**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 22 October 2017**

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**Theme : New Covenant Priesthood & Kingship (1)**

**In the Previous Sermon Series, we learnt How JESUS Fulfill the Feasts, the Coming Seasons.**

**The *Order* of High Priest to *Enter into the True Tabernacle*, as not the Earthly Symbolic Model.**

**~ Hebrews 8: 1 – 2 (AMP)**

 Now the main point of what we have to say *is this:* we have such a High Priest, [the CHRIST]

 Who is seated [in *the Place of Honor*] at the Right Hand of the Throne of the Majesty (GOD)

 in Heaven, a Minister (Officiating Priest) in the Holy Places and in the True Tabernacle,

 which is erected not by man, but by the LORD.

**~ Hebrews 8: 6 (AMP)**

 But as it is, CHRIST has acquired a [*Priestly*] Ministry which is More Excellent [*than*

 *the old Levitical priestly ministry*], for HE is the Mediator (Arbiter) of a better Covenant

 [*uniting* GOD and man], which has been enacted *and* rests on better Promises.

**The Aaronic Priesthood (Levitical Ministry) is Transitional to the Eternal Priesthood of JESUS.**

**~ *Once for All Sacrifice* vs the Old Covenant of Ceremonial Law & Ritual of Feasts & Sacrifice.**

**~** **JESUS the Son of GOD Who Descended & Ascended to the Heavenly Throne of HIS FATHER.**

**GOD Acknowledged JESUS as HIS Son, Status as *A Priest Forever* of the Order of Melchizedek.**

**Hebrews 5: 5 – 6 (NLT)**

That is why CHRIST did not honor HIMSelf by assuming HE could become High Priest. No, HE

was chosen by GOD, Who said to HIM, "You are MY Son. Today I have become Your FATHER. "

And in another passage GOD said to Him, "You are **A Priest Forever in the Order of Melchizedek.**"

**JESUS is Qualified to be the Perfect Heavenly High Priest Whose Obedience Make HIM**

**~ The Source of Eternal Salvation by Same Pattern of Obedience to GOD & HIS Word.**

 **- JESUS is the Eternal Salvation *for all those who obey* HIM.**

**The *Symbolic Act* of Entering into the 2nd Veil into the Holy of Holies, into the Presence of GOD.**

**Significance of A High Priest Entering into the Heavenly Sanctuary of the Order of Melchizedek.**

**~ Hebrews 7: 17**

 For HE testifies: "YOU ARE **A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK.**"

**High Priest of the Heavenly Sanctuary to be of the Order of Melchizedek, *not* Aaronic Priesthood.**

**Hebrews 7: 1 – 2 (AMP)**

For this Melchizedek, King of Salem, Priest of the Most High GOD, met Abraham as He returned

from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, and Abraham gave him a tenth of all [*the spoil*].

He is, first of all, by the translation *of His Name,* King of Righteousness, and then He is also

King of Salem, which means King of Peace.

**Hebrews 7: 3 – 6 (AMP)**

Without [*any record of*] father or mother, nor ancestral line, without [*any record of*] beginning

of days (birth) nor ending of life (death), but having been made like the Son of GOD, he remains

a priest without interruption *and* without successor. Now pause *and* consider how great this man

was to whom Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth of the spoils. It is true that those descendants

of Levi who are charged with the priestly office are commanded in the Law to collect tithes from

the people - which means, from their kinsmen - though these have descended from Abraham.

But this person [*Melchizedek*] who is not from their Levitical ancestry received tithes from

Abraham and blessed him who possessed the Promises [of] GOD.

**Reference - Genesis 14: 18 – 20**

**Hebrews 7: 15 – 20**

And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another Priest Who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the Power of *an endless life*.

For HE testifies: "YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."

For on the one hand there is an annulling of the *former commandment because of its weakness*

and *unprofitableness*, for *the law made nothing perfect*; on the other hand, *there is the* bringing in

of a better Hope, through which *we draw near to* GOD.

And inasmuch as *HE was* not *made Priest* without an oath (for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an Oath by HIM Who said to Him: "THE LORD HAS SWORN AND WILL NOT RELENT,

'YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK' "),

by so much more JESUS has become *A Surety* of a better Covenant.

**JESUS EnActed A New Covenant, Better as Based on Better Promises by HIS Fulfilling the Law.**

**~ Hebrews 8: 12 – 13**

 FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, AND THEIR SINS AND

 THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE."

