

4. The Church: A Royal Priesthood

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NOTES:

I. Adam and Eve as King-Priests

1. Genesis 1 and 2 present Adam and Eve as having both a _____ role and a _____ role. They are king-priests.

B. Adam and Eve's Kingly Role (Gen 1:26-28)

1. **Gen 1:26-28** describes Adam and Eve as God's royal _____ on the earth. They are God's kingly agents commissioned with the task of ruling the earth.
2. The blessing consists in the right to _____ over creation by being fruitful and multiplying, filling, and subduing the earth. God's purpose for mankind was that they would rule collectively as kings, or vicegerents, over all creation.

C. Adam and Eve's Priestly Role

1. If the language of Genesis 1 suggests a kingly role, the language of Genesis 2 suggests a _____ role.
 - a) If the Garden of Eden was the first sanctuary, the first _____, where God dwelt among men, then Adam and Eve were the first priests serving in this temple.
 - b) Ezekiel 28:11-15 compares the king of Tyre with someone who was in the Garden of Eden. Though this is a difficult passage, the being spoken of as being in the garden is most likely referring to _____ (K&D, JFB). What is particularly significant about this passage is the high priestly description of Adam as being clothed with precious _____.
 - c) In Genesis 2:15, we read that man was placed in the garden to cultivate it and keep it. These two words are important.
 - (1) "Cultivate" is the Hebrew word "abad" meaning to work or _____.
 - (2) "Keep" is the Hebrew word "shamar" meaning to watch or _____.
 - (3) The very next time you see these two verbs together is when Moses explains the duties of the _____ priests (Numbers 3:6-8; 3:31, 36; 4:28; 8:25-26; 18:1-7).
2. **GK Beale:** "Genesis 2 was portraying Adam against the later portrait of Israel's priests, and that he was the archetypical priest who _____ in and _____ (or 'took care of') God's first temple."

D. Relationship between Man’s Kingly and Priestly Role

1. Adam and Eve will fulfill their kingly role of expanding the garden and ruling it _____ fulfilling their priestly role of serving and guarding the garden in obedience to God’s word.
2. Perhaps it would be best to think of this royal priesthood, not as two entirely separated offices, but as two roles that are deeply _____. Adam is called to a kingly/priestly role and task. It involves multiplying, subduing, ruling but it is to be accomplished by serving and guarding.

E. Objective of Man’s Kingly-Priestly Role

1. **GK Beale:** “The intention seems to be that Adam was to widen the boundaries of the Garden in ever increasing circles by _____ the border of the garden sanctuary into the inhospitable outer spaces. The outward expansion would include the goal of spreading the glorious _____ of God.”

II. The Church as King-Priests

A. Parallels between Adam and Believers

God plants a garden.	God builds a new _____ through the death and resurrection of Christ.
Adam is created.	Believers are _____ - _____ (Gal 6:15; 2 Cor. 5).
Adam is placed in the garden.	Believers are _____ in the temple and even become part of the temple.
Adam is given a kingly-priestly role.	Believers are given a _____ - _____ role.

B. As king-priests, believers’ are God’s royal representatives commissioned with _____ the borders of God’s sanctuary to the ends of the earth.

1. **2 Corinthians 5:20** What does it mean that we are ambassadors for Christ?
 - a) We have been _____ by Christ.
 - b) We _____ Christ.
 - c) We exercise Christ’s _____.
2. Believers’ expand God’s sanctuary, not by cultivating land, as Adam and Eve, but by cultivating people’s _____, by communicating an authoritative message of forgiveness to those who will turn from their sin and place their trust in Jesus (Matt. 28:18-20).

3. The goal is still the same. God's purpose for his people is still that they extend the borders of his sanctuary until his presence _____ the earth. Every time a person repents and places their faith in Jesus, God's temple is built a little higher, God's presence extends a little farther.

C. As king-priests, believers' join in Christ's rule and exercise Christ's authority on the earth by _____ and _____ in God's new temple.

1. How did Jesus fulfill the kingly-priestly role initially given to Adam?

a) **Jesus Served:**

(1) **He served God:** He _____ and did his Father's will.

(2) **He served people:** He _____ down his life for the sake of others.

b) **Jesus Guarded:**

(1) **Himself:** He resisted _____.

(2) **Others:** He _____ for his disciples.

2. How do believers fulfill the kingly-priestly role initially given to Adam?

a) **By Serving:**

(1) **We serve God:** We live to _____ and _____ the will of God.

(2) **We serve People:** We lay our lives down for the sake of others.

b) **By Guarding:**

(1) **Ourselves:** We exercise our authority by saying no to sin and _____ Satan. We guard over our lives, our thoughts, our words, our actions, and our relationships.

(2) **Others:** We see to it that no one comes short of the grace of God (Heb. 12:15). We _____ for each other, _____ each other, and even confront each other.

3. **Summary:** The church is a mighty army of royal priests who are called to advance God's kingdom in this world, to bring light to dark places, to set captives free, by laying their lives down in service to God and others, and by guarding themselves and others from sin and Satan's attacks.