

Psalm 84:1 says How Lovely are thy tabernacles Oh Lord.

We are beginning to realize that we are a tabernacle, a dwelling place of God. When we see each other after the spirit and get out of our carnal minds we have wonderful fellowship with one another. We can say to one another "How lovely are thy tabernacles oh Lord." The Apostle Paul tells us because of Calvary "that henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more." We now know that when we get together we are His house. We don't have to go to a certain building to get in God's presence. Many people today think they have to go to church to find God. I myself for many years tried to find the right church where God's presence was manifested. I did not really know that I was His house and He was not interested in a building made with hands. It is wonderful to get together and worship God anywhere, but the place of worship is not the house of God, WE are His house.

Heb 10:14-18 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

When God's people begin to realize their true value and know that they have been perfected forever by the magnitude of Calvary's victory our worship becomes a joyous time together.

Jesus as our example was fully saturated with God's presence, and with God's authority and dominion. He restored the Priesthood and the Kingship. He was the restoration of the New Testament priesthood. So, again we see the purpose of the Lord then is to first of all fill us. We must present our bodies to Him. Then He fills us, and from His filling, He then begins to work in us. But we cannot work until we are filled. Anything you do for God before you are filled and led by God is nothing but wood, hay and stubble that gets burnt up. The New Testament priesthood brings in the Kingship. Kingship is the authority of God, every born

again believer has the authority of God. But the only thing that will make that authority effective in your life is that the life that God placed in you must come forth, because true spiritual authority comes from the life of spirit within. Unless you learn how to lay yourself aside and allow that seed within you to grow, you'll never truly understand or even operate in God's authority.

To have the true authority of God, it must come out of the life of God growing from within. God's authority will always come out of His life. Now, here is something else very interesting: Out from the priesthood comes the five fold ministry. Every person in the body of Christ is a priest. And if you are ever to be anything as far as fulfilling a fivefold office – such as a prophet, you will never be a prophet until the life of God begins to mature in you.

A lot of people miss it, because of natural ambition. They go after an office, or they go after a title. An Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and teacher are not titles. They are what you are. Going to bible school does not make you a Pastor. Going to a school of the Prophet's does not make you a Prophet. If you are an apostle, you are an apostle because God's life in you matures as an Apostle. The ministry gifts all proceed out of the growth of life. You cannot learn how to be a Pastor or any of the other functions.

Now if you are not a pastor and you go to bible school to learn how to be a pastor and learn how to prepare sermons and you get a title as pastor, you will wreak havoc in your life, and in the life of others whom you minister to. But if you will learn how to enjoy the priesthood of feasting, enjoying the presence of God, and allowing the life of God to mature in you, then you will be what God has designed for you to be. So, if you are an apostle, if you are a prophet, if you are a pastor, evangelist or a teacher, you must first be a priest and learn how to soak up the presence of God.

Once His life begins to mature in you, you may at times be an apostle who will establish a group of people in the glorious gospel of Christ. At another time you may bring a prophetic message to God's people. The point is when Christ is formed in you, you can fulfill any of the functions of the priesthood as He directs you.

Just like the high priest in the Old Testament went into the Holiest of Holies, into the very presence of God, we now have the privilege of boldly entering into the presence of God, and allowing that presence of God to saturate us and permeate us until we grow, and then we will flow into whatever office we are called to be in. If you are not called to the fivefold ministry God knows what you are to do. And as we grow up into Him, as we feed on Him and mature in Him, we might be a janitor in the House of God. But if we are in God's presence, it is the greatest joy on earth.

If you are ever to be truly happy in this life, you must find God's Will for your life. This is much simpler than it sounds. The will of God is always the same for everyone. He wants to fill you with Himself. We need to stop worrying about what God's will is for our lives and just learn to enjoy Him, as you enjoy Him and feast on Him His life will begin to flow in you. From the flowing of His life you, you will naturally do His desire.

The only way you will ever find out your true design and purpose is to let God flow in you. And the flowing of God will flow you into what ever area of life you are to go in. And that is the greatest joy on earth, of finding your proper place in the Body of Christ.

As we, the Body of Christ, begin to grow up and mature together, God, just by His flowing in you will mature you and move you right into the area of ministry where you belong. And it might be something very practical. It might be something as practical as being a helper. Only God knows. But the key is to true happiness, is staying in the presence of God, and learning how to enjoy Him.

We've heard a lot about New Testament Order. The New Testament order begins first in the priesthood. God wants to bring His Body into Oneness. We've all known that as a doctrine, but I mean lately it's rising on the inside of us. All over the earth people are beginning to cry out for that oneness among God's people. One we become enlightened to God's presence, we realize God's desire is to bring everyone into the oneness of His life functioning in them.