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RESTORING THE PRIESTLY ROLE OF INTERCESSION (Part 6)

Luke 9:23-24 NKJV

[23] Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. [24] For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

Romans 12:1-2 NKJV

[1] I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. [2] And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

God intended all along to form for Himself a Kingdom of priests and kings. He has always longed to fellowship with us at the altar of incense. Now He longs to call us closer, beyond the veil of separation, so He can meet and commune with us in the Most Holy Place of His manifest presence. The Aaronic priesthood of the Old Testament was just a shadow of what God really longed to do once the Sacrificed Lamb completed His mission of redemption.

Types and shadows or not, certain aspects of the priesthood of old were nevertheless ordained to carry over into our day. In Leviticus 16, God gave Moses every detailed instructions about the laws of atonement and the priestly progression into God's presence, and they contain something you and I need to understand in our day:

Leviticus 16:12-13 NKJV

[12] Then he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from the altar before the Lord, with his hands full of sweet incense beaten fine, and bring it inside the veil. [13] And he shall put the incense on the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that is on the Testimony, lest he die.

Leviticus 24:2-3 NKJV

[2] "Command the children of Israel that they bring to you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to make the lamps burn continually. [3] Outside the veil of the Testimony, in the tabernacle of meeting, Aaron shall be in charge of it from evening until morning before the Lord continually; it shall be a statute forever in your generations.

These ordinances for the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place speak of "perpetual statutes for all generations." Perpetual still means forever, even in our generation.

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Life Application:

- Daily Surrender: Embrace a lifestyle of worship and transformation through sacrifice and self-denial, aligning your heart with God's will.
- Continual Intercession: Stand in the place of prayer like a royal priest—lifting incense before the mercy seat, keeping the flame of intimacy and spiritual vigilance burning.