

4-2-2025 “I am a Royal PRIEST”

There is a deceptive, insidious, false teaching that has been popular for a long time. The teaching creates a hierarchy between priest and laity. It goes like this, “Some people are CALLED by God. They are the ones who do important spiritual work – like missionaries, or pastors or nonprofit leaders.

Everyone else does SECULAR work, which has to be done, but is not important as the SACRED work the called people do.” This is a demonic distortion of scripture. The Bible is clear that ALL are called

In today’s guide we take dive into a passage that describes EVERY BELIEVER’S identity and calling.

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." - 1 Peter 2:9-10

This passage from 1 Peter reveals profound truths about who we are in Christ. Each phrase describes a different facet of our identity as believers – EVERY BELIEVER. This prayer guide will focus on the section outlined in purple, helping us embrace who God created us to be.

1. A Chosen People

Scripture Focus: "But you are a chosen people..." (1 Peter 2:9a)

Reflection:

You were specifically chosen by God. This wasn't random or accidental but intentional and purposeful. Before you sought God, He sought you. His choice of you wasn't based on your performance, achievements, or worthiness, but on His sovereign love and grace.

Listening Exercise:

- Heavenly Father, do I struggle to believe you chose me? If I struggle, would you reveal why?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, open my heart and mind to embrace the truth that you chose me and delight in me. I reject any lie that I am not worthy of your choosing or love.

When I feel insignificant or forgotten, remind me that I matter deeply to You. When I'm tempted to earn Your approval, help me rest in the truth that Your choice of me was settled before I ever did anything for You. Thank You for setting Your affection on me. Help me live today with the confidence and joy of being Your chosen one. Amen.

2. A Royal Priesthood

Scripture Focus: "...a royal priesthood..." (1 Peter 2:9b)

Reflection:

In Christ, you are both royalty and priest. As royalty, you share in Christ's authority and inheritance. As a priest, you have direct access to God and the privilege of mediating His presence to others. This dual identity gives you both dignity and purpose.

Listening Exercise:

- Jesus how have you designed and gifted me – the one you call a priest - to serve and bless others, or to minister to you?

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank You for making me part of Your royal priesthood. Help me to walk with the dignity of knowing I am royalty in Your Kingdom. Teach me to exercise the spiritual authority You've given me with wisdom and humility. As Your priest, I celebrate the incredible gift of direct access to the Father. Help me to commune with You regularly and to bring others into Your presence through my words, deeds and prayers. May I fulfill my priestly calling to represent You well in this world. Amen.

Daily Affirmation:

I am both royalty and priest in God's Kingdom, with authority and access through Christ. I may not wear a robe or color, but like an undercover ninja I live out my priestly calling where I live, work, play and study.