Calling all Kings



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I. INTRO

Luke 10:2-3 (NKJV) ² Then He said to them, "The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers *are* few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. ³ Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves.

Revelation 1:5-6 (NKJV) ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, ⁶ and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

II. DIVINE PARTNERSHIP WORKING TOGETHER IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

- A. Every king needs a priest, and every priest needs a king
 - Examples:
 - Elijah & King Ahab (1 Kings 18)
 - o Isaiah & King Hezekiah (2 Kings 19)

III. ROLES OF KINGS & PRIESTS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

A. Priests:

- Responsible for hearing from God for the people
- Received tithes & offerings
- Priests provide the vision for the local church

Proverbs 29:18 (NKJV) Where *there is* no ^[a]revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy *is* he who keeps the law.

- Full of vision, but no provision, you are going nowhere
- Full of provision, but no vision, you will perish

B. Kings:

- Took the spoils from war
- Paid tithes and offerings to the priests
- Kings provide the provision for the vision

Proverbs 3:9-10 (NKJV) ⁹ Honor the LORD with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; ¹⁰ So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.

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Malachi 3:8-10 (NKJV) ⁸ "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation. ¹⁰ Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.

IV. THE LIFE OF KING DAVID

- 1. Youngest of seven sons
- 2. He was a shepherd & musician
- 3. Giant slayer
- 4. Israel's greatest king
- 5. Man after God's own heart
- 6. Wrote close to ½ of the book of Psalms

1 Chronicles 29:1-3 (NKJV): Furthermore King David said to all the assembly: "My son Solomon, whom alone God has chosen, is young and inexperienced; and the work is great, because the temple is not for man but for the LORD God. Now for the house of my God I have prepared with all my might: gold for things to be made of gold, silver for things of silver, bronze for things of bronze, iron for things of iron, wood for things of wood, onyx stones, stones to be set, glistening stones of various colors, all kinds of precious stones, and marble slabs in abundance. Moreover, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, my own special treasure of gold and silver: