

Malachi 04 "The Priesthood Is Serious Business" Malachi 2:1-9

A priest is a member of the human race who represents a portion of the human race before God and it was always the job of a male, never an angel or a female until the Church Age.

We should always remember that when a priesthood is based on regeneration; qualification for all without exception is believing in Jesus Christ but when a priesthood is based upon natural generation through procreation, then of course there are certain eliminating factors.

The priesthood was responsible for communicating biblical truth pertaining to salvation, on the operation of the spiritual life after salvation and the general principles for the function of a nation made up of believers and unbelievers.

One thing is clear from this:

You can't teach the Bible until you know the Bible; you cannot teach what you do not know no matter how hard you try.

The rejection of biblical truth affects our personal freedom as well as the economy of our nation.

When there is no communication of biblical truth on the part of whoever is authorized to communicate it, the people fall apart and the nation begins to fail.

When we know biblical truth, we have the capacity to love God and without biblical truth, no one has the capacity to love God.

The specialized Levitical priesthood was to Israel what the pastor should be to our country.

The priest himself also learned from the ritual and as he was performing it, he was communicating to those who were observing it.

A message of grace encapsulated in legalism destroying human volition neutralizes teachers who are then disciplined by God.

Spiritual leadership must live by the Word and must not cater to people.

To cater to people is to allow them to walk all over you but to love the Lord is to be helpful to people.

The Levitical priesthood was based on natural generation but the Royal priesthood is based on regeneration.

We precede the greatest of the Old Testament believers because we have the greatest spiritual life that has ever existed in history.