

Princes of the Sanctuary.

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To be princes of the sanctuary, we must be both priests and kings, related to the King Himself and having a holy and blameless character, empowered by the hand of the exalted Lamb.

Scripture: Romans 8:37, Romans 12:1, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:6, Philippians 4:13, Colossians 3:1-3, Hebrews 4:16, 1 Peter 2:9, 1 John 5:4, Revelation 1:6

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Description

F.B. Meyer emphasizes that being in the sanctuary is not sufficient; we must embody the qualities of princes within it. This regal identity is characterized by humility, peace, and self-control, and is only attainable through our relationship with the exalted Lamb, who makes us both kings and priests. As priests, we are called to present ourselves as living sacrifices and intercede for the world, while as kings, we are empowered to overcome sin and live in victory through God's grace. Meyer encourages believers to recognize and embrace their royal status in Christ, which is rooted in holiness and blamelessness.

Transcript

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IT is not enough for us to be in the sanctuary, we must be princes there. There must be the regal mien, which is a meek humility; the real largesse, which is peace and blessing; and the regal might, which is self-restraint and self-control. None can be princes of the sanctuary without two things: they must be priests, come of the priestly line; and kings, royal not because of deeds of war, but because they are related to the King Himself, and are regal in their holy and blameless character.

There is only one power that can make us princes of the sanctuary — the hand of the exalted Lamb, who is Himself a Priest-King, after the order of Melchizedek. He it is who makes us kings and priests unto God his Father.

He makes us priests. This is your position, not now to offer propitiatory sacrifices, but to present yourselves a living sacrifice; to have compassion on the ignorant, and on those who are out of the way; to swing the censer of prayer between the living and the dead, so that plagues may be stayed; and to plead for the dark sad world, with its load of wretchedness, need, and sin. See that your garments are ever white and stainless.

He makes us kings. We reign with Him. Sin and Satan, the world and the flesh, are beneath our feet. Ours the life of overcoming power, of unbroken victory, of identification with Jesus in the glory that the Father has given Him. They that receive the abundance of his grace reign. It is there for us all, but many do not know, or knowing do not appreciate. It is on our reception by faith of God's abundant grace, that we reign in this life, and the next.

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