

December 11

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: What do I learn about God's character from the fact that He wants His people to mediate between Himself and all men? Do I see myself as God sees me, as a king and priest? Since I am a priest do I make intercession for others? Since I am a king do I behave in a manner that demonstrates that I am a part of God's royal family?

1 **God was to have been served by a nation of priests** — *Exodus 19:5* Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: 6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

What are the benefits of God making His people to be priests?

For whom do I need to offer up intercessory prayer?

2 **I am a king and priest** — *Revelation 1:6* And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him [be] glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

How does the fact that the Lord has made me a priest and king impact me?

Why does the devil want me to think my fitness to serve depends on me?

3 **I am to do the work of a priest by offering up sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving** — *Hebrews 13:15* By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

What evidence is there that my praise of God's work is constant?

For what things do I need to praise and thank God regularly?

Spirit of Glory, how do you want to apply these verses in my life today?

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Revelation 2

Evening: Hosea 5, 6, 7, 8