classes of Priesthood.

# 1. The Original Purpose of God. Exo. 19:5-8

# a. The Condition - if ye will obey… cf. 19:8

# b. The Covenant & Commandments, Chs. 19-31

# c. The Consent sealed by Blood. 24:3-8

#### I. The Character of the Christian Priesthood. Heb. 10:18-20

II. The **C**haracter of our High Priest. Heb. 10:21

III. The **C**onditions of the Christian Priesthood. Heb. 10:22

#### IV. The Commitment of Priests. Heb. 10:23-25

# Part 4a - **The Commitment of Priests**

Intro. Christians are Holy Priests to **S**acrifice and Royal Priests to **S**et Forth … I Pet. 2:5, 9

***Ye are a chosen generation****, a royal priesthood,   
an holy nation, a peculiar people.*  I Pet. 2:9

**The Lord’s Choice of Israel Deut. 7:6-8**

**My P ersonal Testimony:**

Stage 1 – The Lord’s **C**hoice,

my **C**onversion

and **C**onfession

Stage 2 – My **C**onsecration

Stage 3 – My **C**ontributions

Stage 4 – My **C**ommendation

**A. As Holy Priests, we are Committed to Sacrifice.** I Pet. 2:5 cf. Heb. 10:12, 18

1. OT priests were made such by virtue of their **B**irth and their consecration by **B**lood.
2. Likewise, NT priests, by their new **B**irth and their consecration by the **B**lood of Christ
3. Their Sacrifices, however are not **E**xpiatory (Heb. 10:26), bur rather **E**ucharistic.

## The Sacrifices of Holy Priests

**1. The Sacrifice of What I am.** **Rom. 12:1, 2** cf. II Cor. 8:5

* My Personal Testimony

a. The **C**all to **S**acrifice.

i. A **R**eal Appeal - *I beg of you, please*

ii. A **R**estricted Appeal - *brethren*, i.e. believers only

iii. A **R**easonable Appeal - *therefore by the mercies of God*

b. The **C**oncept of **S**acrifice.

i. The **O**ffer - *present*

Gk. *paristemi* = to place beside or near, to present, to offer, to put at one’s disposal;

Aorist tense – a once and for all decision

* A Willing**ness** to **S**acrifice all we Are Cf. Lk. 2:22; I Sam. 1:27, 28; Mt. 2:11

*Present* is a Levitical term for presenting the Levitical victims and offerings.

