

Melchizadek, which is a compound, and *melach* means *king*. He suggests that we read our Bibles. Sometimes, you might know the passage, but you don't understand it until later. If you haven't evangelized yet, maybe you should ask for Him to bring people into your life. This guy is from Key West? Some illustration about clearing out one's demand valve when scuba diving. A lot of believers are way out there flapping; they have strayed far from the faith. It is the Word of God which goes forth and provides stability to a nation.

Melchizadek Abraham went on a military maneuver. Chedarleomar went to do a buttonhold envelopment on 5 cities by the Dead Sea, which included Sodom and Gomorrah. That was warning discipline. Abraham hears that his nephew has been taken captive, and he takes about 150 men across the Jordan, just south of the Galilee Sea. Melchizadek offers up a sacrifice after Abraham's successful maneuver. Heb. 7 is a whole treatise on how separate the Aaronic priesthood is from the Melchizekek priesthood.

1. The 19th thing that God did for us, He gave us rank and authority to perform the duties of a royal priesthood after the order of Melchizedek.
2. God is building up or edifying the priesthood.
3. The Church Age believer priesthood is holy, in that it is set apart for God's use.
4. The purpose of this priesthood is the believer can begin to offer acceptable sacrifices to God. It means to execute the responsibilities of the believer-priesthood after the order of Melchizedek. This is executing our priesthood duties.
5. The sacrifices are acceptable to God because they are a result of functioning in divine plan.

(Second session)

You also, as living stones, are in the process of being built up as a spiritual house with reference to a holy priesthood for the purpose of offering up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to Jesus Christ (I Peter 2:5)

Aaronic priesthood. Laying a foundation for the priesthood. We will look back on our lives as believers and see certain sacrifices that we have made in time. There are 4 sacrifices that we offer up to God.

Basilêion (βασιλῆον) = kingly, royal

7. The Church Age believer priesthood is royal (or kingly) in that our great High Priest is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

There's never been a better time to fulfill our spiritual priesthood given the film "The Passion of Christ." It is amazing what Jesus endured in order to just get to the cross. He had to maintain his integrity while being maltreated. He could not fall out of fellowship. What was shown in the film was nothing compared to what Jesus endured on the cross. Golgotha was covered with darkness when Jesus was judged for our sins. No light would

be able to pierce this darkness. The same for when He returns as the armies converge on Jerusalem. This darkness provided our Lord and Savior privacy while being judged for our sins. Perhaps it was so that this could not be seen, so even those at the cross still had to believe. The separation from God was far greater pain than anything which led to the cross. At faith alone in Christ alone, we get 63 divine works of grace at salvation. One of them was baptized by the Holy Spirit. Positional sanctification, which we can never lose. Our ID with Christ is why we share in this royal and holy priesthood.

So that you may proclaim with the Aorist active subjunctive of *hapos exaggelô*; one of our purposes of the priesthood is to fulfill... **in order that you may proclaim** There is an emphasis of the officiality or royal value of the message which is going forth. It is an official or of royal value. Cumulative aorist, subjunctive. This is contingent upon being built up or edified. **In order that you may proclaim the virtues** [or, the divine manifestation of power] **of Him**

8. The purpose of the royal status is to proclaim the royal qualities and accomplishments of our great God.

Now to the book of Nahum: God send Jonah to Nineveh, and Jonah went in the opposite direction. He did get up, but he didn't go all the way. Jonah was in a great fish for 3 days. Then the fish coughed Jonah up on the beach. So he came out of this mouth, and before he can even get up, the Lord comes again, He tells Jonah to get up and go to Ninevah. Nineveh was the capital of the Assyrian empire and it was located right across from modern-day Mosul in Iraq. It was right across the river and it was a very prosperous city. 500,000 to 1 million population then. They worshiped Dagon, the fish god. There was an image posted all around Nineveh. Jonah didn't want to do this. He hated the Assyrians. He did not want them to get saved.

21 years, Sennacherib attacked Israel, and God killed 186,000 Assyrians. 94 years after Jonah, comes Nahum. These saved believers did not train their children. It is the man's responsibility to teach their children. Deut. Psalm 78:2-5. Sons learn how to be men from their fathers. Since we don't have men modeling Biblical masculine behavior, our society is screwed up. His prep school head comes to teach in full uniform about divine establishment. The lack of this is why we have such effeminacy in our society. 660-654 B.C. is when Assyria was going apostate because they did not teach their children.

