

Sunday, October 25, 2020
DON'T WEAR ANYTHING THAT MAKES YOU SWEAT

As part of the body of Christ, you are all priests of the Lord Most High.

But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. /// 1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV)

No longer is the priesthood occupied by a special class but you are all priests and kings in Christ Jesus our Lord. As priests, you are responsible for the worship of God; intercession for the will of God, and spreading the Word of the Lord among the people. With that in hand, let's move on. We are living in an important period called "The Last Days". Jesus' appearing is close at hand. Through study of prophecies regarding the nature of the Last Days, we understand that these times will be perilous.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NKJV)

Friends, we are there! Due to disobedience, sin and judgment that is the fruit of that sin is now among us. While this is not new, the beginning of the sacred new year last September seems to have unleashed a new revelation of judgment: division, civil unrest, pestilence – 2020 has had it. Times like these are trying for anyone. If you watch more than fifteen minutes worth of news, you come away with one message:

You can't trust anything or anyone.

If you are not a Christian, this is very difficult. But, what about believers? How do we navigate through this and fulfill the will of God? Here's a commandment that God gave to pass along to you:

Thou shalt not sweat it!

Ezekiel 44:18 (NKJV)

Let's look at things from a kingdom perspective: Has God changed? Has His power diminished? Are these times unexpected? As a believer in Jesus, you must protect yourself from the fear and worries of the world. As priests of God, we handle the holy things. We don't carry anything else.

What are you carrying that is not holy? Drop it! There was a saying popular years ago:

KISS: keep it simple stupid!

Here's the order of the day:

Keep it Strictly Sovereign!

God is saying to keep it simple by trusting in the sovereignty of God. What are we to focus on?

- Pray: agree with God.
- Obey: how can we trust God if we don't obey Him.
- Serve: Release the power of the Spirit.

Don't take responsibility for that over which you have no control or responsibility. Couple that with pride and you have a Jezebel spirit. If our spiritual activities are causing division, they are not of God. Since when does God need our help. He doesn't need our help, He wants our trust and obedience. The spirit of Chicken Little is trying to invade God's church. When Chicken Little begins to prophesy, fear is the result and the chickens turn on one another. Let's leave with this:

[Luke 4:18-19 \(NKJV\)](#)

You are not responsible for church revival or national revival. You are responsible for personal revival. Get a few together who have that focus and revival is the result.

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