



PRIESTHOOD OF THE BELIEVER

The Order of Melchisedec

SAMPLE LESSON

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Dr. Lake received Jesus at the age of twelve. On his thirteenth birthday, he answered God's call on his life to minister the Gospel. Several years later, he received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. He shares the Word of God in a very "down to earth" manner that all enjoy. His commitment to "real world" theological education is seen in his concept that ministerial training is half academics and half Spiritual Boot Camp.

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Course Instructions

I. This course is made up of the following resources:

1. This workbook
2. Textbook: “Priesthood of the Believer” by Dr. Michael K. Lake
3. Twenty audio taped lectures by Dr. Michael K. Lake
4. Final Exam

II. How to complete this course.

1. Read through one lesson of the textbook.
2. Listen to the audio taped lecture that corresponds to the lesson and take notes on items not necessarily covered in the textbook as well as items that the Holy Spirit quickens to your heart during your study time.
3. Using the textbook and your notes, answer the review questions for that lesson in the workbook.
4. Turn to the back of the workbook where the answers to the review questions are found. Compare your answers to the answers in this section.

[Hint: All of the non-essay questions in your final exam will be taken from these lesson review questions. Spending time on these questions will provide the insights necessary to successfully prepare for the final exam.]

5. Now proceed to the next lesson using the same process we have given above.
6. While going through this course, look for a subject that the Holy Spirit quickens strongly in your heart. Begin to take separate notes from the lectures and textbook that relate to this subject as well as your own ideas that are given to you by the Holy Spirit as you proceed through the course. You will use these notes at the end of this course to develop your essay.
7. Once you have completed all lessons, now develop your essay from the notes you developed as instructed in item 6 above. The essay can be on ANY subject that was touched upon in this course. It should be something that the Holy Spirit really made to come alive to you during this study. You are also free to conduct additional research outside of the scope of the textbook and lectures provided in this course. Your essay must:

Include a cover page, be typed, double-spaced, with footnotes at the bottom of each page and bibliography in the back as prescribed by the BLCS Student Manual.

III. Requirement

Undergraduate

1. Complete the course as prescribed in Section II of the Instructions.
2. Your essay is to be 10 pages in length.
3. After completing the course lectures and essay, schedule a time to take the final exam with your Proctor. Make sure to take your essay with you and give it to your Proctor. The Proctor will mail in your exam and essay together for grading.

Graduate Level

1. Complete the course as prescribed in Section II of the Instructions.
2. Your essay is to be 18 pages in length.
3. You are also required to find an additional resource book that touches on a topic covered in this course. The book should be at least 200 pages in length. Develop a book report on the book, including in summary format the information in the book that touches on the same subjects covered in this course. The length of the summary of each chapter will depend upon how much applicable information is contained in each chapter. Some chapters will have little relevant information while others will be abundant. After your summary information is complete, write at least a 5 page opinion paper sharing how this book reshaped your thinking on the subject.
4. After completing the course lectures, essay and book report, schedule a time to take the final exam with your Proctor. Make sure that you take your essay and book report with you and give it to your Proctor. The Proctor will mail in your exam, essay and book report together for grading.

This course is worth 4 semester credit hours.

 **Note:** This book was designed accompany the 20 audio lectures by the author. The information in this book is the research platform from which the lectures were given, but do not include word for word everything in the lectures. Both must be used to glean the full impact of the biblical revelations presented in these materials.

Section from Book

Lesson Three

The Warrior Priests

Review

Here are some of the things that we have learned so far:

1. When God delivered His people from Egypt, He wanted them all to be priests unto Him. Because they rejected His voice, He chose the Sons of Levi as His tribe of priests (rather than a nation of priests).
2. When Jesus completed His work of redemption, He restored the original plan of God. All of God's people would be priests. Rather than a physical nation of priests, we now have a spiritual nation of priests.
3. This priesthood is not patterned after the Levitical priesthood, but rather the original priesthood, the priesthood of Melchisedec. Jesus is forever the High Priest of this priesthood and has been so before the foundation of the world.
4. We have discovered that we as individuals and corporately as the temple of the Most High God. We found great insight into ourselves, God and even community through the type and shadows discovered in the Tabernacle in the Wilderness.