Nahum uses the geography of the northern kingdom. The further north you go, the greater the rainfall and the more fertile the land. Bashan and Carmel whither is the north area. Yarmuk River. **The LORD is patient and has great strength. The LORD will never let the guilty go unpunished. Raging winds and storms mark his path, and clouds are the dust from his feet. He yells at the sea and makes it dry. He dries up all the rivers. Bashan and Carmel wither. The flowers of Lebanon wither** (Nahum 1:4-5). Believers began to worship idols along side of the Lord. Some believers began to worship these fertility gods. God will dry up this area, as He can control the weather patterns. Mount Herman is 9000 ft tall and there is snow on it. There is a figure of speech here. It is personification. The

blossoms and all these things represent the Assyrians and their soldiers. They will languish and cry out for mercy. Mountains quake because of Him.

If God controls the weather, then there is no problem which is too great for God to handle. These problems can be faced individually or as a congregation. God is sovereign and omnipotent. Judah should trust in Him, because God is so great. How could any problem be greater than God?

The mountains quake because of him. The hills melt. The earth draws back in his presence. The world and all who live in it draw back as well. Who can stand in the presence of his rage? Who can oppose his burning anger? He pours out his rage like fire and smashes the rocky cliffs. The LORD is good. He is a fortress in the day of trouble. He knows those who seek shelter in him (Nahum 1:5–7).

As a child, you built forts and then you only allowed certain people into this fort. A fort is a place where we go for safety during a time of trouble. Those who take refuge in Him (in the fort). Taking refuge in the Lord means to trust in Him. We should not stop living this spiritual life by grace. We must keep on living. We must trust in the Lord for His provision and that safety. He knows those who are consistently trusting in Him. God will always provide for the believer who trusts in Him. Nahum simply proclaims the excellencies of God.

However, you are chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, people who belong to God. You were chosen to tell about the excellent qualities of God, who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light (I Peter 2:9). We are commanded to encourage one another in I Thess. 5:11: **Therefore, encourage each other and strengthen one another as you are doing.** This is a responsibility of the believer. It is in the imperative. You encourage what you know about your Lord. “Keep on encouraging one another.” He is either your fort or His is not. God is greater than any problem that this congregation will ever face.

Church Age Believer Priesthood

March 3, 2004

This is a pastoral candidate, Henry Hastings III, teaches at Atlanta Grace Church (or something like that). He was recently ordained at Berachah 1997.

You also [reference to believer] as living stones [stones used in ancient construction projects] are in the process of being built up as a spiritual house with reference to a holy...holy sacrifices acceptable to Jesus Christ. However, you are chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, people who belong to God. You were chosen to tell about the excellent qualities of God, who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light (I Peter 2:5, 9).

1. Believer commissioned as a believer priest at salvation (#19 of the 63 divine works of grace that God has done for us at salvation).

2. The act by which a believer is granted rank and authority where a believer is awarded whatever according to the order of Melchizedek.
3. God is building up the church age believer.
4. Holy or set apart for God's use, to accomplish His plan, objectives and will for our life.
5. The believer is to begin offering acceptable sacrifices to God. To fulfill and execute all of his priesthood responsibilities.
6. Sacrifices are acceptable to God because of their motivation.
7. Church age believer is royal because our great High Priest is royalty and we share His priesthood. We are placed in union with Christ. Positional sanctification. No one can pluck us out of the hand of our Savior. We are given to the Son by the Father.
8. Purpose of believer's royal status is to proclaim the royal qualities or accomplishments of our God. Nahum provides a great illustration. The excellencies of God communicated to the southern kingdom tells them that God is capable of dealing with any problem in our life. Our personal problems may seem like it is impossible to overcome, but God can overcome these problems. Illustration of a guy who complained about problem-solving devices as they did not remove the problem. This allows you to function within the problem. Only an act of God will remove our OSN. Rebound does not remove our OSN; and the problem-solving devices do not remove our problems. Believers sometimes think that they no longer sin after salvation. A load of crap.
9. The proclamation of the royal qualities and accomplishments of our great God results in the encouragement of believer priests.

