

HOW MUCH BETTER IS BETTER?

- The Levites (Priests) had gone astray from their priestly call and they could only act as guards of the temple. They could deal with some of the animal offerings and minister to the people but they did not get to minister to the Lord. (see **Ezekial 44:10-14**)

¹⁵ “But the Levitical priests, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My sanctuary when the sons of Israel went astray from Me, shall come near to Me to minister to Me; and they shall stand before Me to offer Me the fat and the blood,” declares the Lord God. ¹⁶ “They shall enter My sanctuary; they shall come near to My table to minister to Me and keep My charge.” **Ezekial 44:15-16 NASB**

- The sons of Zadok had remained faithful to God and they got the privilege of ministering to the Lord!

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for *God's* own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. **1 Peter 2:9-10 NASB**

For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. **2 Peter 1:4 NASB**

- Now we are all a generation of priests.

¹⁷ It shall be that when they enter at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and wool shall not be on them while they are ministering in the gates of the inner court and in the house. ¹⁸ Linen turbans shall be on their heads and linen undergarments shall be on their loins; they shall not gird themselves with *anything which makes them* sweat. ¹⁹ When they go out into the outer court, into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments in which they have been ministering and lay them in the holy chambers; then they shall put on other garments so that they will not transmit holiness to the people with their garments. **Ezekial 44:17-19 NASB**

- Their clothing was so saturated by being in God's presence that they had to change clothes before being with people.

And when they go out into the outer court to the people, they shall put off the garments in which they ministered and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other

garments, lest by contact of their garments with the people they should consecrate (separate and set apart for holy use) such persons [unintentionally and unfittingly]. **Ezekial 44:19 AMPC**

Moreover, they shall teach My people *the difference* between the holy and the profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. **Ezekial 44:23 NASB**

²⁸ “And it shall be with regard to an inheritance for them, *that* I am their inheritance; and you shall give them no possession in Israel—I am their possession. ²⁹ They shall eat the grain offering, the sin offering and the guilt offering; and every devoted thing in Israel shall be theirs. ³⁰ The first of all the first fruits of every kind and every contribution of every kind, from all your contributions, shall be for the priests; you shall also give to the priest the first of your dough to cause a blessing to rest on your house. **Ezekial 44:28-30 NASB**

For the Law made nothing perfect), and on the other hand there is a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God. **Hebrews 7:19 NASB**

²² so much the more also Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.

²³ The *former* priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing, ²⁴ but Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently. ²⁵ Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶ For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens; ²⁷ who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the *sins* of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. ²⁸ For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, *appoints* a Son, made perfect forever. **Hebrews 7:22-28 NASB**

But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises. **Hebrews 8:6 NASB**

- We need to recognize that we are partakers of the Divine Nature...we need to partner with Him to see His nature develop in us so that we can ‘distribute’ that impart to others...impartation...we need to be deeply influenced by His nature in us so we have more available to impart.