20th Mar., 2022 **Sungai Ara Gospel Hall** [10.10.21]
**Recap.: The Christian Priesthood - Heb. 10:19-25**

1. **The Classes of Priesthood:**

 **[The Levitical Priesthood; The Melchizedek Priesthood]**

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

 a. The **C**ondition - ***if ye will obey…*** cf. 19:8

 b. The **C**ovenant & **C**ommandments, Chs. 19-31

 c**.** The **C**onsent sealed by Blood. 24:3-8

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

1. The **C**haracter of the **C**hristian Priesthood. Heb. 10:19-20

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

III. The Conditions of the Christian Priesthood. Heb. 10:22

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

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

We are now: *A* ***C****hosen* ***G****eneration*

* A **P**eculiar **P**eople:

***P****eculiar*: from <G4046> (***P****eripoieomai*) = *acquisition* (the act or the thing); by extension ***P****reservation* :-…**P**eculiar, **P**urchased, **P**ossession.

The word translated "peculiar" does not mean strange or eccentric but speaks of a people of possession. That is, God purchased us by Christ paying the ransom for our sins.

Also in the meaning is "preservation" (Thayer). God does not lose His possessions.

Once we belong to God in salvation our souls are safe forever - Butler

* A *Holy Nation -* A**P**ure **P**opulace.
* A *Royal Priesthood* – A **P**rincely **P**riesthood.
* **Pt 4a – The Commitment of Priests
*Let us*** *hold fast the Profession of our Faith –* Heb. 10:23a

Intro. Christians are ***Holy Priest*s** to **S**acrifice I Pet. 2:5

 and ***Royal Priests*** to **S**et Forth … I Pet. 2:9

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

**1.** OT priests were made such by virtue

 of their **B**irth and their consecration by **B**lood. Exo. 28, 29

**2**. Likewise, NT priests, by their new **B**irth

 and their consecration by the **B**lood of Christ.

**3.** Their **S**acrifices, however are…

 not **E**xpiatory (Heb. 10:18), **B**ut **E**ucharistic,

 not **B**ased on **R**ites, **B**ut on **R**edemption. Rom. 3:24, 25

* **The Sacrifices of Holy Priests**
1. **The Sacrifice of What I am. Rom. 12:1, 2**

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*

* *Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers…* I Tim. 4:12

 **The Young KC Ung: (A Challenge to the young adults)**

* At 13, came to know the Lord and was baptised.
* At 13-15, involved in Bible Study classes.
* At 16, involved in open-air evangelism.
* At 17, Supt. Of Taylor Road Sunday School and conducted Children’s Campaign at Cheeseman Road Playground – the foundation of **IGGC**.
* At 17, with Chang Hon Liong launched the Bible Class at 51 Service Road.
* At 18, first to complete 24 Emmaus Bible Correspondence Courses.
* At 18, with Hon Liong pioneered Butterworth Sunday School, started Bible Class.
* At 20, Supt. Butterworth Sunday School, lay the foundation of English and Chinese-speaking work and later with BRGH, **the Butterworth Gospel Hall**.
1. The **C**oncept of **S**acrifice - *that you present…*
2. The **O**ffer – *present* (cf. Heb. 8:3)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*

a Levitical term for presenting the 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

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. 35:28
* 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
* The feet – to **L**ead others to Christ. Rom. 10:14, 15
* The whole person – to **L**ive for Christ. Gal. 2:20



1. The **O**bject - *a living sacrifice* cp. living way;

 ct. dead sacrifices of Where the **M**ind is **A**live. 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 **S**acrificed must be **S**et **A**part. *Holy*

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

ii. That which is **S**acrificed must be **A**cceptable.

* It must be **A**ppointed by God. Lev. 1:2ff ct. 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

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

Next Lord’s Day, 27th March, 2022

 **Pt. 4b – The Commitment of Priests… Heb. 10:23b-25**

* + - * *As Holy Priests*
			* *As Royal Priests.*  I Pet. 2:5, 9

 ***My Personal Testimony:***

 My **C**onversion and **C**onfession.

 My **C**onsecration

 My **C**ontributions

 My **C**ommendation.

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