I Thess. 5:11: **Therefore, encourage each other and strengthen one another as you are doing.** There is the spiritual gift to encourage and exhort (two sides of the same coin). This is a responsibility of every believer; but some have the gift. This is a present active imperative. Allelous = one another. The Christian can never function effectively in a vacuum. He is not designed to function independently, but, rather interdependently. We are designed to function interdependently as believers. We are not designed to function as an island unto ourselves. Parakaleō = to encourage. Kai connects two imperative commands. *To build up, to erect* = oikodumeō (οικοδομῶ) a term to build up a wall or a house. Stones in the ancient world for building have to be chipped away and polished. God is continually in the process of polishing us and chipping away at us so that we can fit together. *Keep on building up.* We fulfill this imperative command is revealed to us by the words *one another*. There is a different word after this. Heis ton hēna = unique (single, once and for all) Everything depends on one thing; the individual is not solitary before God. He stands in the way of the many. One man is not converted or saved for his own sake but he is saved for the many. No Church Age believer is more important than another.

1. No Church Age believer is more important than the team as a whole.

2. Therefore the Church Age believer priest must view his teammates as more important than himself. A pastor cannot just show up unless the rest of the congregation is doing their jobs. You can't be an island unto yourself; you must stick together as a team.
3. Viewing teammates as more important than self facilitates the concept of heis ton hêna.
4. *One another, one the other* interdependent and synchronized function for the benefit of the team as a whole.
5. Heis ton hêna requires personal sacrifice; sacrificial service. Our Lord and Savior presented an example of self-sacrifice. He demands that we give nothing less of ourselves to one another. We cannot ignore fellow believers. We are team players. We are not to go AWOL from our team.
6. The Christian who fails to assemble for formation is missing out in contributing to the team as a whole.

Just as even also you are also doing. This is an example of what Paul expects us to do; to build up one another. **To keep on encouraging one another and building up one the other, just as you are also doing.** (1 Thess. 5:11). Paul is doing a great job and he tells them to keep it up. Chafer: don't scold your congregation; encourage them, speak the Word of God with conviction. Tell them what God has done for them so far. The doctrine surfaces from the exegesis of the text. The pastor teacher should not be dependent upon another man but upon his gift. Doesn't this conflict with his view of interdependence.

Second Session

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Heb. 2:1 Phenomenal book; author could not be Paul because the Greek is too different. He tells them to hold fast the confession of their faith. Fellow countrymen persecuted them. They were being thrown out of the synagogues. Once they made a confession that they were believers, they were chunked out of the synagogue. The confession of their faith. We have no concept today of what this is like. The property records and the lineage records were all kept at the synagogues. They all accepted Christ as Savior. Their property could be lost; their possessions could be confiscated. When we get thrown out of a church, we just go to one down the street. They didn't have that option. **For this reason we must pay closer attention to what we have heard. Then we won't drift away from the truth** (Heb. 1:2). A baby believer cannot go to the book of Hebrews and grasp what is going on. You must have some foundation of doctrine. **Remember the past, when you first learned the truth. You endured a lot of hardship and pain. At times you were publicly insulted and mistreated. At times you associated with people who were treated this way. You suffered with prisoners. You were cheerful even though your possessions were stolen, since you know that you have a better and more permanent possession** (Heb. 10:32–34). They were water baptized in order in order to teach them what was going on. This water baptism occurred in public. The religious hierarchy observed this publically. When the elders saw this, they kicked them out of the synagogue. The believers realized that they had much greater things provided for them in heaven; so they joyfully allowed the seizure of their property. Ginôskô (γινώσκω) present (contemporaneous action with the

related verbs); active voice; they joyfully accepted the seizure of their property by contemporaneously applying the doctrine of eternal rewards. This is like you live in this small, 1 bedroom apartment, and your clothes were bought at the salvation army; and you win the lottery. You might know someone who desires what you have and you have no problem saying, "Here, take the apartment and the clothes" because you will never need these things again.

