



How things fit together in the Kingdom

Is There Anything Beyond Sonship?

The word 'son' is an all inclusive term – it identifies equity, not gender. Whatever we are, male or female, young or old, rich or poor, educated or uneducated, any race or ethnic group, we are all equivalent in the Kingdom.ⁱⁱ Never see 'son' as a gender defining term because it represents our status in Father's family along with the functionality we have like his Son, the man Jesus.

Let's check out who we are and the functions we operate in which gives us added functional titles.

Son

We know we are Father's sons,ⁱⁱⁱ despite some English Bible translations calling us 'children' of God^{iv}.

Sonship represents who we are, it's our identity. It's also the basic level of our functionality. We must realise that in the Kingdom we aren't Christians. That was a tag¹ given to the followers of The Way^v by pagans and has become the identity of those in the Christian religion.

We aren't in a religion. A religion is man-made, even if it has some reality built into it. Nothing man-made has a place in the Kingdom. In fact, anything devised by humans from the Tree of Knowledge will not pass through to the next Age, only those things from the Tree of Life. Christianity is one of those things that will be eliminated, as only the genuine things of the Kingdom will remain. That's why we should eliminate it completely from our lives at the present time and learn to become sons of the Kingdom, which is who we really are.

There is nothing greater in existence for any being than to be a son of the Most High God. That's because Father is the premier² being in existence and there's none greater than he is. It is an honour and a privilege to be adopted as one of his sons.

Sonship is a relationship with Father, not just a title. If it isn't based on relationship then we are illegitimate.^{vi} We also have a relationship with our 'big' brother, The Son (the ascended man Jesus) who we submit to as the King Of All. Sonship is a working relationship in his Kingdom, as we work in tandem³ with him and for him to see his plans fulfilled on the Earth.

Being a son is our birthright, with all its rights and privileges,^{vii} once we are spiritually reborn^{viii}. However, we actually come into the Kingdom as immature sons,^{ix} not fully mature ones. Like a baby which has learn to be a child and has to go through a maturing process to become a adult, so are we, spiritually. We must submit to the processes that Father puts us through so that we grow and develop in our sonship until we reach maturity.^x

Priest

We are a royal priesthood^{xi} functioning on the Earth on behalf of our high priest, Jesus^{xii}. We are therefore of the same order of priesthood as he is – the ancient order of Melchizedek.^{xiii}

1 – A name, like an alias, used in social media to identify someone or something.

2 – The top one.

3 – Harnessed together to function as a single unit.

Despite the fact that the NT focuses on Jesus' sacrifice as his most important role, in reality, it's his priesthood in Heaven that is of vital importance.^{xiv} That's because the job of a priest is to be the mediator between 'God'⁴ and man⁵ – in our case, Father God^{xv} and humanity. We tend to think of a priest as one who conducts sacred rituals⁶ (rites), but that overlooks their main function as an intermediary between any god and people.

If we miss the primary priestly role of mediator/intermediary, we miss our role and confuse it with other things. We are the connection between Father and his creation. He works through us and only through us, his sons. This was his choice, which is why he gave Adam dominion over the Earth to see Heaven manifest here through him and his descendants. Father doesn't work through angels as we've been taught, he works through people and angels support them in what they are doing for the Kingdom.^{xvi}

Father works through us as priests to impact people and our nation. We have an important role in this which we can't get away from. We can cease impacting the earthly realm by being lazy or rebellious, but it never stops being an important function for us.

We need to be trained to be priests so that we operate properly. If we don't we'll be unwittingly working against him. Then we'll be like the Levitical priests of Jesus' day who worked against him^{xvii} resulting in his destruction of their religion, temple and city in 70AD. As priests, we must co-labour (collaborate⁷) with the Trinity because our work must be to see their plans for Earth eventuate.

One of our tasks is reconciliation, because we are reconciliators⁸. We seek to restore the relationship between mankind and our Creator. In this role we are like lambs, rather than lions (i.e. kings).

King

We are a royal priesthood^{xviii} who are ruled by the Royal Law^{xix}. Our calling is to reign as Kings in this current life,^{xx} not just the next Age ("the age to come")^{xxi}.

Ruling as a son (really as a prince under King Jesus) is what we were created for. That was Adam's mandate^{xxii}, but he lost it when he surrendered to the Nachash⁹ in the Garden.¹⁰ Satan became the ruler of the Earth after that, which is why chaos and evil has ruled since that time. It's also why he tempted Jesus to worship him as a way for him to take back the kingdoms of the Earth.^{xxiii}

Heaven's rulership of Earth through mankind has been restored and has been delegated to sons because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and his resurrection which rolled-back the effects of The Fall. We are now back where Adam originally was, ruling over the Earth and everything in it. All we have to do is learn how to rule Father's way, and under the headship of the King of Kings.

How do we rule spiritually, because we aren't kings ruling in the natural? VERY carefully.

First we have to learn to rule ourselves. Then learn to rule our surrounds, our immediate vicinity. Then our home, family and property. Next, wherever we are given earthly authority. Finally, elsewhere, where we are granted by our King to rule, because we've demonstrated that he can trust us. This was the revelation we were given about operating in dominion.¹¹

4 – 'God': I use this term in inverted commas because 'God' is the generic term people use, while I don't any more. I have an intimate relationship with the members of the Trinity, so I refer to them by name out of relationship.

5 – www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/priest

6 – www.dictionary.com/browse/priest

7 – Collaborate means 'to labour together'. That's what co-labouring means. www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/collaborate

8 – i.e. reconcilers. www.lexico.com/en/definition/reconciliator

9 – Not a "snake", but 'a shining one'. From the Hebrew root word for one who practices magic or enchantment. (Genesis 3:1) biblehub.com/hebrew/5172.htm

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Kings are dominators, which is more lion-like. They don't dominate others (which is control), but rather, they dominate by being 'on top' of everything in their domain. They seek to enforce and maintain the standards of the Kingdom within their domain. They're territorial, in that, they don't accept any encroachment into their domain by anything untoward. They confront anything that brings disorder and chaos because their function is to bring order and stability (an apostolic function). Trespassing, interference, rebellion, strife and division are not tolerated.

Here's what Father taught Mike Parsons about being kings:

*“When we open the door of our heart, when we open that First Love gate and let Jesus come in, He comes in and He rules. **We can rule here in this realm on our own mountain, in our own house, but we rule through surrender.** We give Him rulership of our life. Now as we are renewed in our mind, and as He begins to transform us, as our emotions and our soul get restored, He gives back more and more rulership to us, so that our spirit starts to rule in us as a joint heir with Him.*

Initially he comes and rules: we hand our lives over to Him. But as He starts to equip us, He gives us more and more authority to rule with Him as a son of our Father. In the early days He can't trust us with it all because we wouldn't know how to handle it. It would be like giving a child a machine gun. But as time goes on, the more we allow God to transform us into His image, the more authority we start to come into. The more we allow God to deal with what is in our hearts and see that worked out in our lives, the more He begins to bring us into the delegated authority associated with our destiny, so that we rule with Him in that place.”¹²

Graduating in Kingdom function looks like this:

son → priest → king

These roles usually exist side-by-side, as they develop to one level or another, at the same time. However, it's easy to see them the way the flowchart displays it.

NOTE: There's a great deal more on our kingship on my webpage of the same name.¹³

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