

Sermon Handout

Going Up to God

Exodus 19:1-6

*Thou art a priest for ever after the order of
Melchizedek. —Heb 5:6*

I. Being Called Up to God

- a. Moses Ex 19:3
 - i. Moses represented redeemed Israel Ex 3:12; 19:4
 - ii. God enshrouded in cloud v. 9
- b. Jesus Jn 20:17 *cf.* Jn 16:16, 7; Acts 1:9-11; Heb 8:1-2
 - i. As the firstborn from the dead Col 1:15,18 *cf.* Ex 4:22
 - ii. Jesus taken up into a cloud Acts 1:9
- c. John Rev 1:10; 4:1-2
 - i. John represented the Church of Jesus Christ
 - ii. Church surrounded by a cloud of witnesses Heb 12:1-2

II. Particular Description of God's People

- a. A Peculiar Treasure v. 5 *cf.* Dt 14:2; 26:18; Ps 135:4
 - i. Exclusive of others (“all the earth is mine”) *cf.* Dt 7:6
 - ii. By Paul & Peter applied to the church Tit 2:14; I Pet 1:9
 - b. A Kingdom of Priests (i.e., A Royal Priesthood) v. 6
 - i. Not a reference to the Levitical priesthood
 - ii. A Royal Priest is to come Ps 110:4; Heb 7:1, 11-17
 - 1. Foreshadowed by Adam & Noah (ruler/priests)
 - 2. Fulfilled in Jesus Heb 7:21
- Thus, the church is a Royal Priesthood I Pet 2:5, 9
- c. A Holy Nation v. 6
 - i. The enjoyment of the privilege is conditional v. 5
 - ii. But God will have his Holy Nation
 - 1. Prophecy fulfilled Is 65:1-5; Rom 10:16-21
 - 2. Jesus announces the shift Is 65:14-15; Mt 21:42-45
 - 3. Peter confirms it I Pet 2:5-10 **see** Is 8:14-15

III. Jesus a Greater Redeemer than Moses

- a. He died, rose, ascended Acts 2:22-24, 32-36
- b. He raised up a new holy nation & priestly kingdom.
See Rev 1:6; 5:10; 20:6
- c. He lives forever, interceding on behalf of his peculiar treasure.