We must continue to hold firmly to our declaration of faith. The one who made the promise is faithful. We must also consider how to encourage [or, to stir up] each other to show love and to do good things. We should not stop gathering together with other believers, as some of you are doing. Instead, we must continue to encourage each other even more as we see the day of the Lord coming (Heb. 10:23–25). Even if the line begins to break. With a hauser line, you can see it begin to stretch. It has enough energy to cut a man in half. Even in the face of danger or peril, you cannot let go. Hortatory subjunctive mood, which means that this is a command. The author is encouraging or exhorting his readers to join him in a mission or a course of action which the author has already decided that he will do. **Let us hold fast to the confession of our faith without wavering.** No matter how bad it gets, you cannot let go. *Katanoëō* (κατανοεω). *Egkataleipō* (εγκαταλειπω) means to go awol or to be a deserted. *Συναγωγή* = synagogue, meeting of a church, assembling with others. *Episunagogē* (επισυναγωγή) increases the importance. It is possible that once they were thrown out of the synagogue, they didn't gather at all. Here, the writer tells them not to go AWOL from assembling together. The Christian who fails to assemble on the team greatly diminishes his capacity to hold fast, and take notice how to encourage and stir up one another. When you don't show up, you are no longer a part of the team. The author of Hebrews has already decided that he is going to hold fast and he encourages those reading this to hold fast with him. And let us take notice; a participle of means which relates back to holding fast and taking notice. If you go AWOL, you won't hold on for very long. As a Christian, you belong to a team. You are a part of an invisible war: the angelic conflict. The world, the osn and the devil = our three enemies. Satan doesn't have to concentrate on the charismatic churches. Satan directs his efforts and the most amount of fire power to where doctrine is being taught and where people are learning God's Word. The team is the body of Christ, which is composed of all believers. Way out there flapping; "Waco Omega theta " You're not suppose to go AWOL because you are part of a team; not attending church means you are AWOL. The Christian who fails to assemble is not contributing to the team as a whole.

Rom. 12:4–5: **Our bodies have many parts, but these parts don't all do the same thing. In the same way, even though we are many individuals, Christ makes us one body and individuals who are connected to each other.** If you are a believer, then you have a spiritual gift and it may function and you may not even know what it is. The last thing Hastings wants to do is stand in a pulpit. Sheep smell. An effective leader puts those under your authority is more important than yourself. You serve those men. This is why officers go through the chow line last. You have to put your men first. You have to look at them as more important than yourself. You must see your wives as more important than yourself. When a man gets married, there are just some things that you don't do anymore. Just as there are many members in one body with a different function, so is our function

in the spiritual body. The head cannot said to the foot, "I have no need of you." Jesus Christ is the head of the body. That is how important heis ton hanon is. We who are many are one body in Christ. We are a member of a team whether we believe it or not. Whether you function or not is between you and the Lord. When members of the team begin to gossip and are rude to fellow teammates, they are not functioning as they should. The training for the believer priest comes from the Word of God.

The Royal Priesthood of the Church Age Believer **March 4, 2004**

Watch timers are going off last night.

Bible exposition was the only part of Dallas Theological Seminary which was accurate and doctrinal. Merrill teaches there. Jesus is speaking to the Samaritan woman and these Samaritans were half-breeds. There were two main roads in Israel; north-south roads; the King's Highway and then this other road which ran through Samaria. These people worshiped the Lord. Other Jews would not even go through Samaria because they hated the Samaritans so much.

When you try to work a sin off, you are slapping God in His face. That is blasphemy. It is as though He didn't do enough.

John 4:24 **God is spirit. Those who worship Him must worship in spirit and [in] truth."** Jesus is speaking to the woman. In order to worship God, you must be filled with the Spirit. The worshipping ones. Auton = αυτον Present active imperative of dê; *it is necessary, it is protocol*. There is a specific precedence when it comes to worship of God. Present active infinitive of proserchomai (?) = *to respect, to give deference to, to revere, to worship*. Ev governs pneuma and aleitheia. *By means of spirit and truth*.

In the spiritual life, the easy way is God's way. You let Him do all the work. You can't be any more righteous or any more justified. At salvation, we have these things perfectly.

Protocol strict adherence to correct precedence or standard operating procedure. The protocol is pneuma and alêtheia. Πνευμα και αληθεια.

Hastings was saved by reading the Bible. He was saved by himself in his room at age 27. We are saved by grace through faith. God the Holy Spirit makes the gospel clear to us.

He threw out his entire record collection as a new believer. Did a lot of goofy things. He didn't know anything and he didn't have any believer friends. He was in an elevator and it stopped. 15 minutes into a conversation, he later looked at the verses with this guy and Hastings show him the same passages. 4 days later this guy believed in Christ. There's no chance in this life; people don't just show up for happenstance. God's designed us to proclaim the excellencies of Him. God uses the believer to further his plan. Thieme put together one of the best theological vocabularies that there is.

