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OUR PRIESTLY ROLE

In the Old testament, only the priests from Aaron's line could sacrifice on the people's behalf. Only the High Priest could access the most holy place where God's presence dwelled, and only once a year. There was a veil separating the "Holy of Holies" from the rest of the Temple.

When Jesus died for us on the cross, that veil was torn apart supernaturally. It signified new access directly to God's presence.

***We became God's priests on earth. I Peter 2:9 says "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood..."*** Revelation 5:10 says of all the redeemed (born again believers) that ***He "has made us unto our God kings and priests..."*** This means you and me, every believer, we have no need on earth for some other "priest" to pray on our behalf. We have direct access.

Furthermore, Jesus said (Matt. 18:18 and 16:19) ***"whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."*** This is a priestly function.

As a believer-priest, we have two primary functions. The first is as one who offers himself as a threefold sacrifice: (a) his own body as the temple of Holy Spirit, (b) his praise to God, and (c) his substance. The second primary function is as an intercessor, interceding on behalf of others.

Father has given Jesus all power (Matt. 28:18) in heaven and earth. Jesus has given us, as priests, authority to access all His power through His name. We no longer have to rely on clergy or anyone else. We are His Royal Priesthood.

Praise His holy name!