



GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Royal Priesthood – Living With Access and Responsibility

Speakers: Johnny & Mercedes

Message Title: “We Are a Chosen People”

Key Passage: 1 Peter 2:9

Other Passages: Matthew 27:50–51; Hebrews 10:19–22; Romans 12:1; John 14:6

Highlighted Scriptures

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” – 1 Peter 2:9

“And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.” – Matthew 27:50–51

“Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus... let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings.” – Hebrews 10:19, 22

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.” – Romans 12:1

“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” – John 14:6

Main Message

In 1 Peter 2:9, believers are described as a royal priesthood—a powerful identity that brings both privilege and responsibility. This means we’re no longer on the outside looking in; we’ve been given direct access to God through Jesus Christ.

Johnny and Mercedes reflected on how, at the moment Jesus died, the veil in the temple was torn in two. That veil once separated the people from the Holy of Holies—the presence of God. Only the high priest could enter, and only under strict conditions. But when Jesus gave His life, He removed the barrier for all time.

Now every believer has direct access to God—not through priests, rituals, or temples—but through Christ alone. And with that access comes the call to live differently: to act with integrity, to love sacrificially, and to be a visible witness to those still in darkness.

Being “God’s special possession” isn’t about pride—it’s about purpose. We are here to declare His praises, not just with our words, but with our lives. We’re called to be living sacrifices in a world that desperately needs the light of Christ.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What does it mean to you that you are part of a “royal priesthood”?**
- 2. How does the tearing of the temple veil impact how we relate to God today?**
- 3. Why is it important to take personal responsibility for studying the Bible and seeking God?**
- 4. What does it look like in daily life to be a “living sacrifice”?**
- 5. In what ways can you live out your identity as God’s “special possession” this week?**

Key Takeaways

- **Jesus' death tore the veil, giving every believer direct access to God.**
- **You don't need a priest or church leader to stand between you and God—Christ is your High Priest.**
- **Being part of God's royal priesthood is a privilege, but also a calling to responsibility and holiness.**
- **We are saints—not because of perfection, but because of Christ's righteousness in us.**
- **Our lives should reflect God's light, pointing others to Jesus through love, sacrifice, and truth.**

Reflection Activity

Choose one of the following to memorize and live out this week:

1 Peter 2:9 – “You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood... that you may declare the praises of Him...”

Romans 12:1 – “Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice... this is your true and proper worship.”

Write it down, reflect on it in the morning, and let it shape your perspective on responsibility and identity.

Prayer Prompt

Father, thank You that through Jesus, I have access to Your presence. Help me live like the royal priest You've called me to be—holy, humble, and devoted. Fill me with Your Spirit so I can shine Your light, serve others, and speak truth. Let my life be a living sacrifice that glorifies You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