Goes into the time when he was saved. And he went to this church and this guy has his Bible. And he knew nothing about the charismatics.

II Tim. 3:16–17: **All Scripture is God-breathed, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof** (alegmos αλεγμος), **for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be proficient, having been thoroughly equipped for every good work.** A pastor is teaching something and you are angry about it. You don't care much for what is being taught. Your attitude determines whether you grow or not. When you disagree, but you take it anyway, that is learning under reproof. Epanathôsis = restoration.; pros + padiea, and this refers to repetitious training. Illustrates with ranger training. God inspired Scripture for our conviction, our improvement, our repetitious training, our reproof. Our instruction comes from the Word of God. Hina introduces the purpose as to why we get all of this training. Equipped for every good work. These are the results of growth. If you are trying to use works to gain God's approval, you are making a mistake. You already have God's approval. Most of the pastors that he hears tell their congregation that you have to go out and you have to be good. **They are falling back on the law; this also helps to explain why they are covenant theologians; spirituality for them is obeying the commandments of God from the Old Testament.**

There are people running around all over Berachah involved to make these things all work. The Word of God is the most important thing in your life. You've got to organize your thinking around God's Word.

James 1:21 **Therefore laying aside all immorality and abundance of depravity** [or, *evil*], You're not supposed to live like the unbeliever. **in meekness receive** [or, *welcome as a guest*] **the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.** There are 3 tenses of salvation; past, present and future. In the past, you are saved from the penalty of sin. That happened at faith alone in Christ alone. Present tense means you are being saved from the power of sin; future tense is when you will be saved from the presence of sin in your life. This particular example is to present tense of salvation: post-salvation epistemological rehabilitation. Aorist middle imperative of dekomai, which means *to welcome [as a guest], to receive*. Present middle imperative of ginomai. This means *to become*. The middle voice means that you do this for yourself; your volition is a part of this. You must make a concerted effort in your soul to do something.

De here is used not as a contrastive but as an adjunctive. **And become doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves** (James 1:22). Just because you show up to Bible class doesn't mean that you learn anything at all. Every time you are in Bible class, the pastor throws you the Word of God. At that point, you need to do something with it. When the Lord brings people into your life, gently explain to them what to do. You've got to do something with the football. You've got to take the doctrine into the end zone of application every time.

Priesthood of the Believer

March 5, 2004

Grace Atlanta Bible Church. When Hastings' kid was hungry, he had a longing—an intense desire—for milk. In the same way, we are to have a longing for the pure of the Word. Katharizō = *to purify*. Adikia = unrighteousness. It's grace; all you do is confess. It does not require works on your part. God is on our side; He is the team captain; He wants us to succeed.

Smooth breathing vs. rough breathing marks. The difference between eis and heis. He teaches the Greek in order to validate a passage. Some seminary students turned in their Greek books, thinking that they would never use it again. NASB is the closest to the text that you can get. The NIV is interpretive. The NASB kept it closer to reflect the Greek. He wanted to quit seminary after 2 years. His Bible software took him to eis instead of heis. A pastor has got to be humble; and you will be humbled by the Lord. You start something and you finish it; no matter how tough it is. With all the different meanings of eis, you need to have the illumination of the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit, you could not lead the Christian life. Wallace in his advanced Greek Grammar (3rd year and it is now optional).

You don't grow with fellow believers sharing, but via the pastor teacher.

Eph. 5:18 **And do not get drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but keep on being filled** Present passive imperative (how do you fulfill a command that is in the passive voice?) of plerōō = πληρωω = *to be filled, to be filled with a particular quantity*; this is not from the perspective of being out of fellowship, but this is written from the standpoint of already being in fellowship. **with the Spirit**, there is no half or quarter full. The purpose of 1John 1:5–9 is that you are either in fellowship or out; you are walking in the light or in darkness. You are full or empty. All the theology books talk about a controlling influence, and that is God the Holy Spirit. Eph 5:19 **speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord**, There are 5 participles in the next couple verses. Participles are either dependent or independent. Laleō = speaking; adō = singing; psallō = plucking a stringed instrument; making melody; eukatasteo maybe = giving thanks. Every time you have a problem, you trust God for the solutions. You don't have the right to be rude to fellow believers. If someone says *hello*, show some social skills; the doctrine of privacy doesn't mean you act like an ass when some stranger says hello.

