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KINGS AND PRIESTS

“Unto Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and the Father, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”
(Revelation 1:5b-6)

The apostle Peter spoke of Christians as “a royal priesthood” (1 Peter 2:9).

We do not often think of Christians as kings and priests, but the Bible declares we are. As kings we serve under Him who is the “king of kings,” Jesus Christ (Revelation 17:14). The church is to declare His authoritative message to the world. As priests, we are to be intercessors for others. A priest has been defined as one “in charge of the things of God.” Christians, as priests of God, are guardians of the things of God. In the Old Testament, special priests were appointed to serve in the tabernacle and temple. In the New Testament era, all Christians are priests, serving within the church, offering up spiritual sacrifices through Christ our High Priest (Romans 12:1; Hebrews 13:15-16).

As priestly guardians of the things of God, we must also guard the standard of God as set forth in the word of God. We are urged to “*contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints*” (Jude 3, NKJV). We cannot stand idly by while the world cares more about what is politically correct than what is Biblically correct.

–Ron

“Yet those who wait upon the Lord will gain new strength: they will mount up with wings like eagles. They will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary” (Isa. 40:31).

Did you ever watch an eagle fly? They seem to coast with little effort, almost never flapping their wings. Their flight allows them to stay far above their enemies, and be secure. They are able to find warm currents of air that continue to lift them up. God has that same lift for us when we are worn out. When we are tired and weary, and our enemies are closing in, let's look to the Lord. His grace can give us new strength and lift us up almost without effort. Wait on the Lord. We sure can't fly by ourselves.

—David Grubb

“A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education.”

(President Theodore Roosevelt)

“BED HARD”

A man entered a monastery and agreed to a vow of silence. He could only speak two words every ten days. After the first ten days he uttered two words: Bed hard.” Ten days later he said, “Food bad.” Then after another ten days had passed he said, “I quit.” The head of the monastery replied, “Good. You’ve done nothing but complain ever since you got here.”

—House to House/Heart to Heart

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thy iniquities: who healeth all thy diseases” (Psalm 103:2-3).

HOW WISE THE LORD IS IN ALL HIS WORKS OF CREATION

One may observe God's accuracy in the hatching of eggs—

Those of the canary in 14 days;

Those of the barnyard hen in 21 days;

Eggs of ducks and geese in 28 days;

Those of the mallard in 35 days;

Eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days.

(Notice, they are all divisible by seven, the number of days in a week!)

Consider also God's design for food sources—

Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind;

Each ear of corn has an even number of rows;

Each stalk of grain has an even number of grains;

Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number, and the next row an odd number.

Amazing! Also—

The waves of the sea roll in on shore twenty six times to the minute in all kinds of weather.

How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation! --Submitted by our daughter, Beth

MAXIMS--

“Don't tell God how big your troubles are. Tell your troubles how big your God is.”

“He who falls down gets up faster than he who lies down.”

“There is no way to do a wrong thing in a right way.”

“To be able to rejoice with another who succeeds when you have failed—that is a mark of real maturity!”

“Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it.” (Abraham Lincoln)

“Don't give up: Moses was once a basket case.”

“Other men see only a helpless end, but the Christian rejoices in an endless hope.” (Gilbert M. Benken)

“Love sacrifices all things to bless the thing it loves.” (Edward George Bulwer-Lytton)

“SATAN HATES” (continued) will be today’s message, with Rev. 12:4-5 as the text.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Doris suddenly lost strength in her legs Monday and had to be at DMH for what seems to have been a bad urinary tract infection, and is to go to a nursing home in Shelbyville Monday for treatment and therapy. *** Ron McConkey is to have eye surgery on one eye on the 23rd and Nov. 7 for the other. *** Pray for believers in Christ in China as the Chinese government has increased its persecution of those of the Christian faith.