

You Are a Priest to the Nations Exodus 19:1-6; 1 Peter 2:9-10

Main Idea: God's people are called to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation to the world.

I. Israel was called to be a holy nation and a kingdom of priests (Exod. 19:1-6)

II. The duties and requirements of priests.

A. Represent the people to God.

1. Through offering of sacrifices (Lev. 1-7, 15, 23).
2. Through prayer.

B. Represent God to the people.

1. Pronouncing cleansing from leprosy (Lev. 13-14)
2. Explaining God's Law and making judgments (Deut. 17:8-13)
3. Declaring forgiveness
4. Pronouncing blessing (Deut. 21:5)

C. Requirements of the priests.

1. Consecrated to God (Exod. 19:22)
2. Special garments (Exod. 22:40-43; 29:8-9, 29-30)
3. Sin offering and burnt offering on their behalf (Exod. 29:10-18)
4. Ordination offering on their behalf (Exod. 29:19-25, 31-34)
5. Anointed with oil (Exod. 30:30-33; 40:15)
6. Without physical defect when offering sacrifices (Lev. 21:21)

III. The church is to be a holy nation and royal priesthood in order to proclaim God (1 Pet. 2:9-10)

⁹ But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY. 1 Peter 2:9-10 (NASB)