22nd Aug. 2021 Burmah Road Gospel Hall

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

I. The **C**haracter 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 4d -**

**Recapitulation 1: (Personal Testimony)**

**A**. **Photos**: 1. Chinese Sunday School Class (BRGH – Chinese Assembly)

 2. As Teacher in Butterworth Sunday School.

 3. As Superintendant, Butterworth Sunday School.

 4. Sunday School Teacher Training Class.

 5. Penang Helpers in Butterworth Sunday School.

 6. Helpers in Butterworth Work (English & Chinese)

 7. 1st Pan-Malayan Bible Camp, Aug. 1951

**B**. **Summary of Lessons from My Testimony**

 **The Need for Consecration and Sanctification –**

A. A **D**ecision to **P**resent your **L**ife a **L**iving Sacrifice;

 A **D**eclaration not to Con**form** but to Trans**form**:

1. To **S**tudy His **W**ord and **O**bey His **P**rescribed **W**ill.

2. To **S**urrender **O**ne’s **W**ill to do His **P**ersonal **W**ill;

B. To **S**erve **W**henever and **W**herever in His **W**ork –

1. To **W**ait for His **O**pen **D**oor;

2. Not to **W**edge between the **S**ecular and the **S**piritual.

C. To Trust His **P**erson, **P**romises, **P**rotection and **P**rovision.

**Recapitulation 2: The Holy Priesthood.**

*Let us Draw Near*… Heb. 10:22

1. **As Holy Priests, we are committed to Sacrifice.**The Sacrifices of Holy Priests:

**1. The Sacrifice of What I am – *my Personal Testimony (See Pt. 4c)***

**Study Pt. 4d –**

**2. The Sacrifice of What I Say.** *The fruit of our lips***Heb. 13:15**

Intro. *Having therefore boldness* (=bold Speech) … Heb. 10:19 *let us draw near…* to **S**peak! Heb. 10:22.

a. Say it in **P**raise (Worship)

i. Psalm 107:1, 2 - *Let the redeemed of the Lord* ***S****ay* ***S****o …*

ii. Psa. 100:2 - *Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His Presence with* ***S****inging.*

 iii. Psa. 100:4 - *Enter into His gates with thanksgiving* – ***S****ound Forth*

b. Say it in **P**rayer: - Psa. 141:2 cp. **I Tim. 2:1**

i. in *Supplications* – earnest **P**etition. Cf. Heb. 5:7

ii. in *Prayers* – address the **P**erson.

iii. in *Intercession* – for other **P**eople.

1. in *Giving thanks*– give **P**raise.
2. Say it in **P**roclamation – *the* ***W****onderful* ***W****orks of God*. Cp. Acts 2:11, 47

 And **W**orship!

1. **The Sacrifice of What I Do. Heb. 13:16**

 Good works are based on the Christian Priesthood. Heb. 10:24, 25 cf. 10:19-23

 *Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to* ***good works****:*

a. The **P**urpose of our Good Works – to Serve!

i. **S**aved to Serve – *zealous of* ***good works.*** Tit. 2:14 cf. 3:8

ii. **S**anctified to Serve – *prepared unto every* ***good work.*** II Tim. 2:21

iii. **S**tudy the Scriptures to Serve – *furnished unto all* ***good works*.** II Tim. 3:16, 17

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**Study Pt. 4d ended here.**

**As Royal Priests only given as Outline Notes here!**

**B. As Royal Priests We are Committed to Set Forth.** **I Pet. 2:9** cf. Heb. 10:23

 Intro. *Royal Priesthood* borrowed from Exo. 19:6 cp. Rev. 1:6, 5:10.

 *Ye are a kingdom* – not the territory, but the subjects, i.e. the subjects of a Sovereign.

 *Of priests*, i.e. Jehovah is the Object of worship, the King, so that the discharge of all civil duties has a religious character, all being done to God. Col. 3:23, 24

 Thus, a Priesthood belonging, and in the Service of the King.

**1.** Let us **S**how forth His **P**raises (=Excellencies). I Pet. 2:9 cp. Isa. 43:21. See Eph. 1:6, 12, 14

a. Show Forth the **Excellencies** of His **P**erson. *The praises of Him*

i. The **E**ssential **E**xcellencies of His **B**eing.

* His Power is **I**nfinite. Eph. 1:19 – *exceeding greatness*
* His Love is **G**reat. Eph. 2:4b – *His great love*
* His Mercies and His **G**race are Rich. 2:4a, 7 – *rich in mercy*
* His Wisdom is **I**ridescent. 3:10 – *manifold wisdom*

ii. The **E**mbracing **E**xcellencies of what He **B**estows.