Don't misplace your appreciation. You are taught by God the Holy Spirit. Not by the pastor teacher. You have to remain objective to determine God's will in any given situation. God does not speak to us audibly; He speaks to us through His Word.

Hupostassō = putting yourself under the authority of someone else. You can't live the spiritual life yourself; it's too phenomenal.

Eph 5:20 giving thanks always concerning all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

There is no verb *to submit* in v. 22; it is understood from the previous verse. This is the only present passive participle. You cannot fulfill the command unless you are in fellowship. Only God the Holy Spirit can help you here. The independent part means that no one can make you apply doctrine.

Second session

March 5, 2004

When we fulfill our responsibilities, God is glorified. The Church Age believer priest stands on the foundation of true worship, in accordance with John 4:24. The filling ministry of God the Holy Spirit provide the ability and training to perform our priesthood responsibilities. This is the foundation upon which the believer priest must stand.

The second responsibility, we have prayer. Individual prayer; you bring your own petitions before the Lord. The second category is to pray on behalf of fellow believers; intercessory prayer. The Holy Spirit actually prays for us as our mentor. The Holy Spirit does 9 things for us in order to help us execute the spiritual life. He does 7 things for us at faith alone in Christ alone. Heb. 4:16 **Since we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, let us hold fast to our confession.** Property records held in the synagogues so when they were thrown out of the synagogues, they lost their property. It was taken from them. We don't have a High Priest Who cannot sympathize *sunpatheō* (συνπαθεω) = *to sympathize, to experience*; with our weaknesses, **but One Who was tested in all points just as we.**

Hastings doesn't teach a Sunday night class; he teaches Sunday twice in the morning. Some people drive an hour+ for doctrine. One of his gals was diagnosed with leukemia. During the break, he called a prayer meeting. No emotion; only show up if you can pray without emotion. This gal has survived leukemia a second time.

The emphasis here is upon the humanity of Christ. Walvoord was still teaching when Hastings went to Dallas Theological Seminary. Only 9 were registered for his class. A great teacher. Now home face to face with the Lord. Communion service is a time to express occupation with Christ for an intense period of time. Walvoord understood Christ better than most. Through the incarnation of Christ, the two natures of Christ were intertwined in such a way as to function as one person, but there was no overlap or mixture of natures. The hypostatic union came from Walvoord (or at least, that's where the Colonel learned it). Jesus authored, pioneered and perfected the Christian way of life in His humanity. Jesus offered Himself up on that cross. It is the responsibility of the priest to offer up sacrifices to God. He offered everything that He had; His own life as a substitute for ours.

Our Savior knows everything intimately that we are suffering. **Therefore, let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace in order that we may receive compassion.** *Aleos* (αλεος) = *compassion, withholding of something that is deserved, something that God bestows that we don't earn or deserve.* *Eis* takes only the accusative case. Two accusatives in this verse. *Eukairos* (ευκαιρος) = *well-timed, the exact right time, the exact right moment.* *Boathêa* (βοαθηια) = . We the believer are the ship. The waves of

adversity are beating upon you. You require God to send you a support package in this time of need. ...for the purpose of perfectly timed aid.

God is always OTOT (on time on target). Hastings was under the feisty redheaded leader, with whom he did not get along with at the first. Wardlow was useless and he liked watching them suffer. You hit this target, and you are on time on target. WOTF =Way out there flapping. No bubbles with this one type of equipment. With the delivery of compassion or aid when it is needed. God is always on time on target with the support package; He will provide the exact perfect supply bundle. God wants us to be a winner. God wants you to reach the objective. As a Christian, life is going to suck in time. You are an enemy of Satan and all his fallen angels. If you are consistent with rebound, then pain is from demon attack. You have to put your support request in; you must pray. **Whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, because that glorifies me.** He raps Jabez, because it was about praying for material things. This explains why is was popular in the US. **However to receive such provision so that the Father may be gloried in the Son.** Paul asked three times to remove his suffering, and Jesus said to him, **"My power is perfected in weakness."** God is functioning 24-7 to provide us with our support. It may not be exactly what you want; but it is the perfect provision at the perfect time.

