

The Responsibilities of Priests

I Peter 2:4-10

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- If you examine the Greek word for priest, it actually comes from the same root word from which we get “*presbuteros*,” the word for elder (older).
- A good definition is, “*one specifically consecrated to the service of a divinity and through whom worship, prayer, sacrifice, and other service is offered to the object of worship*” (Funk and Wagnall).

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- **If we examine the responsibilities of the priests from the Old Testament, then we will learn the following:**
 - **THEY WERE TO SET AN EXAMPLE OF HOLINESS.- Lev. 10:3**
 - **THEY WERE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE HOLY AND THE COMMON- Lev. 10:10**
 - **THEY WERE TO TEACH THE LAW.- Lev. 10:11**
 - **THEY WERE TO OFFER SACRIFICES.- Deut. 33:10**

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- Consider our text and what responsibilities the priests (Christians) of the New Testament have:
 - WE ARE TO SET AN EXAMPLE OF HOLINESS
 - I Peter 2:5, I Peter 1:15-16; 3:16,
 - WE ARE TO SANCTIFY OURSELVES FOR GOD IN OUR ACTIONS- I Peter 2:9
 - II Cor. 6:14-7:1
 - I Thess. 4:1-8

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- Consider our text and what responsibilities the priests (Christians) of the New Testament have:
 - WE ARE TO SHARE GOD'S WILL
 - I Peter 2:9
 - I Peter 3:15
 - WE ARE TO SACRIFICE TO GOD
 - I Peter 2:5
 - Romans 12:1