

Strength Through Knowing God

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The Source Of Strength

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I. Introduction

A. Daniel 11:32

1. The only secure source of strength and power is the knowledge of God.
2. Anything that is not rooted in God will be swept away by the flood of Evil.

B. Examples of Sweden and Great Britain

II. Purpose Of Israel's Redemption—Exodus 19:1–6

A. God primarily redeemed Israel to bring her to Himself

B. Basic requirement of God for His redeemed people

1. Obey God's voice—compare Deut. 28 and John 10:27

- a. Determines our destiny
- b. Basic requirement to be a Christian
- c. Personal relationship with the Lord

2. Keep God's covenant

- a. A covenant determines basis and responsibilities of the relationship
- b. A covenant is always based on a sacrifice—a life laid down
- c. Essence of covenant is *loyalty*

C. God's purpose for Israel

1. Be a special people
2. Be a Kingdom of Priests
3. Be a Holy Nation
4. God's purpose has not changed—1 Pet. 2:8, 9

D. God's primary objective is to bring His people to Himself

Only true security is a personal relationship with God

Knowing God

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I. Introduction

A. Proverbs 2:1–11—Wisdom includes:

1. Understanding
 - a. Comprehension

- b. To get an overall perspective
- 2. Insight
 - a. Being able to see into things
 - b. Being able to discern between things
- 3. Discretion
 - a. Knowing what to do with understanding and insight
 - b. Knowing what or what not to say and when to say it
 - c. Be harmless as a dove and as cunning as a serpent

II. Finding The Knowledge Of God—Proverbs 2:1–5

A. Conditions

- 1. First condition—verse 1
 - a. Receptive to God’s words—compare James 1:21
 - b. Treasure His commands—Memorize Scripture
- 2. Second condition—verse 2
 - a. Incline your ear—humility and teachability
 - b. Apply your heart—diligent in giving time to God and His Word
- 3. Third condition—verse 3
 - a. Cry out—prayer
 - b. Lift up thy voice—prayer
- 4. Fourth condition—verse 4
 - a. Seek after—single-mindedness
 - b. Search for—single-mindedness

B. Fear of the Lord

- 1. Essential to finding the knowledge of God
- 2. Isaiah 11:1–3—Demonstrated by Jesus
- 3. Psalm 19:9—Fear of the Lord is forever
- 4. Job 28:28—Without the fear of the Lord there is no true wisdom
- 5. Psalm 25:12–14—Covenant is revealed to only those who fear the Lord
- 6. Psalm 34:11–12—Fear of the Lord is taught by God
- 7. Proverbs 1:28–29—Fear of the Lord has to be chosen
- 8. Psalm 11:10—True wisdom is impossible without the fear of the Lord
- 9. Proverbs 9:10—The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom
- 10. Proverbs 1:7—True knowledge is impossible without the fear of the Lord

C. Benefits of the fear of the Lord

- 1. Proverbs 10:27—Leads to long life
- 2. Proverbs 14:26 and 27—Fountain of life
- 3. Proverbs 19:23—Satisfaction and exemption from evil
- 4. Proverbs 22:4—Riches and honor

D. The tabernacle of Moses

- 1. In the outer court the light is natural—sun and moon
 - a. Natural understanding
 - b. Natural knowledge
- 2. Beyond the first veil—Resurrection, the light is artificial
 - a. Realm of faith
 - b. Revelation—Word of God illuminated by the Holy Spirit
- 3. Beyond the second veil—Ascension, there is no light unless the supernatural presence of God fills it
 - a. Direct revelation from God
 - b. Knowledge of God

- c. Key activity is fellowship and worship, oneness with God
- 4. The three areas of the personality:
 - a. Body
 - b. Soul
 - c. Spirit

The Ministry Of A Priest 4118

I. Review—Exodus 19:4–6

- A. Purpose of God’s redemption is to bring His people to Himself
- B. Requirements for His redeemed people
 - 1. Listen to His voice
 - a. Having a personal relationship with the Lord
 - b. Sensitive to what the Lord says
 - 2. Keep His covenant—*loyalty*
 - a. First to God
 - b. Second to His people
- C. Purpose restated to Christians—1 Peter 2:9
 - 1. Everything ultimately proceeds from God’s choice
 - a. 2 Timothy 1:9
 - b. There is a calling for every saved person
 - c. Proceeds out of the *eternal* mind and counsel of God
 - 2. Royal priesthood
 - a. Holy nation
 - b. Church is a new nation
 - 3. God’s own special possession
 - a. Deuteronomy 32:9
 - b. Ephesians 2:10

II. Kingdom Of Priests Combines Two Offices

- A. Function of a king
To rule (reign)
- B. Function of a priest
 - 1. To offer sacrifice
 - 2. You cannot be a king until you have learned to be a priest

