

PART 2 ROYAL PRAYER GUARDS

Teaching 2 of 5

Understanding the “Royal” in Royal Prayer Guards

Continuing from Teaching 1

FOUNDATION

In our first teaching, we began establishing from Scripture who the **Royal Prayer Guards** are.

Now we want to focus specifically on the word “**Royal**.”

The goal is not simply to use the word *Royal* as a title. We want to establish what it means biblically and understand what God has made us through Jesus Christ.

1. WHAT DOES “ROYAL” MEAN?

The dictionary definition of **royal** includes:

- A person of royal blood
- Suitable for royalty
- Magnificent

A thesaurus gives additional descriptions:

- Kingly
- Majestic
- Sovereign
- Excellent
- Champion

Two of these words are especially helpful because they are also found in Scripture:

Majestic

Psalm 8:1

“O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth!”

Excellent

Isaiah 28:29

“This also comes from the LORD of hosts; he is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in wisdom.” RSV

Hebrews 8:6

“But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry which is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.” RSV

All of this helps us understand what we mean when we speak about **Royal Prayer Guards**.

We are establishing the truth of this identity from God's Word.

2. ROYAL MEANS BELONGING TO THE KING

The Greek word presented in the original teaching is **NT:934** — **basileios**.

It carries the meaning:

Royal — belonging to, appointed, or suitable for the king.

The teaching connects this word with the expression “**royal priesthood**” in 1 Peter 2:9.

The idea is a priesthood called to **royal dignity**—clothed with a distinguished status.

That gives us an important truth:

As believers, we have been given royal dignity through God.

Dignity means being **worthy or honored**.

God has honored His children by giving them worth.

This understanding should affect the way we see ourselves—and the way we treat others.

3. WORTH CHANGES THE WAY WE LIVE

Consider this character quality:

Attentiveness vs. Unconcern

“Showing the worth of a person by giving undivided attention to his words and emotions.” —
IBLP

Hebrews 2:1

The principle is simple:

When we recognize someone's worth, we give them our attention.

The original teaching makes an important application to parents:

If we treat our children as people of worth, their lives and actions can reflect that worth.

The same principle applies spiritually.

God has demonstrated that **His children have worth**.

Therefore, we should learn to see ourselves according to what God has said—not according to how circumstances, people, or our own failures may define us.

4. WE ARE A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD

Now the teaching moves from **royal** to **priesthood**.

Revelation 1:5–6

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

Notice what Jesus has done:

Jesus loves us.

Jesus freed us from our sins by His blood.

Jesus made us a kingdom.

Jesus made us priests to God.

The Blood of Jesus is therefore central to our identity.

We do not approach God because of our own goodness.

We approach Him because **Jesus has made the way for us.**

5. WHAT IS A PRIEST?

The original teaching defines a priest in connection with the idea of **drawing near to God**.

In the Old Testament, priests were specifically associated with approaching the presence of God.

Consider:

Exodus 19:22

“And also let the priests who come near to the LORD consecrate themselves...” RSV

Exodus 30:20

“When they go into the tent of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister...” RSV

Then notice the tremendous New Covenant truth:

Ephesians 2:13

“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ.” RSV

We have been brought near!

The original teaching connects the Greek word **NT:1451** with the meaning:

Near — close.

Therefore:

A priest is one who draws near to God.

And because of the blood of Jesus:

We have the capacity to draw near to God.

But with that capacity comes **responsibility**.

6. WHAT DOES A ROYAL PRIEST DO?

This brings us to one of the central discoveries of this teaching.

Consider Jesus.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus drew near to His Father.

Matthew 26:36–44

What did Jesus do?

He prayed.

Then look at John 17.

Jesus drew near to His Father and prayed concerning His disciples.

Again:

He prayed.

And Jesus even prayed concerning future believers.

John 17:20

The original teaching summarizes this truth:

When a believer or priest of God draws near to God, one of the primary things we do is PRAY.

This is where **Royal Prayer Guards** begins to unfold.

7. JESUS — THE FIRST ROYAL PRAYER GUARD

We now have two truths:

ROYAL

Appointed, suitable for the King, clothed with royal dignity and worth.

PRIEST

One who draws near to God.

