

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
THE GOD-ORDAINED WAY**

Message Six

**The Goal of the God-ordained Way—
The Building Up of the Body of Christ Through Everyone Functioning**

Scripture Reading:

- 1 Pet. 2:5 You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- 2 Pet. 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people acquired for a possession, so that you may tell out the virtues of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- Rom 15:16 That I might be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, a laboring priest of the gospel of God, in order that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, having been sanctified in the Holy Spirit.
- Matt. 28:19-20 Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you all the days until the consummation of the age.
- 1 Cor 14:26 What then, brothers? Whenever you come together, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.
- 1 Cor 14:31 For you can all prophesy one by one that all may learn and all may be encouraged.

I. The whole Body serving is the greatest recovery today—1 Pet. 2:9:

- A. All of the saved ones should rise up to serve God and to be a corporate priesthood.
- B. God's desire is that the whole Body would serve.

II. The loss and recovery of the universal priesthood—Rev. 1:5b-6:

- A. Due to their rebellion and failure, most of the Israelites lost the priesthood.
- B. God's New Testament economy is to have every saved person to be a priest and as a priest to be joined to God as one—1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Tim. 4:2.
- C. The Lord intends that we be recovered to preach the gospel and to serve as priests of the gospel—Rom. 15:16.
- D. The proper way of living is to live uniquely for the gospel.
- E. If we seek first His kingdom, we will save our time for the gospel.

III. The service of the saved ones is to speak for God and to offer up sinners as offerings to God—1 Peter 2:5; Rom. 15: 16; Rev. 5:9-10a:

- A. Everyone should preach the gospel—Matt. 28:19:
 - 1. The service will not be carried out by the clergy alone; but every believer will preach the gospel.
 - 2. Everyone will personally fulfil his service as a priest of the gospel—Rom. 15:16.
- B. Everyone can grow and be perfected through participating in the home meetings, group meetings, and the district meetings—Heb. 10:24-25; 1 Cor. 14:26
- C. Everyone needs to preach the gospel and prophesy for the Lord—1 Cor. 14:26, 31.
- D. Prophesying for the building up of the church is the goal of the ministry of the New Testament priests of the gospel.

IV. Everyone should take the new way to accomplish God's New Testament economy—Matt. 28:19-20:

- A. The way ordained by the Scriptures matches the nature of the Body of Christ and the principles of the Body—Eph. 4:16.

- B. The nature of the new way is to bring God into man to be mingled with man that man may become the Body of Christ—John 20:21-23.
- V. **We can bring everyone into function by taking the home as the center—Philem. 2b.**