III. Ministry Of The Priest

- A. Priestly ministry of Christ
 - 1. Hebrews 3:1—Christ represents us as our high priest
 - 2. Hebrews 5:1—Cannot approach God without a priest
 - 3. Hebrews 5:4–6—God declared Jesus His Son and ordained Him a priest forever
 - 4. Hebrews 5:7—Priestly ministry—while on earth He offered up sacrifice of prayer
 - 5. Hebrews 6:19—Hope is the anchor which is passed through time into eternity—the immediate presence of God. Here Jesus continually intercedes for us
- B. Nature of Melchizedek—Hebrews 6:20–7:3
 - 1. King of righteousness
 - 2. King of Salem—peace
 - 3. Priest of Most High God

4. He was both king and priest
- C. In Christ the priesthood of Melchizedek was restored
 1. Melchizedek offered Abraham bread and wine
 2. Christ offers us bread and wine
 3. When we are born again into the kingdom of God, we come into the priesthood of Melchizedek
- D. Jesus was both the priest and the sacrifice
 1. Hebrews 8:3, 4—Priest
 2. Hebrews 9:13, 14—Sacrifice
- E. Our priestly ministry is to be patterned after Christ
 1. Hebrews 13:15—Sacrifice of our lips
 - a. Offer up prayers and supplications
 - b. Prayer includes praise and thanksgiving
 2. Hebrews 13:16—Sacrifice of our service
 - a. Sharing
 - b. Sacrificial giving to others
 - (1) 2 Corinthians 9:8
 - (2) 2 Corinthians 2:14
 3. Romans 12:1, 2—Sacrifice of our body
 - a. Offering our body—a living sacrifice
 - b. Benefit of offering our body
 - (1) Transform and renew our mind
 - (2) Find the will of God

Kings And Priests

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I. Two Options—Deut. 28

- A. Live like a slave
 1. Under the circumstances
 2. Dragged around like a tail by your circumstances
- B. Live like a king
 1. Above the circumstances
 2. Be the head—make the decisions
- C. No middle ground

II. Review

- A. Two functions
 1. The king rules
 2. The priest offers sacrifice
 3. To be kings we have to learn to be priests
- B. Three areas of sacrifice
 1. Placing our body on the altar of God's service
 2. Sacrifice of our lips—praise and thanksgiving
 3. Sacrifice of our service—to do good and share
- C. God has destined us to rule by prayer

III. New Testament Picture—Hebrews 12:22–24

- A. Spiritually we are located in Mount Zion

1. Compare Ephesians 2:5, 6
2. Compare the tabernacle of Moses
- B. Three groups of created beings assembled in Mount Zion
 1. Angels
 2. Church of the first born
 3. Spirits of just men made perfect—Old Testament saints

IV. Old Testament Picture—Psalm 110

- A. Verse 1
 1. Jesus is *seated* at God's right hand
 2. Jesus is *seated* because His sacrifice is complete
- B. Verse 2
 1. Jesus is ruling in the midst of His enemies
 2. Jesus rules by the rod of His authority sent out of Zion by the Holy Spirit
 3. Jesus is ruling out of His assembled people
 - a. The Church is one of the main elements in the imposing of Christ's rule upon His enemies.
 - b. It is our responsibility to bring Christ's enemies into subjection to the will of God.
 4. The authority of Jesus Christ is going forth by the power and direction of the Holy Spirit from God's people met in divine order.
 5. Our task is to be co-rulers with Jesus—Romans 5:17
 6. The rod is the emblem of a ruler
 - a. Example of Moses' rod
 - b. Example of Aaron's rod
 - (1) The budding of the rod typified the resurrection
 - (2) Romans 1:1–4
 - (3) Revelation 1:5, 6
- C. Verse 3
 1. We are to be a freewill offering
 2. Holy Spirit is calling young people to be freewill offerings in the army of the Lord
 3. Two great thrusts of God's people taking the kingdom
 - a. The army of young people that goes forth
 - b. The assembly that stretches out the rod of authority through intercessory prayer
- D. Verses 5, 6
 1. The Lord is going to intervene supernaturally
 2. The second coming of Christ
- E. Ten major evil forces
 1. Resurgence of the old "gods"
 2. Apostasy in the Church and division between the true believers
 3. Overthrow of law and order—lawlessness
 4. Self-destruction
 5. Permissiveness, licentiousness, and materialism
 6. Upsurge of the occult
 7. Anti-Semitism and anti-Israel
 8. Secular Humanism
 9. Marxism
 10. Islam
- F. Intercession—intervening in the unseen world
 1. The unseen is the ultimate reality
 - a. 2 Corinthians 4:17, 18