I. The Blessing of Following the Commandments of God – Priests Ready for War

Deut 11:22-28 KJV

22 For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him; 23 Then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves. 24 Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall your coast be. 25 There shall no man be able to stand before you: for the LORD your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath said unto you. 26 Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; 27 A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: 28 And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

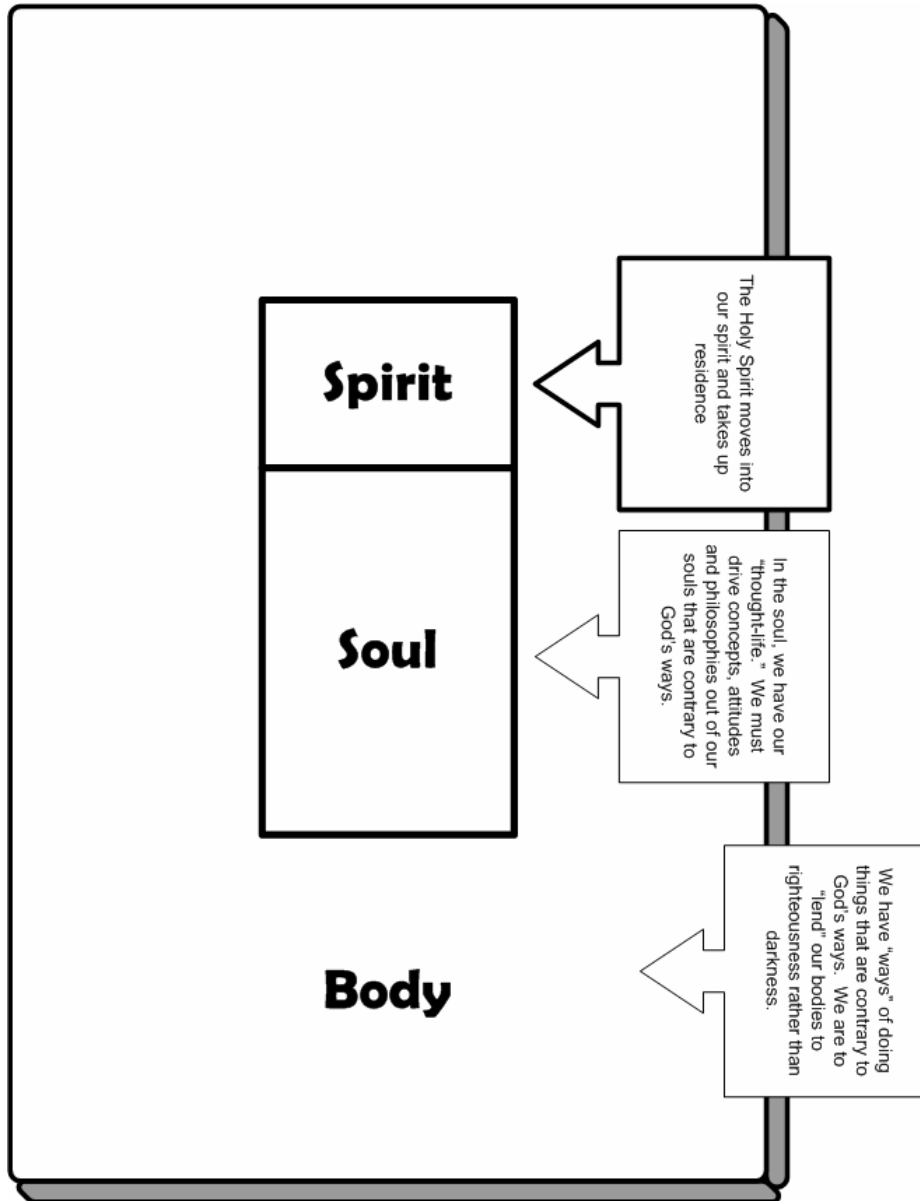
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For those of you who pray the “Shema” each day will recognize this passage. God commanded them to take the “land.” I want to look at the nation of Israel and see how it is a type and shadow for our lives today.

1. The Children of Israel become slaves in Egypt. Egypt is a type and shadow of the world and Pharaoh is a type and shadow of Satan.
 - Before Jesus came into our lives, we were slaves in this world and Satan was the overlord of our lives. Paul tells us that when Jesus came into our lives that “He delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us INTO the kingdom of His dear Son.” (Col 1:13)
2. While we were in bondage, the “land” that God promised us was overrun by all the “ites”. These were pagan nations that had ways, thoughts and “gods” (actually demons) that were foreign to God and His people.
 - While we were in bondage, our spirit, soul and body was full of darkness. Our being became filled with the “ites.”
3. When God set His people free and brought them into the land, He commanded THEM to turn over the pagan altars, to drive out the “ites” COMPLETELY from the land. God had a “scorched earth” policy regarding the ways, cultures, philosophies and deities of these pagan nations.
 - When we are born-again, the Spirit of God recreates our spirit man. He then moves into our spirit, just like His glory moved into the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle in the Wilderness. Now God commands US to drive out the “ites” in our souls and in our flesh (i.e. the way we think and the way we live). God promises to be “with us” when WE do it. God will not do it for us.

