Clothed in the Anointing

Dear Mishpocah (Family)

Religious tradition has often obscured and neglected the truths that are most assuredly taught by Scripture. People who hold to teachings and ways of doing things that are not biblically based will miss out on the light and revelation that can only come when the Word of God is our source of knowledge, and the Holy Spirit opens up our understanding. One of the great truths that the LORD has revealed to us, and one that we are called to impart to those that we teach is that **every saint**, **or believer is a minister**. This great truth has been so hidden by many who have the expectation and teach that only "church leaders" are called and qualified to do the work of ministry. **The people of God have become inactive** in the service that God has called all of the members of His congregation to fulfill. Even though the plan of God was, from the beginning, that all of His people would form **the body** of Messiah, and is confirmed by the words spoken to the Children of Israel as they were assembled before the mountain in the wilderness of Sinai, and has been more recently been revealed through the words of Yeshua and in the epistles, many are unaware of what Ephesian 3:4 calls, "The Mystery of Messiah." That mystery, or hidden truth is that all of God's people are equipped in Yeshua, and, once prepared, are to carry out the will and purposes of God on this earth as His own precious possession and partakers of His divine nature.

Exodus 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, **then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people**: for all the earth is Mine:

Exodus 19:6 And **ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.** These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Now, these words were not just spoken to the Tribe of Levi. They were addressed to the entire assembly from all of the twelve tribes, as well as the mixed multitude that had accompanied them from Egypt. It is obvious that the plan of YHWH was to make ministers and priests of all His covenant people, and that all of them would display His light to all of the nations of the earth. Truly, the nation of Israel would be a Kingdom of Priests. If you will recall the events that transpired when YHWH revealed Himself in the mountain and spoke His Ten Words to the congregation, instead of embracing their call, they feared and ran away. God then took the tribe of Levi to fulfill the office of the priestly calling. Know, however that this was not a permanent solution, but rather one that would endure until The Kohen Gadol, the Great High Priest, Yeshua HaMashiach, should be revealed and establish His Kingdom of priests upon the earth. In this weeks' Torah reading found in Exodus 27:20—30:10, God instructs the Children of Israel on the preparation of garments to be worn by the priesthood. I want to bring the significance of these priestly garments to your attention.

Exodus 28:2 And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother for glory and for beauty.

Exodus 28:4 And these are the garments which they shall make; a breastplate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a broidered coat, a mitre, and a girdle: and they shall make

holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto Me in the priest's office.

Exodus 28:5 And they shall **take gold, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.**

Exodus 28:6 And they shall make the ephod of **gold**, **of blue**, **and of purple**, **of scarlet**, **and fine twined linen**, **with cunning work**.

These priestly garments of God's design, although beautiful and colorful, were holy garments that were to be for glory and beauty that could be seen outwardly and detected inwardly. Although seen as physical clothing, the garments have a much deeper meaning, in that those wearing them become representatives, or clothed in the presence of the Living God, showing forth His spiritual essence and glory to mankind, even manifesting the aroma of His presence in the natural atmosphere.

Galatians 3:27 (TLV) ²⁷ For all of you who were immersed in Messiah have clothed yourselves with Messiah (the anointed One, and His anointing).

This is obviously not to be understood as human effort meant to elevate certain people, ordained by the will of the flesh, in a pompous exhibition of religion, but rather God's revelation of His plan that **every believer is a minister**. All born-again believers should **be full of light and glory to show God's goodness and splendor to the world**.

Matthew 5:14 (TLV) ¹⁴ "**You are the light of the world.** A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Matthew 5:16 (TLV) ¹⁶ In the same way, **let your light shine before men so they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**"

1 Peter 2:9 AMP But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, [God's] own purchased, special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds and display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Join us to learn the Authority of the Believer each Thursday evening at 6:30pm in Granby.

In His marvelous light, Terry