

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## Victorious Kingdom October 25, 2016 Mercedes Kinzer

*I am the Victorious Lamb and I am the Majestic Lion. I am both Lion and Lamb. I am both chief cornerstone and the Head of the Church. I am both King and Servant. I bring wholeness and I divide. I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I am the Prince of Peace and a Man of War.*

*I have chosen a people to be both lion and lamb. To be as wise as serpents and harmless as doves, To be Salt and Light. I have created you to be my two edged sword, both to cut and to heal the land bringing a people out of darkness and bondage to light and life, freedom and peace. I predestined you to be the Word made flesh upon the earth. To be my peace filled mighty warriors.*

Our God is such a paradox! A paradox is a person or situation that combines contradictory features or qualities. Our God is one that fits this description. Who is like our God?

This sets the stage for understanding why we are a peculiar people, for He is a peculiar God! He wants us to understand that He encompasses every aspect of life from one end of the spectrum to the other. And so it is with His Body, we are to saturate every aspect of culture until it is infused with the Glory of God, establishing His Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven!



### High Priest and King

#### Genesis 14.18

And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High.

Through the order of Melchizedek Jesus is:

- High Priest – Serving Abraham the bread and wine.
- King – Title of King over the Kingdom of Salem (Justice) (Peace).
- Passover Lamb – Bread and Wine.

#### Hebrews 7.12-19 TLB

<sup>12</sup> And when God sends a new kind of priest, his law must be changed to permit it. <sup>13</sup> As we all know, Christ did not belong to the priest-tribe of Levi, <sup>14</sup> **but came from the tribe of Judah**, which had not been chosen for priesthood; Moses had never given them that work.

<sup>15</sup> So we can plainly see that God's method changed, for Christ, the new High Priest who came with the rank of Melchizedek, <sup>16</sup> did not become a priest by meeting the old requirement of belonging to the tribe of Levi, but on the **basis of power flowing from a life that cannot end.** <sup>17</sup> And the psalmist points this out when he says of Christ, "You are a priest forever with the rank of Melchizedek." <sup>18</sup> Yes, **the old system of**

**priesthood based on family lines was canceled** because it didn't work. It was weak and useless for saving people. <sup>19</sup> **It never made anyone really right with God.** But now we have a far better hope, for Christ makes us acceptable to God, and now we may draw near to him.

- If the old priesthood was flawed, never making anyone really right with God, what do we have now, under the new priesthood?
- A new priesthood capable of changing a weak and flawed people into a victorious, flawless Bride fit for the King and Priest according to the order of Melchizedek!

### Hebrews 7.26-27 TLB

<sup>26</sup> He is, therefore, exactly the kind of High Priest we need; for he is **holy and blameless, unstained** by sin, **undefiled** by sinners, and to him has been **given the place of honor** in heaven. <sup>27</sup> He never needs the daily blood of animal sacrifices, as other priests did, to cover over first their own sins and then the sins of the people; for he finished all sacrifices, once and for all, when he sacrificed himself on the cross.



### Revelation 12.10

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation and strength and the kingdom of our God and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren who accused them before our God day and night has been cast down.

- Christ, the King of Justice, of Peace has brought His Kingdom of Justice and Peace.
- He brought Justice upon the Accuser of the Brethren.

### Revelation 12.11

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony and they did not love their lives to the death.

- High Priest has permanently applied the Blood of the Lamb.
- The Word of their testimony.
  - From the ones who overcame flow the sound of this holy priesthood.
  - Has the basis of power from a life that cannot end.

### Matthew 3.1-3

<sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup> "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." <sup>3</sup> For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"



- John the Baptist – could feel the urgency because of the near nearness of the King.
- He was a forerunner who prepared the way for The King to enter on the scene.
  - He prepared the hearts of the people to make room for the King.
  - He gave them insight and foreknowledge of the Kingdom that "has no end".
  - Baptizing them, the outward expression of an inner work that was being done.
  - He gave them sense of timing, the Kingdom was not far off, but was very near.
- John the Baptist declares, Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the World!
- Jesus begins His ministry with the same message, The Kingdom of God is at Hand. Signs and wonders followed.



### Matthew 4.17

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

### Romans 14.17-18

God's kingdom isn't a matter of what you put in your stomach, for goodness' sake. It's what God does with your life as he sets it right, puts it together, and completes it with joy. Your task is to single-mindedly serve Christ. Do that and you'll kill two birds with one stone: pleasing the God above you and proving your worth to the people around you.

- The Kingdom is not food or drink, the things that will perish.
- The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
  - o Righteousness – High Priest who is undefiled and unstained presents the sacrifice, once and for all.
  - Peace – The King of Peace produces a kingdom of the same.
  - Joy – For in the partaking of the Sacrificial Lamb, the body and blood of Christ we become Christ Victorious.
  - Stepping into the Kingdom that is at Hand, now the Kingdom is within.

### Luke 17.20-21 KJV

<sup>20</sup> And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: <sup>21</sup> Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

- The Kingdom of Peace is in us.
- The Kingdom of Justice is within us.
- The Kingdom Power is in us.

### 1 Peter 2.9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, (grafted into Christ in the Order of Melchizedek), a holy nation (representing a Holy Kingdom), a people for God's own possession, (oh! the joy of servant hood) so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of (the kingdom of) darkness into His (Kingdom of) marvelous light.



### Galatians 4.6

Because you are his sons God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, Abba Father!

### Psalms 145.13

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
And Your dominion *endures* throughout all generations.