 See the 7-fold **B**lessing of being ***I****n Christ*. Eph. 1:3-12-14

b. Show Forth the Excellencies of His **P**urpose.

 i. In the ***D****ispensation of the Grace of God*. Eph. 3:2

* For **S**alvation. 3:6 – *Gentiles should be fellow-heirs*
* For **S**ervice. 3:7 – *Of which I was made a minister..*

 ii. In the **D**eclaration of the *Riches of Christ*. Eph. 3:8

 iii. In the **D**isplay of God’s Wisdom through the Church.

 Eph. 3:9, 10 – *the manifold wisdom of God*

 iv. In the **D**irect Access into God’s Presence. Eph. 3:11, 12

 - *in Whom we have boldness and access with confidence*

c. Show Forth the Excellencies through His People. Eph. 3:14-21

i. By living **Spirit**-empowered lives – the riches of His Glory. 3:16

 *- strengthened with might by His Spirit*

ii. By living **Christ**-Centered lives – the **I**nfiniteness of His Love. 3:17-19

* *and length, and depth, and height the love of Christ.*

iii. By living **God**-Inspired lives – the Greatness of His Person. 3:19b

* all the fulness of God..

**2**. Let us **S**ecure our Commitment as Priests.

a. Let us Draw Near. Heb. 10:22 cf. 4:16

i. This is **O**ur **R**ight because …

* of Christ’s **B**lood
* of our **B**irth.

ii. This is **O**nly **R**ight

* In the O.T. it means Death to draw near.
* In the N.T. it would be Death **not** to draw near.

iii. Let us do (**O**bey) it **R**ight. 10:22

b. ***Let us*** Hold Fast. Heb. 10:23

i. To our **P**rofession. 10:23a *The Confession of our Hope*

* The **C**onfidence of our Hope. 3:6 cf. 10:35, 36
* Our **C**onfession. 4:14, 15
* That which is Committed. II Tim. 1:13, 14

ii. To His **P**romises. 10:23b

* Let us *stand fast* in the Lord. Phil. 4:1
* Let us *stand fast* in the Faith. I Cor. 16:13
* Let us *stand fast* in the Liberty. Gal. 5:1

c. Let us **C**onsider One Another. Heb. 10:24

i. Our **P**ast Study – Consideration of our High Priest. 3:1

ii. Our **P**resent Service – Consideration of one another.

* The **P**urpose – *hold fast…keep* II Tim. 1:13, 14
	+ To **P**rovoke unto *Love*.
	+ To **P**rovoke unto *Good Works.* (The exercise of our gifts, I Cor. 14:3)
	+ To **E**ncourage/**E**xhort one another.
* The **P**lace – *not forsaking the assembling of ourselves*.
* The **P**eriod – *so much the more as ye see the day approaching*

d. *Let us Go Forth.* Heb. 13:13
 Dr. Livingstone said, *I shall go anywhere provided it is* ***F****orward.*

i. Let us Go *Up* to our **P**ossession, so have **F**aith.

 *Let us go up at once and possess it…* Num. 13:30

ii. *Let us Go On to* ***P****erfection*, so **F**ollow.

 *…not laying again the foundation…* Heb. 6:1 ct. 5:11-14

iii. Let us Go *In* into **P**articipation, so **F**it in. Psa. 122:1

 *Let us go into the house of the Lord*

iv. Let us Go *Forth* for His **P**erson, so **F**ellowship.

 *Let us go forth…unto Him*… Heb. 13:13, 14 cf. Phil. 3:10

e. Let Us *Lay Aside* Every Weight, and *Let Us Run* with Patience the Race. Heb. 12:1, 2

 Consider: i. The **W**itnesses that **E**ncompass us. Heb. 12:1

 ii. The **W**eights the **E**ncounter us. 12:1

 iii. The **W**ickedness that **E**ntangles us. 12:1

 iv. The **W**eariness that **E**ncounters us. 12:3

 v. The **W**inner that **E**ncourages us. 12:2

f. Let us *Offer*. Heb. 13:15

i. Our **S**elves.

ii. Our **S**acrifices.

iii. Our **S**ervice.

**Conclusion:** Because we are God’s **P**eople, we are **P**riests.

 We are *Holy Priests* to Offer Spiritual Sacrifices.

 We are *Royal Priests* to Show Forth His Excellencies.

 Because we are **P**riests, we are to serve God and His **P**eople.