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Here is how it looks:



Let's look at what happened when Israel failed to obey God's command concerning warfare:

Judges 2:1-4 KJV

1 And an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swear unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you. 2 And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this? 3 Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall

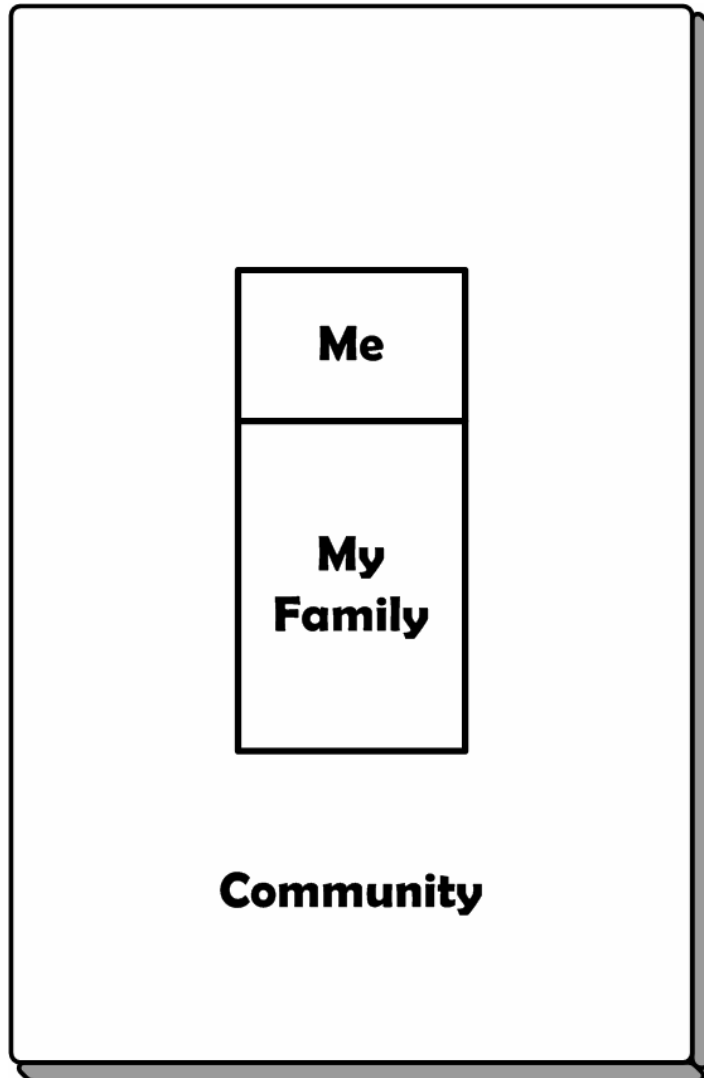
be a snare unto you. 4 And it came to pass, when the angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept.

2. The Warfare (within before without)

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 KJV

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

The Field of Battle:



When we think of spiritual warfare, it is always “out there somewhere.” So many begin to fight the “devils” on the outside in their families or communities only to have the “devils” within eat them alive!

3. Understanding the Anointing

Isaiah 10:27 KJV

27 And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

Destroy: (Strong's # H2254) חָבַל chabal {khaw-bal'}

Meaning: 1) to bind 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to bind 2) to take a pledge, lay to pledge 2a) (Qal) to hold by a pledge, take in pledge, hold in pledge 2b) (Niphal) to give a pledge, become pledged 3) to destroy, spoil, deal corruptly, offend 3a) (Qal) to spoil, corrupt, offend 3b) (Niphal) to be ruined 3c) (Piel) to destroy, ruin 3d) (Pual) to be ruined, be broken 4) to bring forth, travail 4a) (Piel) to writhe, twist, travail.¹

The word translated here does not just mean destroy. It can mean to spoil, to twist, to ruin. We need to understand that the anointing is made to WORK WITH US, not for us.

Many people can come under the influence of the anointing of God and receive nothing! I have had it happen in many meetings. Sometimes we confuse the working of the anointing with a “gift” of the Holy Spirit. Someone can receive a “gift” of healing. They have to do nothing to receive it. BUT if they do not learn to work with the anointing to get the “yoke” off of their lives that created the sickness, it WILL come back.

In our warfare, we have:

- The Word of God and His commandments.
- The Name of Jesus.
- The Blood of Jesus.
- The Anointing.
- The Holy Spirit, His Guidance and His Gifts.

We need to understand, just like in Israel, God did not drive out the inhabitants UNTIL they rose up with their weapons and began to fight.

The big difference in coming out of Egypt and delivering the land is that when we came out of Egypt the Deliverer did ALL THE WORK. Once we get into the land, the manna stops and OUR WORK begins!

¹ Strong's Enhanced Lexicon. BibleWorks for Windows 6.0. BibleWorks, LLC, Norfolk, VA. 2003.

