

# **BIBLE STUDY CLASS OUTLINE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

## **WEEK 3**

### **DIRECTIVES FOR THE TEACHERS**

The month of February is our month of possession; Glory to God! You can watch highlights of the February communion service on [helloloveworld.tv](http://helloloveworld.tv).

For our Bible Study this week, we would continue our discussion on the topic: **OUR PRIESTLY MINISTRY**. This is an outline that has been created to guide your Cell's Bible Study Classes for the month of February. In preparing for the Bible Study Class, it's vital that you (Cell Leaders and Bible Study Class Teachers) study this outline prior to the cell meeting date to acquaint yourself with the topic and content.

During the meeting, all the Scriptures given in the outline are to be read out. It's important that the class participants look into their Bibles while the Scriptures are read for proper assimilation. You may also assign some of the participants to read some of the Scriptures during the study. To be sure the participants have their Bibles, kindly inform them before the meeting date to come along with their Bibles. As a strategic and proactive Bible Study Class Teacher, ensure you make provision for first timers that will be in attendance, who may not have their Bibles with them, or you may direct them to download the Rhapsody of Realities Study Bible app from the Loveworld App Store at [www.lwappstore.com](http://www.lwappstore.com).

In addition, don't rush through the subject as you teach; remember that our intention is to have every member of the class understand the subject matter and what the Bible teaches on it. At different points of the class, request feedback from the participants to ensure they are following and understanding the subject being taught. Please note that all Scripture references are in the King James Version (KJV), unless otherwise stated.

Finally, ensure you communicate the class activity or actions to be taken before the next class and monitor to ensure every member of the cell is participating in these activities.

## INTRODUCTION

In last week's class, we learnt the following:

- Who a priest is
- The institution of a Priesthood with the lineage of Levi
- God's plan to make of the Jews a kingdom of priests and kings and how they fell short of this plan
- The institution of a new priesthood with Christ; not after the lineage of Levi, but after the order of Melchizedek, an eternal priesthood
- The differences between the old Priesthood and the new.

*( The Bible study class teacher should summarize last week's class in 5mins)*

In today's class, we are going to learn about:

- Our calling as kings and priests
- Our responsibilities as priests

## Our calling as kings and priests

In last week's class, we read from Exodus 19: 5-6 how God had planned to make Israel a kingdom of priests if they obeyed the terms of the covenant. They didn't and so fell out of this promise.

However, for us in the New testament in Christ Jesus, what was a promise to them if they obeyed the covenant, God brings us into by virtue of our new birth in Christ.

***I Peter 2:9- But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;***

This is not a promise, it is who we are. ( The bible study class teacher should lead the class in personalizing this Scripture and declaring it. ) Say after me:

I AM A CHOSEN GENERATION, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PECULIAR PERSON; I AM CALLED TO SHEW FORTH THE PRAISES OF HIM WHO HATH CALLED ME OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELLOUS LIGHT

***Rev 1: 6- And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.***

## **Our Kingship in Christ**

What do kings do?

1. They reign and rule over kingdoms
2. They make decrees

You have an inheritance given to you in Christ Jesus. God willed the whole world to Abraham and to his seed - Christ. We became a part of this inheritance by virtue of being born in Christ. Note that we were not made co-heirs with Christ, which means we have to share the inheritance. Rather, we are Joint heirs - meaning we have exactly what Jesus has, 100%. This is big! See the Scriptures below:

***Galatians 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.***

***Romans 4:13- For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.***

***Romans 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ;....***

Knowing that God has given us the world shows how God thinks about us. He wants us to reign over the world. Recall that when He made the first Adam, He made him a king to subdue the land.

***Genesis 1:28- And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.***

Adam however lost His authority to satan when he obeyed satan's instructions instead of what God said. In Christ Jesus, we have been made kings over this world. This means you should never be a victim of the systems of this world. One of the mentalities you should have is that kings don't beg! They don't beg God, human or demons. Kings only make decrees and rule with power!

***Ecclesiastes 8:4- Where the word of a king is, there is power; and who may say unto him, "What doest thou?"***

February is our month of possession, and God wants us to convert our inheritance into possession just like Caleb did in Joshua 14:7-15. Refuse to be a victim of the world's failing systems! There's power and authority in your words, stand your ground as a king, make decrees and lay hold on all that is yours in Christ. In another Bible study class, we would discuss this topic in more details.

## Our responsibilities as priests

1. **Priests minister unto God by offering Him gifts and sacrifices.** In the old testament, Israel offered physical sacrifices; and then God appointed the priests to convert these physical sacrifices to spiritual ones usable by Him. The book of Leviticus has records of various kinds of offering required for various purposes , and how God instructed the priests to handle these sacrifices in presenting them to Him.

However, in the New testament, we offer spiritual sacrifices because we are a spiritual kingdom.

***1 Peter 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.***

What are these spiritual sacrifices?

A) Praise and worship.

***Psalm 69: 30-31 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs.***

David had a revelation about the kind of sacrifice God preferred rather than sacrifices of animals.

***Hebrews 13:15- By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.***

Praise is the fruit of our lips making declarations of who He is. Our songs of praise , worship and thanksgiving are of spiritual significance before the Lord.

B. Our giving - Different kinds of offerings we give to God and for the expansion of the kingdom

***Hebrews 13:16- But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.***

***Philippians 4:18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God.***

Just as it was in the Old Testament, in the New Testament, God has empowered the ministers in the Church to proclaim blessings upon the offerings and convert the physical substances we give into spiritual substances acceptable to God.

C. Our bodies-

***Romans 12:1 (English Standard Version) 'I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.'***

We present our bodies as a living sacrifice by living unto Jesus; aligning ourselves with His Word and only allowing those things that are in line with His Word to take place in our bodies.

## **2. Priests teach the fundamentals of the kingdom.**

***Matthew 28:19-20 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.***

Priests don't teach everything because it's not in their office to know everything. There are some higher things that require some other office to teach. For example, there are some things that Moses had to teach that Aaron could never teach. Same thing in the New testament; there are several ministerial offices in the Church to teach God's people. But all of God's people, all priests, are required to teach the nations the fundamentals.

**3. Priests intercede for men.** They stand between God and men. God is obligated to hear the priest's voice and respond accordingly. He wants to do something for men, but because of men's sins, He brings in the office of a priest to intercede for them.

***Ezekiel 22:30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.***

***I Timothy 2:1-4 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.***

God depends on us to stir the course of things in our world to align with His purpose and will. This is our intercessory ministry and it is a calling for all Christians.

## SUMMARY

In today's class, we have talked about

- Our calling as kings to reign and rule in this world and make decrees with authority;
- Our priestly responsibilities which include: offering gifts and sacrifices to God; teaching the nations the Gospel, and interceding for men and nations.

This is how God expects you to live your everyday life. What are you going to do with everything you have been taught? If you have not begun to function fully in your office as a priest, make up your mind to start today!

***( The Bible study teacher should ask a few people in the class to talk about what they would do with what they have learnt in this month's Bible study class)***

## CLASS ASSIGNMENT

- Listen to the message Priesthood and Sacrifices ( Available on the Pastor Chris Digital Library)
- Study and meditate on all the Scriptures outlined in today's class