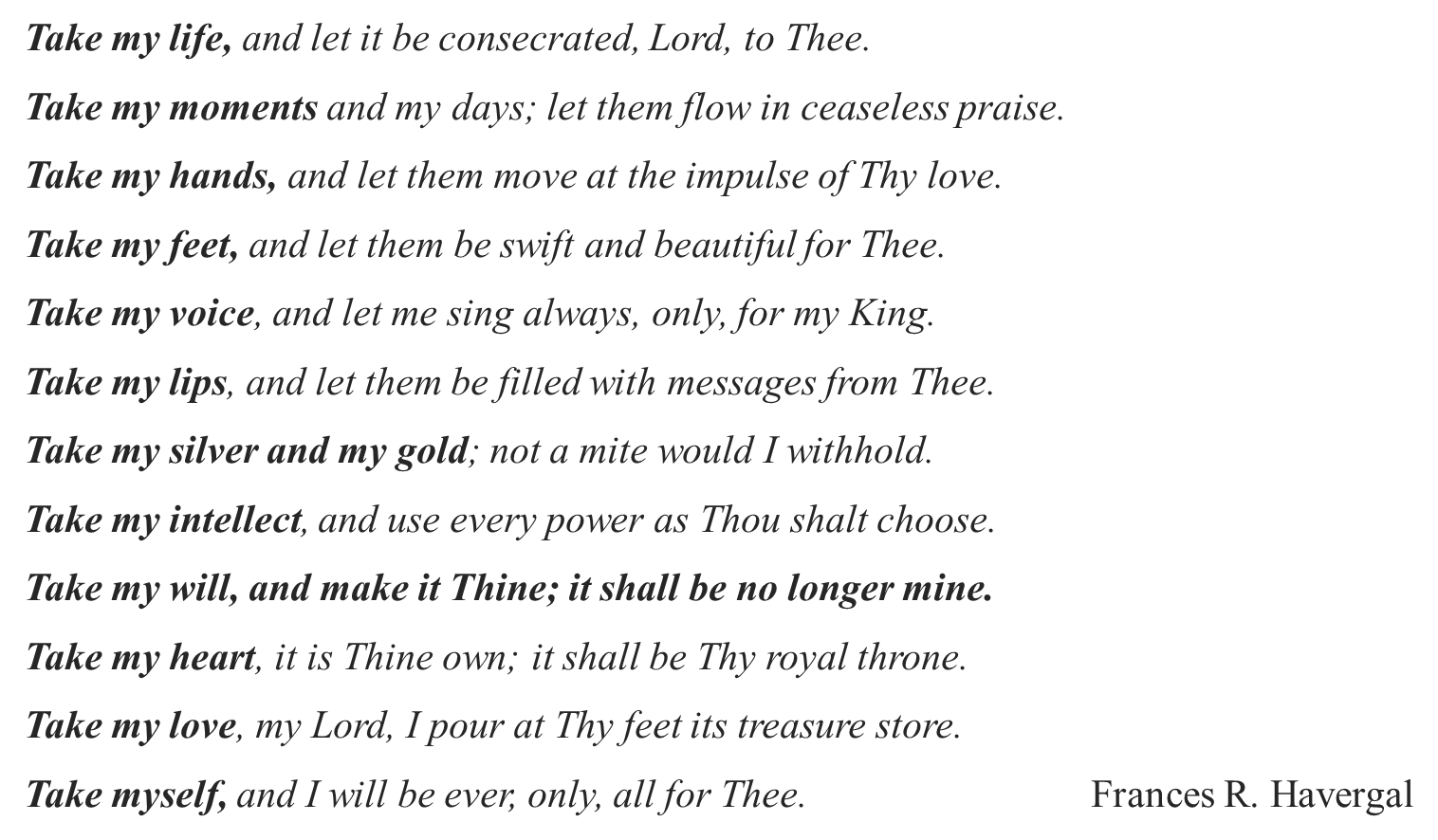
* A Prepared**ness** to **S**urrender all we Have

*Present* is the same as yield in Rom. 6:13

* A Readi**ness** to **S**ubmit all the Way. Heb. 11:8 cf. Psa. 51:17

ii. The **O**ffering - *your bodies* Cf. I Cor. 3:16, 17; 6:19, 20

* The eyes – to **L**ook on the fields. Jn. 4:35
* The tongue – to **L**aud the Lord God. Psa. 93:3, 5
* The ear – to **L**isten to the still small voice. I Sam. 3:10
* The hands – to **L**ift up in prayer. I Tim. 2:8, 4
* The feet – to **L**ead others to Christ. Rom. 10:14, 15
* The whole person – to **L**ive for Christ. Gal. 2:20



iii. The **O**bject - *a living sacrifice* cp. living way; ct. dead sacrifices of OT

* Where the **M**ind is **A**ctive. Rom. 6:8, 11, 16
* Where the **M**embers are **A**vailable. Rom. 6:13, 19
* Where the whole **M**an is **A**ssociated. Gal. 2:20

c. The **C**onditions of **S**acrifices. *Holy, acceptable unto God*

i. That which is Sacrificed must be Set **A**part. *Holy*

* i.e. **P**laced at God’s **D**isposal.
* i.e. **P**urified of all **D**efilement.

ii. That which is Sacrificed must be **A**cceptable.

* It must be **A**ppointed by God. Lev. 10:1, 2
* It must be **A**pproved of God. cf. Acts 2:22; Lk. 2:52

**Conclusion**: *which is your reasonable service*.

(i) Characterised by **S**pontaneity. *Reasonable*

*Reasonable* (Gk. *logikos*) = reasonable, agreeable to reason, or the worship that is rendered by the reason or the soul.

(ii) Characterised by **S**ervice.

*Service* (Gk. *latreia*), i.e. the service or worship of God according to the requirement of the Levitical Law as in Heb. 9:6. Hence, priestly service

Service is used of (a) the service of God in connection with the Tabernacle. Rom. 9:4; Heb. 10:1, 6

(b) of the intelligent service of believers in presenting their bodies, a living sacrifice. (Rom. 12:1)

(c) of imagining service to God by persecutors of Christ’s followers, Jn. 16:2 – W.E. Vines

Thus, Worship must **P**recede Service, and Service must **P**roceed from Worship.

**To be Continued next Lord’s Day.**