God did not remove the cup from Jesus; so why should He remove it from us? We are just through a period of time. This suffering refines us. The good pastor learns from his mistakes. You have got to have humility. Tês gunikês = the female (not *the woman*). In Peter. Do you think our Savior would do anything like that. You don't order your wife around like she's a Marine. A man can take that; but a woman's soul is fragile; the woman can't take that. In marriage, a man has to make some sacrifices. If the man keeps initiating with the sacrificial love that Christ showed on the cross, the female will eventually respond to this love. **Let your requests be known to God.**

Priesthood of the Believer

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Heb. 13:15 Going to hear the Word of God is a sacrifice, but it is worth it. You can enjoy the wonderful details of life, because you have capacity for them. **Through Him, then, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, confessing His name.**

The believer is a team player. When the believer priest is functioning properly, he views himself as less important than the team as a whole. We have a great High Priest and His name is Jesus Christ. *Dia autos* = through Him. *By Christ* is not right; it is the Holy Spirit which gives us the ability to live. *Anapherô* (αναφέρω) = let us continually offer up a sacrifice. The is a hortatory subjunctive, which is used when the author wants those hearing to join him on a course of action that he has already decided upon. *Anapherô* is also found in the LXX. The Apostles used this version. Written approximately 3rd century B.C. Lock and load your Bible. Lev. 14:20: **And the priest shall offer up the burnt offering and the food offering on the altar. And the priest shall make an atonement for him, and he shall be clean.** *Offer up* is αναφέρω in the LXX. It is in the Hiphil; the priest is on

a low ground offering up to God in heaven. Lev. 17:5: **so that the sons of Israel may bring their sacrifices which they offer in the open field, even that they may bring them to Jehovah, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to the priest, and offer them for peace offerings to Jehovah.** Hiphil imperfect of bo` (*to carry in, to present*). They are out in an open field and they are going to offer them to the LORD.

Dan Ingram is squared away on doctrine (he'll be teaching sometime this week at Berachah). The real act of offering or dedication. Pherô is sometimes rendered to *sacrifice*. Heb. 7:26: **For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners and made higher than the heavens, who does not need, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice daily, first for his own sins and then for the people's sins. For He did this once for all, when He offered up Himself.** In the OT, the High Priest had to make certain that he was in fellowship, otherwise he would be struck dead. Aorist active participle of anapherô (αναφέρω).

He mentions the Passion; he had no tangible reality as to what Christ went through to get to the cross; and He had to say in fellowship that entire time.

Old Testament and New Testament thread: priest in the OT and NT the thread is sacrifice. Another thread that runs through all dispensations: faith alone in Christ alone. As the OT had sacrifices to offer up, we also have sacrifices that we offer up to our heavenly Father. Heb. 13:15: **Through Him, then, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, confessing His name.** Aineô (αἰνέω) = *to praise, to extol*. These Christians who have to get revved up are out of fellowship and they go nowhere.

If someone wanted a pulpit, you'd think they'd end on time. Dallas Seminary gave him an article about applying for the ministry. They warn, if you replace a strong pastor with 40 years, you'll just be there 2 years until they get over their old PT. Robby Dean is squared away and there is nothing which requires a person to be in the military. Every pastor has made a mistake in and out of the pulpit. You must be able to learn from your mistakes in order to be a good pastor, leader and husband.

Fruit is something which is manifested; the fruit belongs to the Holy Spirit, not to us. This woman who hid a Jewish family and she was discovered and put into a concentration camp (which she survived); she wrote a book "The Hiding Place." She had a radio show where she gave out the gospel. Onoma (ονομα) = *name*. The name represents the integrity or the character of a person. One business teacher: "Your name is like virginity; you only lose it once." Your reputation is dependent upon what you do. Even if you live in a lean-to, God provides for you. Metabolized doctrine circulating in the soul of the born again believer is a prerequisite to praise. You'll look back on your life and realize how God has provided for you during your life. You are not supposed to be divided into different sections. We are to lock shields as believers and stop complaining about others. The Lord will honor those who have honored Him. Jer. 3:15 God will provide shepherds for His people. God will not leave us hanging in this life. Praise involves intelligible, verbal expression to God. This is why most of this contemporary worship stuff is garbage. They try to ; you don't complain about traffic, as Africans will walk 30 miles in torrential rain to

hear the gospel. Dude gets his pump on. Going to church is like going to the gym; you are building yourself up. Your number one priority has to be doctrine. It is never about the man, but about the message. You trust God to provide you with a man to provide the message; you do not depend upon the man. Praise involves intelligible expression to God. Thanks to God for Who He is and what He continues to do for us.