 In that HE says, "A NEW COVENANT," HE has made the first obsolete.

 Now what is *becoming obsolete* and growing old is ready *to vanish away*.

**In the Old Covenant, Living without CHRIST, as Living in the World without GOD, Without Hope.**

**Ephesians 2: 12 – 13 (NLT), 18 (NKJ)**

In those days you were living apart from CHRIST. You were excluded from citizenship among the

people of Israel, and you did not know the Covenant Promises GOD had made to them.

You *lived in this world without* GOD and *without hope*.

But now you have been united with CHRIST JESUS. Once *you were far away* from GOD, but

now you have been brought near to HIM through the Blood of CHRIST.

For through HIM we both *have Access by* One SPIRIT to the FATHER.

**JESUS CHRIST in the New Covenant is the Spoken WORD to HIS Believers, *Spiritual* and Truth.**

**Hebrews 1: 1 – 2**

GOD, Who at various times and in various ways Spoke in *time past* to the fathers by the prophets,

has in these last days *Spoken to us* by HIS Son, Whom HE has appointed Heir of all things,

through Whom also HE made the worlds.

**John 6: 63**

“It is the SPIRIT Who gives Life; the flesh profits nothing. The Words that I speak to you are spirit,

and they are life.”

**JESUS Feed our Souls with Spiritual Food to Endure for Eternal Life, not the Earthly Food.**

**John 6: 27 (AMP)**

“Do not work for food that perishes, but for food that endures [*and leads*] to Eternal Life, which

the Son of Man will give you; for GOD the FATHER has *authorized* HIM and put HIS Seal on Him."

**Romans 14: 17 (AMP)**

For the Kingdom of GOD is not *a matter of* eating and drinking [*what one likes*],

but of Righteousness and Peace and Joy in the HOLY SPIRIT.

**Matthew 6: 33 – 34 (AMPC)**

“But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all HIS Kingdom and HIS Righteousness (HIS Way

of doing and being Right), and then *all these things* taken together *will be given you* besides.

So do not worry *or* be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will have *worries and anxieties*

of its own. Sufficient for each day is its own trouble.”

**Old Way thru Moses, Receiving without Understanding for the Grace GOD Freely Gives.**

**~ this Veil covers their Spiritual Being to Understand & Believe the Spoken Truth.**

**2 Corinthians 3: 14 – 15 (AMP)**

But [in fact] their *minds were hardened* [*for they had lost the ability to understand*]; for

until this very day at the reading of the old covenant *the same veil* remains *unlifted,*

because *it is removed* [*only*] in CHRIST.

But to this day whenever Moses is read, *a veil* [*of blindness*] lies over their heart.

**The Veil of Separation of GOD from Man was Removed by JESUS’ Blood Sacrifice on the Cross.**

**~ Hope is Thru JESUS, the Great High Priest Who *Entered the* Veil into the Heavenly Sanctuary.**

**Hebrews 6: 19 – 20**

This Hope we have as an Anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which *enters*

**the Presence** ***behind the Veil***, where the Forerunner *has entered for us*, even JESUS,

having become **High Priest *forever* according to the order of Melchizedek.**

**As the High Priest on Ascension Passed thru the 1st and 2nd Heavens to the Heavenly Sanctuary.**

**Hebrews 4: 14 – 16**

Seeing then that we have a Great High Priest who has passed through the Heavens,

JESUS the Son of GOD, let us hold fast our confession.

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but

was in *All Points* tempted as we are, *yet without sin*.

Let us therefore come boldly to the Throne of Grace, that we may *obtain Mercy* and find

Grace to help in time of need.

**~ A Heavenly High Priest went thru *Testing in Human Form in Body, Soul & Spirit*, Still Sinless.**

**The New Covenant Goal is Given to JESUS CHRIST to Achieve, as HE is Doing FATHER’s Will.**

**John 6: 38 – 39, 44**

“For I have come down from Heaven, not to do My Own Will, but the Will of HIM who sent Me.

This is the Will of the FATHER Who sent Me, that of all HE has given Me I *should lose nothing*,

but should Raise It Up at *the last day*.”

“No one can come to Me unless the FATHER Who sent Me draws him; and

I will Raise him Up at *the last day*.”

