



**METRO NEW YORK WORLD MINISTRY**  
ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL CONTRIBUTING NOTES  
For the week of April 8 – April 14, 2017  
Lesson # 3: **“A Royal Priesthood” – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter**



## A Royal Priesthood

**Main Text for The Week:** *“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9, KJV).*

**Read and Meditate on these Texts:**

*1 Pet. 2:1-3; Heb. 4:12; 1 Pet. 2:4-8; Isa. 28:16; Exod. 19:3-6; 1 Pet. 2:5,9,10*

**Main Thought for the Week:** In this week’s study, Peter points the Jewish converts to Christianity and helps them to understand that as much as Israel was chosen by God, so is the Church and it is in no way inferior to Judaism. As much as Israel had a priesthood, so Christians are a holy priesthood called to offer up spiritual sacrifices to God as priests before Him (1 Peter 2:5). In other words, man is no longer in need of an earthly priest, except his great High Priest, Jesus, who is passed into the heavens. It is through Him who is seated at the right hand of the Father that we serve as our own priest before God.

**Further Study and Meditation:** Isaiah 53:3-5; Hebrews 2:17; Hebrews 4:14-16; Hebrews 7:26; Hebrews 9:24; Hebrews 10:19, 22-23; 1 Peter 2:5



## Living as a Christian

### Sunday's Summary – April 9:

1. What is Peter telling us in 1 Peter 2:1-3 concerning how we should live as Christians?

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2. What does Peter point to as the source of nourishment for the Christian?  
(1 Peter 2:2; Hebrews 4:12; Matthew 22:29; 2 Timothy 3:15-17) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Discussion Thought:** Because they have discarded malice, they will not desire to harm others but, instead, will seek their good. Because Christians have discarded insincerity, they will not act to deceive others but will be straightforward and honest. Christians will not envy those who have more than they do. They will be content with their life and flourish where Providence has placed them. Nor will they make statements that deliberately damage another's reputation (*1 Peter 2:1*).

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## The Living Stone

### Monday's Summary – April 10:

**SUMMARY THOUGHTS:** After telling his readers to seek spiritual nourishment, Peter immediately directs their attention to Jesus Christ, the Living Stone, most likely a reference to the Jerusalem temple. In *1 Peter 2:4-8*, he cites three Old Testament passages that highlight the significance of cornerstones, which represent the role of Jesus in His church. Peter is not alone in linking these verses to Jesus. Jesus Himself uses *Psalms 118:22* at the conclusion of one of His parables (*Matt. 21:42*). Peter does likewise in *Acts 4:11*, in his speech to the Jewish leadership. And Paul uses *Isaiah 28:16* in *Romans 9:33*.

1. What does Peter mean by the phrase “to offer up spiritual sacrifices”? (1 Peter 2:5)

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2. Why does Peter use the term “Holy Priesthood” to refer to believers? (1 Peter 2:5,9)

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**Appeal:** In Matthew 16:18 Jesus refers to Himself as the Rock (Living Stone) on which His church is built. Are you eternally grateful and filled with praise right now that your Faith and eternal Fate rest on sure foundations? \_\_\_\_\_

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## God’s Covenant People

### Tuesday’s Summary – April 11:

**Discussion Thought:** “Covenant” (Hebrew, *berit*) is a word that describes a treaty or formal agreement between two parties. It could be made between two individuals (for example, Laban and Jacob in Genesis 31:44) or between two kings (for example, Solomon and Hiram in 1 Kings 5:12, where *berit* is translated as “league” in the KJV, and “treaty” in the NRSV). It could also be made between a king and his people, such as David and the elders of Israel (2 Sam. 5:3).

1. What do the following texts tells us about the covenant that God made with Israel?

a. Genesis 17:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Exodus 2:24 \_\_\_\_\_

c. Exodus 24:3-8 \_\_\_\_\_

**ILLUMINATION:** “The Lord covenanted that if they were faithful in the observance of His requirements, He would bless them in all their increase and in all the work of their hands.” - Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church, vol. 2, p. 574.*

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## A Royal Priesthood

### Wednesday's Summary – April 12:

**Discussion Thought:** In Exodus 19, the Lord said to Moses: “Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: “Ye have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles’ wings and brought you unto Myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests and an holy nation” ’” (*Exod. 19:3-6, KJV*).

1. What does Peter really mean when he calls Christians:

a. ‘a royal priesthood’ (1 Peter 2:5, 9, 10; Exodus 19:6) \_\_\_\_\_  
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b. ‘an holy nation’ (1 Peter 2:9) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**DISCUSSION QUESTION:** Given that we are a royal priesthood and an holy nation; what obligations do we have as born-again Seventh-day Adventist Christians? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Proclaiming the Praises

### Thursday's Summary – April 13:

1. What is the One Main Point that the following texts all have in common:
  - a. Deuteronomy 4:6 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Deuteronomy 26:18-19 \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Isaiah 60:1-3 \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Zechariah 8:23 \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Why is 1 Peter 2:10 so central to the Mission and Purpose of Christians? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Discussion Thought:** If as Christians our only responsibility is to show up at church on Sabbath mornings, sing and have a great time; how is this different from finding a nice social club to be a part of? No! The church is called to proclaim the praises of Him (Christ) who has called us out of darkness into His great marvelous light of truth and salvation; now we have a responsibility to call others out of the world into the truth.

**Appeal:** Why don't you just say a quiet thank you prayer to God for this great wonderful privilege of being a part of His special people making up His visible church on earth, to carry out the awesome task of calling men and women, boys and girls into His light of truth.

**PERSONAL NOTES:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## A Royal Priesthood

### Friday's Summary – April 14:

**ILLUMINATION:** “Christ hungers to receive from His vineyard the fruit of holiness and unselfishness. He looks for the principles of love and goodness. Not all the beauty of art can bear comparison with the beauty of temper and character to be revealed in those who are Christ’s representatives. It is the atmosphere of grace which surrounds the soul of the believer, the Holy Spirit working upon mind and heart, that makes him a savor of life unto life, and enables God to bless his work.” -Ellen, G. White, *Christ’s Object Lessons*, p. 298.

**PERSONAL QUESTION:** What is it that makes you and your church appealing to those who do not yet know the love of Jesus Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Appeal:** Will you commit yourself anew right now to Jesus; asking Him to make you peculiar, holy and righteous? Do you recommit yourself to the Mission of proclaiming His praises to all who are without His love and saving grace? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Final Thoughts:** Metro New York World Ministry joins all the saints in Christ today in recommitting ourselves to the great Mission and commission of telling the world of the wondrous love of God the Father, Jesus our Savior, and the Holy Spirit our Helper. Will you each join us in this commitment and recommitment right now? God bless you richly as you do so.

