## **Royal Priesthood**

1 Pet 2:9 — speaks of a royal priesthood. Royal is the highest possible. Royal means in the service of the kingdom. Royal priests meant founded, chartered, and authorized by a king. Founded, chartered, and authorized by a king — a royal priesthood. We are sons and daughters of the King in the service of the kingdom. We are a royal priesthood, a chosen race, a dedicated nation, God's own purchased, special people, that we may declare the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. That is what a priesthood does. The priesthood is violent. The Levites were a priesthood; they were violent. They had to take the sword and cut off everything that would keep them from being priests. Heb 13:15 tells what our responsibility is, first of all above anything else. And each one of us is a priest. That is the highest calling — servants of the King. We are in the service of the kingdom. We have (verse 13) gone outside of the camp to Him, bearing the contempt and shame with Him (the camp of Christianity or Judaism). And then through Him we are to constantly, continually, at all times, offer up a sacrifice of praise, which is the fruit of the lips that give thanks to His name.

Our Master is the King. He ascended to the throne over the house of Jacob. He has been reigning over the house of Jacob ever since then. But He has not had a royal priesthood on earth in over a thousand years. He only has the overcomers in heaven. But now we are that priesthood. We have to be dedicated to that royal priesthood that was authorized, chartered, each one selected to be part of that priesthood. He needs each one of us.

ha-emeq: I was thinking about what most people think of when they hear that word *priests*. Most of were dulled so much by that word, having the impression it means like a Catholic priest, who, you find out all over now, that many are homosexuals. And they act that way too. Because they can't get married, so they're homosexuals. And it's really a shame to say that. Because actually priests were strong men who had character. Because all the people were just dancing around, smoking, drinking, without any character, and the priest STOOD UP and said, "OK, men! If you have anything in you, cross this line." And most of the people said, "Naaaahhhh, don't go." But some of the people said, "NOOOO!!! IT'S NOT GOING TO BE THAT WAY. I WANT TO BE ON THE SIDE OF YHWH." And even though the others said, "You don't have to go; don't go," they said, "NOOOO! I WANT TO CROSS THERE." Something strong rose up in them. They were strong. And it was those people who came over the line, the ones that have a heart to do what is right. They're not just pushed around by the waves of what's going on.

Those are the ones our Father chose. And the same thing happened with Phineas. All the people were sitting around crying, "It's so bad here. We've fallen away. What can we do?" But Phineas heard that we need to do something and he couldn't even hold himself back. He did something. And our Father said, "There he is, right there. I'm establishing the priesthood with that man and his descendants forever, never to be taken away." He heard the word of YHWH, "Take action," and he did. He had that heart. He was violent. It is violent men who are going to take the kingdom. But it was men, not sweet Catholic priests.

But now we live in a day when the men are becoming sissies. But our Father uses men — a kingdom of priests of violent men who take the kingdom by force. We have to be violent. We have to or else we're going to get pulled along by all the temptations. That's why we're going to stand out. If men all wear the clothes that are designed for them nowadays, the male person is becoming degenerated because when they put on those clothes, modeled on those effeminate mannequins, after a while they start to feel like that. And it starts changing your character and how you walk and pretty soon all the men are going to be like that. And it's going to get worse. And then the priesthood of God is going to rise up. And they're going to be different. We're going to be totally different from those people in the world. We're the holy royal priesthood standing out from the dark world that's getting darker and darker with the people shrinking up more and more. People are being led along, taking away their will, so mushy. But a chosen royal priesthood is rising up that is going to stand out, so different. And that's who He established a covenant forever with — Phineas, a violent people.

It is even documented that these things she mentioned *are* going on in the world today, in the Catholic Church, etc. We would all be like Sodom and Gomorrah if it weren't for a seed.

Phil 2:14 has never been fulfilled in a people. We have an opportunity to do it. In Rev 1:6 and 5:9-10 it actually says that what Isaiah prophesied would happen — that there is a royal priesthood on the face of the earth, a kingdom of priests. And we know that it happened — it will be. The Book of Revelation was written because it happened in the people who were the priesthood. And we have to be like Phineas who by faith did what he did. He did it by faith: he heard from YHWH and he took action. That is what faith is. Faith is not just believing something and taking action and being disobedient.

In Ex 32:25 you can see that the Levites ordained themselves by what they did. They took the sword and they went back into their own tribes and actually had to take the sword and terminate the lives of those wishy-washy people, killing their own families so that the tribe could be pure. It would have corrupted the whole tribe if they had left any of those negative elements in it. Wishy-washy is not taking a stand. Phineas was a leader in taking a stand. Mal 2:5 — This priesthood wilktand, will continue; this covenant will continue. It will continue. We have to understand that covenant. Our Father has to send a messenger to explain that covenant in order that this people could be purified, in order that their offerings would be acceptable to Him. If our offerings are not acceptable, that means we have to take a sword to things in our own life so that our offering may be acceptable. Whoever has done that have ordained themselves as priests. Mal 2:5 — The covenant of Levi would stand through what Phineas did. And then He will come suddenly to His temple.