

Personal Spiritual Development 6

Being a Priest of God

Week Six: Daily Scripture Reading

Monday	1 Peter 2:5-12
Tuesday	Romans 15:14-21
Wednesday	Romans 12:1-9
Thursday	Hebrews 4 :14-16
Friday	Hebrews 7:11-19
Saturday	Hebrews 10:11-18
Sunday	Revelation 1:4-8; 7:9-17

God has always had those who serve as Priests help and guide people who seek to serve Him. Historically Priests have typically performed those tasks of offering gifts and sacrifices first for themselves and then for others. They served as a go-between between God and those who seek to serve Him. They took the cares and the prayers of the people to God and were to take the will and message of God to the people. Historically Priests were the fathers or heads of the Family. Men like Enoch, Noah, Abraham, served as priests to their families. Later in the Mosaical age priests came from the tribe of Levi. Descendants of Aaron were chosen and trained to perform specified duties. People like Eli, Samuel, Zachariah father of John the Baptist. It seemed too often God would have to send prophets to reprimand priests who cared too much for their own comfort and wellbeing than the people they were to serve. In time Jesus became the ultimate Priest (**Heb. 6:20-7:3**). Since our High Priest is Jesus it is necessary for Him to have priests serve under Him that work in the daily service of all people. Who are the Priests today? What is their role and who do they serve?

Questions to consider as you read each daily scripture reading.

1. Do some private research on the role of a priest in the Old Testament times. Now, consider how this should affect us as God's priest today
2. Which Priest do you remember from your Bible reading that demonstrated how important his work was?
3. Considering **Heb.4:14-16** how does that relate to how you should serve God?
4. What can we do as a congregation to make it clear that ALL are priests and no one has any more prominence than anyone else?
5. What is your understanding of the role of an Ambassador? Can you think of anyone who has being an ambassador of our country and embarrassed us? Who?
6. What aspects of anything we do in our public assembly is not worship? What effect should this have on us?