

“Why Will There Be a Priesthood in the Millennial Kingdom?” (Part 1)
Ezekiel 40-48 (44:15-31)

*“And **the LORD said** to Aaron, ‘You shall have no inheritance in their land, neither shall you have any portion among them. **I am your portion and your inheritance** among the people of Israel.’”*
(Numbers 18:20; cf. Deuteronomy 18:1-2; Ezekiel 44:28)

“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.” (Numbers 6:23-26)

- Functions and Duties of the Priesthood in the Old Testament:
 - They were to maintain the purity and significance of the worship of God: *“You are to distinguish between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean.”* (Leviticus 10:10; cf. Ezekiel 44:23)
 - They were to faithfully teach the Word of God: *“You are to teach the people of Israel all the statutes that the LORD has spoken to them by Moses.”* (Leviticus 10:11; Ezekiel 44:15-31)
 - They were to offer sacrifices: *“They shall put incense before You and whole burnt offerings on Your altar.”* (Deuteronomy 33:10b)
 - They interceded for the people: *“Then the priests and the Levites arose and blessed the people, and their voice was heard, and their prayer came to His holy habitation in heaven.”* (2 Chronicles 30:27)
 - They were judges and mediators in disputes: *“And you shall come to the Levitical priests and to the judge who is in office in those days, and you shall consult them, and they shall declare to you the decision.”* (Deuteronomy 17:9)
- Malachi 2:5-11: The Ideal Priesthood.
 - The Priesthood was to bring life and peace.
 - *“You have caused many to stumble by your instruction.”* (Malachi 2:8)
 - The Priesthood was to bring an awe and fear of God.
 - *“You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering!”* (Malachi 1:13b)
 - The Priesthood was to teach the Word of God faithfully.
 - *“You show partiality in your instruction.”* (Malachi 2:9)
 - The Priesthood was to be an example of holy living.
 - *“You do not keep My ways...”* (Malachi 2:9)
 - The Priesthood was to lead people to repentance.
 - *“Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and He delights in them.”* (Malachi 2:17)

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of August we are collecting monetary donations for Shannon and Vikki Bobb. The Bobbs currently live and serve in Cambodia, meeting the practical and spiritual needs of those that they serve. For more information about the Bobbs and their work in Cambodia, please see the August Newsletter and the board at the back of the sanctuary. ***THIS Sunday is the LAST day for this collection!***

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch THIS Sunday, August 24th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign-up to bring something for the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us.

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer is THIS Sunday, August 24th, from 5:30-7pm. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body. Please consider joining us for a portion of this time or for the full time of prayer.

★**LEGACY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** We will begin our new study on the Book of Romans in our Sunday School Class beginning Sunday, **August 31st**, from **9:00-10:00am**, in the Fellowship Hall, each Sunday before Church. **Breakfast and Coffee are supplied.** For all of the information about this new class, please see the August Newsletter. Please let Elder Richard know if you're interested in this study, so he can make a Syllabus for you.

★**END OF SUMMER PARTY:** We will be having an "End of Summer Party" on Sunday, August 31st, at Andy's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron), starting at 5pm. There will be swimming, but we also ask that you bring yard games and/or board games to play as well. We would love for EVERYONE to join us for this wonderful time of fun, food, and fellowship! There is a sign-up list on the wall in the Entryway, please sign-up to bring something!

★**LEGACY PRACTICUM:** Summer break is almost over! The Legacy Practicum will be starting back up on Monday, September 8th. This new 6-week, 16 lecture-hour course will be "The Kingdom of God" taught by Dr. John C. Whitcomb. Please see the August Newsletter for all of the details on this course. If you are interested in participating, please see Elder Richard!

★**NEW MEMBER'S CLASS:** If you are interested in becoming a Church Member or have any questions about Church Membership, this announcement is for you! We will be having a New Member's Class on Sunday, September 14th, **and** Sunday, September 21st, at 9am, in the Pre-K room. There is a sign-up list on the wall in the Entryway, please sign-up if you are interested in participating! For questions, please see Pastor Zach.