

Terry Fullam Audio Library

Scriptural References and Comment Notes

10-001-19 SCRIPTURE TEACHING ON MINISTRY – Part 1 (RSV)

A presentation to the Roman Catholic Bishops, Priests, and Deacons conference at Franciscan University 1980. The conference included 850 clergy and Terry was asked to teach on the New Testament model of the priesthood. The lecture hall was large and the audio quality is not ideal, but the subject presentation is wonderful and it should be nourishing to all who listen.

6:30 Exodus 19:3-4 God establishes that he has delivered the Israelites from bondage and brought them to himself.

7:20 Exodus 19:5-6 God established a conditional promise with his people. **‘If** you will do this **then** I will”

God has also provided his people with unconditional promises, as with the first covenant with Abraham.

8:40 Isaiah 9:6-7 An unconditional declaration of the Lord.

9:20 Deuteronomy 4:29 But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul. A conditional promise.

9:35 Exodus 19:5-6 Teaching. God is calling out a people for his own. God is still calling. God wants to establish a

10-001-19 Cont'd

kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Every saved person is to be a priest in the kingdom. Israel did not obey and therefore God did not fulfill his promise.

12:10 Numbers 18:1-7 God's secondary plan as a result of disobedience to his first. God establishes the Aaronic priesthood. Teaching on the iniquities of the people and the relationship to the Aaronic priesthood.

15:45 Isaiah 61:1-3 Reading. Reference Luke 4:16-21. Teaching.

17:05 Isaiah 61:6 but you shall be called the priests of the LORD, men shall speak of you as the ministers of our God;

Teaching – those called into the Messiah's family shall be called priests.....ministers of the Lord. Teaching on the shift from Old Testament Aaronic priesthood to New Testament "royal priesthood."

19:30 Jeremiah 31:31-32 The New Covenant is prophesied. Jesus institutes the New Covenant – Reference Luke 22:20. Teaching on the only two ways the word priest is used after the institution of the New Covenant.

1. "Priest" as applied to Jesus – The great high priest. References Hebrews 3:1; 4:14-15; 5:5. Jesus was from the tribe of Judah, so it was a new non-Levitical priesthood. Reference Hebrews 7:23-27 The everlasting priesthood, without need for continual animal sacrifices. Jesus is both high priest and the sacrifice – the lamb.
2. "Priest" as applied to the entire people of God. There is not one instance where the term priest is applied to what people normally call a clergyman. The term is used four times after the New Covenant.

10-001-19 Cont'd

23:00 1 Peter 2:4-5 Come to him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious; 5 and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Teaching.

24:30 1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,

Teaching. The description of God's people in Exodus 19:5-6 is now the description of those in Christ.

25:20 1 Peter 2:10 Teaching on the gentiles being received into God's people.

26:00 Revelation 1:5-6 To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Teaching

27:20 Revelation 5:9-10 Teaching on the saved being a kingdom of priests. Teaching continues regarding the place of clergy and the body of Christ.

32:05 Ephesians 4:11-12 (KJV) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Terry teaches on the wrong impression given through the King James version by virtue of the punctuation (,) following the word "saints" in verse 12. The newer versions correct that punctuation and remove that comma.

10-001-19 Cont'd

(RSV) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

Teaching – all the people of God are to do the work of the ministry, not just the clergy. The clergy's job is to equip the saints for the work of the ministry.

Teaching on distinctions of labor within the body, not hierarchical. Reference Acts 6:1-4.

Ex. 19:3 And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 4 You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now therefore, if you will obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my own possession among all peoples; for all the earth is mine, 6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

Is. 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Deut. 4:29 But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul.

Ex. 19:5 Now therefore, if you will obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my own possession among all peoples; for all the earth is mine, 6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

Num. 18:1 So the LORD said to Aaron, "You and your sons and your fathers' house with you shall bear iniquity in connection with the sanctuary; and you and your sons with you shall bear iniquity in connection with your priesthood. 2 And with you bring your brethren also, the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your father, that they may join you, and minister to you while you and your sons with you are before the tent of the testimony. 3 They shall attend you and attend to all duties of the tent; but shall not come near to the vessels of the sanctuary or to the altar, lest they, and you, die. 4 They shall join you, and attend to the tent of meeting, for all the service of the tent; and no one else shall come near you. 5 And you shall attend to the duties of the sanctuary and the duties of the altar, that there be wrath no more upon the people of Israel. 6 And behold, I have taken your brethren the Levites from among the people of Israel; they are a gift to you, given to the LORD, to do the service of the tent of

meeting. 7 And you and your sons with you shall attend to your priesthood for all that concerns the altar and that is within the veil; and you shall serve. I give your priesthood as a gift, and any one else who comes near shall be put to death.”

Is. 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; 3 to grant to those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. 4 They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

Is. 61:5 Aliens shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers; 6 but you shall be called the priests of the LORD, men shall speak of you as the ministers of our God; you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory.

Luke 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the sabbath day. And he stood up to read; 17 and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written, 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.” 20 And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Jer. 31:31 “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant which I made with their fathers when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant which they broke, though I

was their husband, says the LORD.

Luke 22:20 And likewise the cup after supper, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Heb. 3:1 Therefore, holy brethren, who share in a heavenly call, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession.

Heb. 4:14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Heb. 5:5 So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee";

Heb. 7:23 The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; 24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. 25 Consequently he is able for all time to save those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Heb. 7:26 For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. 27 He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself.

1Pet. 2:4 Come to him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious; 5 and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and he who believes in him will not be put to shame." 7 To you therefore who believe, he is precious, but for those who do not believe, "The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner," 8 and "A stone that will make men stumble, a rock that will make them fall"; for they stumble because they

disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

1Pet. 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were no people but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy but now you have received mercy.

Rev. 1:5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Rev. 5:9 and they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy art thou to take the scroll and to open its seals, for thou wast slain and by thy blood didst ransom men for God from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, 10 and hast made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on earth."

Eph. 4:11 And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

Acts 6:1 Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. 2 And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. 3 Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."