

The Authority of The Believer!

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:

The Bible says we are a **royal priesthood** or **king priests!**

A king is a ruler of a people, while a priest is a servant of a people!

We occupy both positions and perform both duties!

The king has earthly responsibility, while the priests has a heavenly one.

It is a king's responsibility to protect, provide and promote and advance the people.

It is the priest's responsibility is to pray for the people and remind them of the relationship to God and Heaven.

The priest keeps the people connected to God in two primary ways.

✓ Through **prayer** and **petition!**

The king keeps the people advancing in the earth through two primary ways.

✓ Through **decrees** and **declarations!**

Jesus helps us understand this when He taught His disciples how to pray, when He said:

KJV Matthew 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

As in heaven, so on earth! We are to learn what takes place in heaven where God lives and make the earth a reflection of heaven.

We do this **functioning** in our roles as **king priests!**

As High Priest Jesus offered up prayers and petitions to God on behalf of the people!

As King Jesus healed the sick, raised the dead and cast out devils!

- **Prayers** are forms of worship and **petitions** are requests for favor, mercy and blessings.

As priests we are to constantly bombard heaven with requests for mercy, favor and blessings for the people.

As **priest's** we're in constant contact with heaven, pulling people closer to God, having one hand in His hand and the other on the people.

KJV **1 Peter 2:5** says we as priests offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

❖ **Our kingly role is quite different, but no less important!**

While priests make prayers and petitions, kings make decrees and declarations!

Priests speak upwardly to God the Highest authority!

Kings speak downwardly to everything under their authority!

Jesus said in **Luke 10:19** *Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

Power here is the Greek word **exousia** and means “authority”!

Jesus The King of kings gave us (the believer) power over (to speak downwardly) to all the powers of the enemy!

Whatever you're **over** you speak **down** to not in a disrespectful way!

Jude 1:9 *When the archangel Michael argued with the devil, they were arguing over the body of Moses. Didn't dare yell insults at the devil, he simply said May The LORD rebuke (reprimand, force you back)!*

- Kings make **declarations** and **decrees!**

A declaration is a clear public announcement of the king's plans!

Jeremiah 29:11 *I know the plans that I have for you, declares the LORD. They are plans for peace and not disaster, plans to give you a future filled with hope.*

Tell the world, the devil and your flesh God's plans for your life!

KJV **Matthew 21:21** *Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.*

Jesus said what The LORD said to Zerubbabel in **Zec 4:6-7!**

Zechariah 4:6 *Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.*

7 "**What are you, mighty mountain?** Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of 'God bless it! God bless it!'"

Speak **down** to your mountain in the authority of a king!

KJV Psalm 118:17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

Somebody under the sound of my voice who was told they weren't going to make it ought to **declare** they are **not** going to die but live to tell others of the miracle working power of Almighty God!

Jesus Christ gave us the authority to **speak down** to our enemies!

A Decree is a royal order based on the decision of a king, a command that cannot be reversed or ignored.

KJV Job 22:28 Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

KJV Ecclesiastes 8:4 Where the (divine) word of a king is, there is power (mastery & government): and who may say unto him, What doest thou? Who can question his authority?

The Kings Word is The Word of God, it's The Divine Word that has eternal power, mastery and government over all things.

*ESV Isaiah 55:10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, **II** so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.*

Speak The Word over your situations, **decree** a thing and it shall be!

Declare what God says about your life, your family, your community, your country, your mind, your church and your home!