

Solution to Study 0068

1. There are certain things which a new covenant priest must possess, apart from being born again and having the Holy Spirit in him. What are they? (**Exodus 11:2-3; Ezra 1:5-11; Romans 12:3-8; Ephesians 4:7-8, 11; 1 Corinthians 12:4**)
 - **A measure of faith**
 - **Grace**
 - **Gifts in general**
 - **Gifts for ministry offices**
 - **Gifts for spiritual service**

2. Is it possible for a believer in Christ not to possess any of the things mentioned in (1) above? (**Matthew 25:14-15; 1 Corinthians 12:11; 1 Peter 4:10**)
No!

3. As much as the things mentioned in (1) above are present in every new covenant priest, there is something that must first happen before these things can truly manifest. What is it that must first happen? (**Luke 24:46-49; Acts 1:8; 2:1ff**)
Enduement with power from God (Holy Spirit Baptism)

4. How can the prerequisite in (3) above be obtained by a new covenant priest? (**Acts 1:13-14, 15-20; 8:14-22; 9:17-22; 10:34-48; 19:1-7; John 7:37-39**)
 - **During personal/corporate prayers**
 - **During personal/corporate bible study**
 - **Through the prayer and laying on of the hands of those who have received the Holy Spirit**
 - **During the preaching/teaching of the word of God**
 - **A combination of some or all of the above**
 - **Asking God earnestly for the Holy Spirit baptism in faith (especially, where all else seem not to have succeeded)**

5. In spite of the prerequisite in (3) above being present in a new covenant priest, he still may not manifest the things in (1) above. What can be responsible for this? (**Exodus 32:1-6; 1 Corinthians 14:8-12; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6-7**)
 - **Abuse of the gifts**
 - **Misuse of the gifts**
 - **Disuse/non-use/neglect of the gifts**
 - **Fear to use the gifts**

6. What do the things responsible for non-functional service unto God in (5) above mean for the new covenant priest? (**Proverbs 29:18; 2 Timothy 1:6-7; 4:2, 5; 1 Kings 3:4-28**)

- **We need to know and redeem the purpose for which the gift of God was given**
- **We need to stir up the gifts which are in us**
- **We need to be ready at all times to use the gift of God**
- **We need to be prepared to do what we may not have done before, but which opportunity has presented us with**
- **We need to apply ourselves to use the gift of God in any situation and at any time**

Conclusion

The new covenant priest in his worship of God functions in both the ‘priestly’ and ‘levitical’ roles; that is, he serves both in his local assembly, as well as outside his local assembly. He functions in this manner, in either a **full-time** or **part-time** capacity; but must nonetheless possess **a measure of faith, grace, and divine gifts**. These things are of no use until there is the **endowment of power from God (Holy Spirit baptism)**. But even with that, some new covenant worshippers are unable to function effectively because of **abuse of the gift, misuse of the gift, disuse/non-use/neglect of the gift, and fear to use the gift**.

It is time for us, new covenant priests, to **know and redeem the purpose of divine gifts, stir up the gift of God in us, be ready at all times to use divine gifts, be prepared to use divine gifts at every opportunity, and, apply ourselves to use divine gifts by faith, everywhere and anytime**. Let us note that **divine gifts** are not for personal aggrandisement or enjoyment; rather, they are for the **benefit** of all, and for **service or ministry** unto God.