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Salem Family Ministries *January 12, 2009*

"King, Priest and Healer"



Dear Friends,

Is Jesus Christ your King, Priest, and Healer?

Last month I had a word I felt to deliver to you but we never got it out to you before the Christmas break. I still feel that you need to make this declaration, even as we begin this new year of 2009. We talk much about the birth of Christ at the end of each year and many of us read and reread the story of Christ's birth throughout the season. But there is a time line that is missed by most of us over the visitation of the three kings.

In Matthew 2:11, I found an interesting thought that I have meditated on over the past month. It is in a very familiar passage of scripture for those of you who are like me who have grown up in the church. It reads like this, "And when they had come into the house they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

Most of us have read this verse many times. I know I have seen it, heard it, and read it out loud to our children repeatedly. But recently, a friend of mine was sharing about this scripture and with her comments and the enlightening of the Holy Spirit, this question became a part of my daily thinking over the past few weeks.

First of all, notice that the Word of God says when they came into the house. Most of us have this time line of Jesus being birthed in a stable, the shepherds coming along to worship Him, and then the three kings make their way in also to worship Him. Many of the nativity scenes we put out during the Christmas holidays have Jesus in the manger, Mary, Joseph, some shepherds, a few animals and three kings. Yet, this is not accurate, as the three kings did not show up in a few hours, a few days or even a few weeks.

That's why the Word says, ". . .when they had come into the house they saw the young Child." Jesus was no longer a baby, He was a young Child. By the time these kings had journeyed from countries far away and actually found the Christ, a few years had gone by. Sometimes, we can get caught up in the season of Christmas and miss the journey of Christmas. Christmas should be experienced through the celebration of years, not a few weeks, but years! It took the kings years to find Him, and when they came, they each brought gifts to Him.

Each of these gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh has a unique meaning. Each gift was a representation of Who the Christ Child would become in the future as He grew up. I recently heard a statement that I have continued to mull over and over in my spirit. As I write this to you on the time line of the Christ Child, the kings' search and eventual finding of Him, and then the gifts that were brought that represent a dimension of What and Who He would become, the thought hits me that Jesus Christ already was What they were prophesying over Him with their very meaningful gifts. Thus my much meditated statement, "A future event is a past event that has not happened yet."

I think that's deep enough for us to read, then stop and have a 'Selah' moment! Selah, pause and calmly think on this. Every future event in your life when the element of time is compressed by the Spirit of God is simply a 'past event that has not happened yet.' When looking at this thought with faith eyes, Hebrews 11:1 becomes clear.

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

So every event in your life that has not happened yet, because of the slowed down, stretched out slinky effect of this lower, slower earth life, once we move past it on the time line of earth existence, will no longer

be in the future but will be a memory, a past experience, a past event for you. There are revelations to come soon in these letters from us to you on what the numbers of this year really mean and how we can predict what the Lord has already finished for us concerning this year of 2009. But those thoughts are for a future letter. Let me stay on topic here.

The three kings brought gifts. First, the number 3 is very important. Note that there were three kings, not two, or five or ten, but three. Three is the number for the preparation and purification of the Bride of Christ. Three is the number for the perfecting of the made ready bride before she meets her bridegroom. In the culture the Bible was mostly written, all weddings occurred on the third day, as in John 2 when there was a wedding on the third day. Three represents the Bride of Christ. The three kings were giving us massive insight into those areas in our lives that must be submitted to the King of Kings.

What were the gifts and what were their meanings? Gold was the first gift; gold represents that Jesus Christ is King. Frankincense was the second gift; frankincense represents that Jesus Christ is Priest. Myrrh was the third gift; myrrh represents that Jesus Christ is Healer.

These three gifts continue to represent 2000 years later what they represented the day the three wise men came and found Him in His mother's house. Jesus Christ is still King, Priest, and Healer. He is these three things to and for all of us. But obviously, even though He has made a way to be all these wonderful positions within our lives, He can be King; He can be Priest, and He can be Healer, the real question is, 'Is He your King, your Priest, and your Healer?'

This is a simple message but one I hope sticks deeply within your heart today and always. Will you ask yourself today this simple question? Is Jesus Christ my King? If He is your King, then you need to learn to trust Him, rely on Him, and become deeply involved with Him to take care of you. If He is your King, then you have nothing to worry over, as He is King, not you.

Is Jesus Christ my Priest? If your answer is yes, Jesus Christ is my Priest, then He continually stands in the gap for you, ever interceding for you in the Face of God Almighty. What do you have to fret over since Jesus takes your place, stands next to God for you, and continually reminds

the Father God that you belong to Him? He is your Priest!

Is Jesus Christ your Healer? As I battled a flu bug over the holidays, and cancer over the past years, I can truly say, yes, He is my Healer.

Whether it is to trust Him to heal me of cancer as He has done over the past few years, heal the broken heart of a parent whose child has crossed over into eternity before me, or to give me the strength, the Word, and the power to stand up to the flu in Jesus Name, I know that I know, HE IS MY HEALER.

So without the deep theological thoughts that try to creep in and bring confusion, just ask yourself these three simple questions.

Is Jesus Christ my King?

Is Jesus Christ my Priest?

Is Jesus Christ my Healer?

If you can honestly say yes to these three questions, and no one truly knows these answers but you, then you can have Peace, real Peace that passes all understanding. This coming year should be like no other. This should be a year to reexamine our hearts. If He is my King, then I will live like He is. If He is my Priest then I will live like He is. If He is my Healer, then I will live like He is.

You belong to Him, and He is your King, Priest, and Healer, so don't be ashamed of Who you belong to! Make sure all who come in contact with you are aware of Who your King, Priest, and Healer is. Share His love, His peace, His forgiveness. Be His example to all.

Shout for joy! Jesus is coming soon! We must prepare the Bride!

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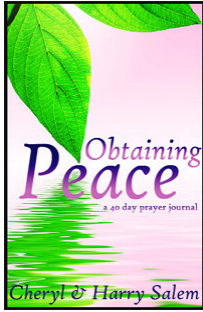
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