

“Why Will There Be a Priesthood in the Millennial Kingdom?” (Part 3)
Ezekiel 40-48 (Ezekiel 44:15-26; Jeremiah 33:14-22)

“No detail or cost is too much if it will serve to underscore the limitless worth of Christ’s redemptive work.”
— Charles Lee Feinberg

“And say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, “Behold, the man whose name is the Branch (Jesus): for He shall branch out from His place, and He shall build the temple of the LORD. It is He who shall build the temple of the LORD and shall bear royal honor, and shall sit and rule on His throne. And there shall be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.”’” (Zechariah 6:12-13)

- **What is the Zadokian Priesthood?** *“These are the sons of Zadok, who alone among the sons of Levi may come near to the LORD to minister to Him.” (Ezekiel 40:46b; cf. 43:18-19)*
 - *“But the Levitical priests, the sons of Zadok, who kept the charge of My sanctuary when the people of Israel went astray from Me, shall come near to Me to minister to me.” (Ezekiel 44:15a; cf. Ezekiel 48:11)*
 - *“And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them.” (1 Samuel 3:13; cf. Leviticus 10:1-3)*
 - *“These are the numbers of the divisions of the armed troops who came to David in Hebron to turn the kingdom of Saul over to him, according to the Word of the Lord. Zadok, a young man mighty in valor, and twenty two commanders from his own fathers’ house.” (1 Chronicles 12:23,28)*
 - *“And King David sent this message to Zadok and Abiathar the priests: ‘Say to the elders of Judah, “Why should you be the last to bring the king back to his house, when the word of all Israel has come to the king?”’” (2 Samuel 19:11)*
 - *“And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet there anoint him (Solomon) king over Israel. Then blow the trumpet and say, ‘Long live King Solomon!’” (1 Kings 1:34)*
 - *“So Solomon expelled Abiathar from being priest to the LORD, thus fulfilling the word of the LORD that He had spoken concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh. The king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada over the army in place of Joab, and the king put Zadok the priest in the place of Abiathar.” (1 Kings 2:27,35)*
- **We should take seriously the privilege to be in God’s presence.**
 - *“Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.” (Hebrews 12:28-29)*
 - *“Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebrews 13:15-16)*
 - *“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. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:1-2)*

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of September, we are partnering with Heartbeats to collect items to help stock their on-site Boutique. For more information about this collection, please see the September Newsletter.

★**COMMUNION:** We will be partaking of and celebrating Communion together as a church body THIS Sunday, September 7th.

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch THIS Sunday, September 7th, 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.

★**LEGACY PRACTICUM:** The Legacy Practicum will be starting back up THIS 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!

★**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, the Monthly Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, September 13th, 7am at Big Apple Café — Log Pond location; Please RSVP to Pastor Zach if you plan on attending!

★**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 table in the Entryway, please sign-up if you are interested in participating! For questions, please see Pastor Zach.

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer will be on Sunday, September 14th, 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.