

The Mentality of Kings!

KJV Proverbs 8:13-15 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength. 15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

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The fear of The LORD is a deep **abiding reverence, respect and honoring** of God!

Kings rule wisely when they honor God!

KJV 1 Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

We who are born again have been **made kings and priests** to our God to minister as well as rule and reign with Him.

Kings serve by ruling and priests serve by worshipping! A king's worship is ruling, and a priest's worship is serving!

The mentality of kings is protecting their realm using all the power and authority at their disposal!

KJV Revelation 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

This is who we are now!

KJV 1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

We are kings and priests **right now!** The totality of what we will be has not fully manifested but right now we are kings and priests.

ESV 1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Kings and priests have specific roles, responsibilities and duties; and they both wear specific garments that set them apart!

Let God enlarge our hearts to that of king/priest! Both roles in The Kingdom of God are the ultimate servants!

Kings serve and protect the people they oversee, and priests give their lives as intercessors to God on behalf of people!

GWN Proverbs 21:1 The king's heart is like streams of water. Both are under the LORD's control. He turns them in any direction he chooses.

The **Talmud** the Intergenerational Commentary of Jewish law and history uses the Hebrew language to explain what it means to be a king.

The Hebrew word for king is **Melech!**

The spelling of the word reveals its true meaning: “*mem-lamed-cof*” the ancient rabbis taught the word **Melech** is really an acronym, with each letter standing for another word.

- **Mem** means “brain”!
- **Lamed** means “heart”
- **Caved** or **Cof** meaning “liver” or seat of our physical appetites.

The order of the words reveal the mentality a true king will assign to each.

Rabbi Daniel Lapin tells a story of how in high school the jocks got all the attention while the nerds with pocket squares and glasses were laughed at and picked on!

The jocks got the attention because of their physical appearance and abilities!

They were not known for their intellectual abilities in class; while the nerds were, the jocks carried footballs and the nerds carried books.

But later in life it seemed the nerds got the upper hand are now the CEO's and businessmen who have the best girls and live the best lives, why?

Because of **The Mentality of kings!**

Any king who wants to govern his kingdom long must first learn to govern themselves.

First by his mind (**mem**), then by his heart (**lamed**) keeping his own appetites (**cof**) low on the priority list.

Interestingly when **melech** is spelled backward it reveals the consequences of living life with our passions in control.

Melech spelled backward is *cof-lamed-mem* which is pronounced “*Calem*” where we get the English word **calamity**, it produces shame and embarrassment!

Kingship is the ultimate honor that can be bestowed upon a person!

Calamity is the ultimate shame and dishonor that can happen to a person!

So, following our renewed minds leads to honor and success, following our heart can be dangerous and being led by our appetite leads to destruction.

Jesus was called **master** or Rabbi by all the gospel writers.

ESV John 13:13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am.

- ❖ Jesus **mastered** His own passions by the spiritual discipline of fasting and prayer which helped Him yield to The Holy Spirit!

ESV Galatians 5:17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

Being controlled by our passions keeps us from doing the things we should do and causes us to do things that bring pain, failure and calamity into our lives.

God commanded Israel’s kings to have the priests make a copy of The Law for the kings to keep on their person their entire lives and for them to read it daily!

One of the things that keeps people from advancing is making emotional decisions—decisions based on how they feel rather than biblical truth.

- **We cannot make decisions based solely on how we feel!**

Leaders must make decisions based on knowledge they possess that often times their followers don’t have!

Moses considered by many Israel’s first king: after receiving The Law from the presence of God came down from the mountain with beams of light shining from his face.

Artists of ancient times had these beams of light depicted as spikes later painted as crowns—they were simply revealing the power of a renewed mind and the authority those who control their passions have.