**Veil Removed by JESUS is the Spiritual Blindness of Truth that HE Came to *Remove Separation*.**

**~ John 6: 51**

 “I am the Living BREAD which came down from Heaven. If anyone eats of this Bread, he will

 live forever; and the Bread that I shall give is My Flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

**~ John 6: 55 – 57**

 “For My Flesh is food indeed, and My Blood is drink indeed. He who eats My Flesh and

 drinks My Blood abides in Me, and I in him.

 As the Living FATHER sent Me, and I Live because of the FATHER, so he *who feeds on* Me

 will Live because of Me.”

**John 1: 14, 16 – 17 (AMPC)**

And the Word (CHRIST) became flesh (human, incarnate) and *tabernacled* (fixed HIS tent of flesh,

lived awhile) among us; and we [*actually*] saw HIS Glory (HIS Honor, HIS Majesty), such Glory as

an only begotten Son receives from HIS FATHER, full of Grace (Favor, loving-kindness) and Truth.

For out of HIS Fullness (abundance) we have all received [*all had a share and we were all*

*supplied with*] one Grace after another and Spiritual Blessing upon Spiritual Blessing *and* even

Favor upon Favor *and* Gift [*heaped*] upon Gift.

For while the Law was given through Moses, Grace (*unearned, undeserved* Favor and Spiritual Blessing) and Truth came through JESUS CHRIST.

**1 Corinthians 1: 6 – 7 (AMP), 8 – 9 (NKJ)**

In this way our testimony about CHRIST was *confirmed and established* in you,

so that you are not lacking in any *Spiritual Gift* [*which* comes from the HOLY SPIRIT],

as you eagerly wait [*with confident trust*] for the Revelation of our LORD JESUS CHRIST

[*when* HE returns].

Who will also confirm you to the end, *that you may be* blameless in the Day of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. GOD *is* Faithful, by Whom you were called into the fellowship of HIS Son, JESUS CHRIST our LORD.

**2 Corinthians 3: 16 – 17 (AMP)**

But whenever a person turns [*in repentance and faith*] to the LORD, the *Veil is taken away.*

Now the LORD is the SPIRIT, and where the SPIRIT of the LORD is, *there* is Liberty

[*emancipation from bondage, true freedom*].

**The SPIRIT’s Power thru JESUS CHRIST, is the Access to Draw Near for Emancipation from**

**All Bondages – Slavery to Self Will, Self Satisfaction, All Addiction & All Compulsive Disorder.**

**~ 1 Corinthians 3: 23**

 **And you are CHRIST’s, and CHRIST is GOD’s.**

**Ephesians 2: 18 (AMPC)**

For it is through HIM that we both [*whether far off or near*] now have an introduction (Access)

by One [Holy] SPIRIT to the FATHER [*so that we are Able to Approach* HIM].

**Romans 5: 2 (AMPC)**

Through HIM also we have [*our*] Access (Entrance, introduction) *by Faith into* this Grace

(state of GOD's Favor) in which we [*firmly and safely*] stand. And let us rejoice *and* exult in

our Hope of ***experiencing and enjoying*** the Glory of GOD.

**What is our Attitude as the Hearer of Word thru JESUS, by Access of the SPIRIT to Guide us.**

**James 1: 22 – 25 (MSG)**

Don't fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word

go in one ear and out the other. Act on what you hear !

Those who hear and don't act are like those who *glance in the mirror*, walk away, and

two minutes later have no idea ***who they are***, what they look like.

But whoever catches a glimpse of the revealed Counsel of GOD - the Free Life ! –

even out of the corner of his eye, and sticks with it, is *no distracted scatterbrain*

but a man or woman of Action.

That person will find *delight and affirmation* in the Action.

**Looking at a Mirror, Attitude towards *Reflection of Self*, in Denial of our Inner Self ? only Facial ?**

**~ 2 Corinthians 3: 18 (AMP)**

 And we all, with Unveiled Face, *continually* seeing as in a mirror the Glory of the LORD, are

 *progressively* being *transformed into* HIS Image from [*one degree of*] Glory to [*even more*] Glory,

 which comes from the LORD, [Who is] the SPIRIT.

**As the LORD’s Chosen People, we are Receiving HIS Kingdom’s Righteousness, Grace & Glory.**

**~ Are we Willing to Allow the SPIRIT of the LORD to *Transform us to Receive More Higher Glory*.**

**~ We are HIS Chosen, Holy Nation, Royal Priesthood, HIS Own Special People (1 Peter 2: 9).**