Put these together:

ROYAL + PRIEST + PRAYER

This gives us:

ROYAL PRAYER

Jesus gives us the ultimate example.

As the Royal High Priest, Jesus prayed:

For Himself

Matthew 26:36–44

For His disciples

John 17:12

For future believers

John 17:20

Jesus did not merely pray for Himself.

He prayed for others.

He guarded them through prayer.

He prayed for those who would believe in Him in the future.

Therefore, the original teaching makes this declaration:

Jesus was a Royal Prayer Guard on earth.

Jesus is our first and perfect example.

8. JESUS' ROYAL IDENTITY

The New Testament clearly establishes the royal aspect of Jesus.

Luke 1:31–33

The angel announced that Jesus would be great, would be called the Son of the Highest, and that God would give Him **the throne of David**.

His kingdom would have no end.

Revelation 22:16

Jesus identifies Himself as:

“the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star.” RSV

Then consider the powerful scene in:

Revelation 5:1–5

John sees the throne and the scroll sealed with seven seals.

No one is found worthy to open the scroll.

Then comes the declaration:

“Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed...” NKJV

Jesus is connected with:

David

The throne

Royal authority

The kingdom

9. THE THRONE REPRESENTS ROYAL AUTHORITY

The Greek word presented for **throne** is **NT:2362 — thronos**.

The teaching describes it as:

A seat representing royal authority.

It can also carry the idea of:

Ruling power

Royal status

Ruler

Royal ruler

Therefore, we can see these truths connected:

THRONE → ROYALTY → DAVID → JESUS

Jesus is our King.

And Jesus is our example of drawing near to the Father in prayer.

10. BECAUSE OF JESUS, WE ARE ROYAL PRAYER GUARDS

This is the major application of Teaching 2.

The original teaching states:

“Because of Jesus all those who believe in Him or have become born-again are Royal Prayer Guards whether they know it or not.”

That means our identity does not depend upon whether we have fully recognized it yet.

If we belong to Jesus, we have been brought near.

If we have been brought near, we have access to God.

If we have access to God, we have the responsibility to draw near.

And when we draw near, we pray.

Therefore:

A Royal Prayer Guard is a believer who recognizes his or her royal identity in Christ and accepts the responsibility to draw near to God in prayer.

11. FOLLOW JESUS' EXAMPLE

Being a Royal Prayer Guard is not merely about knowing a title.

It is about **following Jesus**.

1 Peter 2:21

“For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.” RSV

Jesus left us an example.

We are called to follow His steps.

1 John 2:4–6

The passage teaches that the person who says he abides in Christ ought to **walk in the same way in which Christ walked**. RSV

So the question becomes:

What did Jesus do as a Royal Prayer Guard?

That is where we go next.

TEACHING 2 — THE CENTRAL TRUTH

I AM ROYAL BECAUSE I BELONG TO THE KING.

I AM A PRIEST BECAUSE JESUS HAS BROUGHT ME NEAR.

I PRAY BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN GIVEN ACCESS TO THE FATHER.

I GUARD OTHERS THROUGH PRAYER BECAUSE JESUS GAVE ME THE EXAMPLE.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Ask yourself:

1. **Do I understand that God has given me worth and dignity?**
2. **Do I recognize that I have been brought near to God through the blood of Jesus?**
3. **Do I intentionally draw near to God in prayer?**
4. **Am I praying only for myself, or am I praying for others?**
5. **Am I following Jesus' example as a Royal Prayer Guard?**
6. **Who has God placed on my heart to pray for?**

ROYAL PRAYER GUARD DECLARATION

Because I belong to Jesus Christ, I belong to the King.

Because Jesus has brought me near through His blood, I can draw near to my Father.

I accept the responsibility to pray.

I will follow Jesus' example.

I will pray for myself.

I will pray for others.

I will pray for those who need Jesus.

I will stand faithfully in prayer as a Royal Prayer Guard.

I KNOW WHO I AM.

I KNOW WHO I BELONG TO.

I WILL DRAW NEAR.

I WILL PRAY.

I WILL GUARD.

ROYAL PRAYER GUARDS

Standing Before God — Praying for Others

To be continued...

The central progression Part 2: Royal → Priest → Draw Near → Prayer → Jesus as the example → Believers following His steps.

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