Eineô = to praise, and it is found mostly in Luke.

1. Praise involves intelligible, verbal expression to God.
2. It involves giving thanks to God for Who He is and how He continues to provide for you.
3. 2 prerequisites for giving praise to God:
4. When the Christian in fellowship presents (anapherô) thanksgiving to God, governed or influenced by metabolized Bible doctrine, he is placing a sacrifice as a Church Age believer on an invisible altar before the Lord.

Heb. 13:10: **We have an altar of which they have no right to eat, those who serve the tabernacle.** The Aaronic priests have no right to eat from this invisible altar. You offer up sacrifices to God. This is not asceticism; you don't gain by denying yourself stuff so that God will bless you. This guy has just bought his house on 3/4^{ths} of an acre, and he's just redone everything with this great study; so when they asked if he wanted to move to Houston, he said "No." This guy likes Nemo. He teaches to obey your parents. Prep school teachers are making a sacrifice so that families could get doctrine. The interview was 4:15. He told him what he thought; "I don't want to move here." It's not about what you want, but it is what God wants. It is God's will.

When Hastings left the military, he was given crap over that. Congregations don't supply one with a retirement. He will depend upon God for retirement; not on a congregation. Everyone on a team has a spiritual gift and they all function together. Every time you give thanks to God, that is effective praise. Sacrifices are not extreme asceticism.

Some church in Santa Cruz found out about the downloads of Atlanta Bible church. He passes out CD's like candy to the kids. An interim pastor there. All sinners need the gospel. Without sinners, all churches would be empty.

Communion

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1Co 11:17–22 **But in enjoining this, I do not praise you, because you come together not for the better, but for the worse. For first of all, when you come together in the church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and I partly believe it. For there must also be heresies among you, that the approved ones may be revealed among you. Therefore when you come together into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper. For in eating each one takes his own supper first; and one is hungry, and another drunken. For do you not have houses in which to eat and drink? Or do you despise the church of God, and shame those who do not have? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you for this? I do**

not praise you! Paul now explains why the Corinthians were Fubar. Ekklêsia (ἐκκλησία) = *in assembly, in gathering, in meeting* (dative case). Schisma (σχίσμα) = *torn, split, divisions*. Some of those in the meetings were stumbling drunk.

He was up at 5:00 at the church. **“This is My body which is given as a substitute for you;”** Two options: an article par excellence = the body is the best in its class. Menatic = it is the only body; the body. It is the only body which could have been given. Huper conveys substitution. In was in His body where He bore our sins. It was His body which received the imputation for our sins. There was only one body which could have been imputed with our sins and judged. It was the only body which was without sin. He arrived at the cross without sin. Bones and shears would be hooked into the whips, and they would latch onto the flesh, and the whip would rip the skin away from the body; He still remained in fellowship in all of this. Enough skin would be ripped away after awhile to reveal the bones. Jesus gave all that He had on the cross, which reveals how much He loved us. What He endured prior to the cross was nothing compared to what happened after.

Poieô = *to do, keep on doing*. Over 1000 imperative present active verbs in the NT; needs to pub a book together with these commands. Whenever you have bread with wine, think about Jesus Christ. That's occupation with Christ with afterburners. 1Co 11:23–34: **For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which he was betrayed took bread; and giving thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup also, after supping, saying, "This cup is the New Covenant in My blood; as often as you drink it, do this in remembrance of Me." For "as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show" the Lord's death until He shall come. So that whoever shall eat this bread and drink this cup of the Lord unworthily, he will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks unworthily eats and drinks condemnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many among you are weak and sickly, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. So that, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. But if anyone hungers, let him eat at home, so that you do not come together to condemnation. And the rest I will set in order when I come.**

Once you get back into fellowship, you apply doctrine. Sick is a reference to intensive discipline. Sleep is dying discipline. A terminal illness is not necessarily dying discipline.