

2006 Spring Retreat
Christian Assembly of San Gabriel Valley
「 The Kingdom of Priests 」

Message 1 **High Priest Joshua with Rich Garments**

I - The Kingdom God Desires - A Kingdom of Priests

1. The Calling at Exodus

Ex 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.

2. The Reality of Kingdom in the New Testament Era

1Pe 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

II - The Vision of High Priest Joshua - Blessed Position of Saints

1. The Chosen People - The burning stick snatched from the fire

Eez 3:1 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him.

Eez 3:2 The LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?"

2. The Holy Nation - Take off filthy clothes and put on rich garments

Eez 3:3 Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel.

Eez 3:4 The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put rich garments on you."

3. Royal Priesthood - Put a clean turban on his head

Eez 3:5 Then I said, "Put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the LORD stood by.

4. The People belonging to God - Govern His House and Courts

Eez 3:6 The angel of the LORD gave this charge to Joshua:

Eez 3:7 "This is what the LORD Almighty says: `If you will walk in my ways and keep my requirements, then you will govern my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you a place among these standing here.

III - Christ is the High Priest - To fulfill God's Purpose

1. He is the High Priest of the good things - With His own blood obtaining eternal redemption

Heb 9:11 When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation.

Heb 9:12 He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.

Heb 10:4 because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.
Heb 10:5 Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me;
Heb 10:6 with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased.
Heb 10:7 Then I said, 'Here I am--it is written about me in the scroll-- I have come to do your will, O God.' "

2. He is the Great High Priest - Sympathizes our weaknesses

Heb 4:14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.
Heb 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin.

3. He is the High Priest exalted above the heavens - Always lives to intercede for us

Heb 7:25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.
Heb 7:26 Such a high priest meets our need--one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

4. He is the High Priest over God's House - Opened a new and living way to lead us to the Most Holy Place.

Heb 10:19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,
Heb 10:20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,
Heb 10:21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,
Heb 10:22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

IV - The Establishment of the Kingdom of Priests - To be Both King and Priest

Eez 6:9 The word of the LORD came to me:
Eez 6:10 "Take ((silver and gold)) from the exiles Heldai, Tobijah and Jedaiah, who have arrived from Babylon. Go the same day to the house of Josiah son of Zephaniah.
Eez 6:11 Take the silver and gold and make a crown, and set it on the head of the high priest, Joshua son of Jehozadak.
Eez 6:12 Tell him this is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Here is the man whose name is the Branch, and he will branch out from his place and build the temple of the LORD.
Eez 6:13 It is he who will build the temple of the LORD, and he will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on his throne. And he will be a priest on his throne. And there will be harmony between the two.
Ps 110:4 The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."