

***Intro:***

Pastors are NT priests. (WLC Q&A 158; Rom. 15:16; Heb. 5:1-6; 1 Cor. 9:13-14). 1 Tim. 3 re: *ministers*.

Main Point of Text: The priests and high priests must especially be holy in their ministries and lives so that they are holy unto the Lord and His people as holy representatives of the True High and Holy Priest Who was to come.

Sermon Point: *Pastors Must Be Good Housekeepers.*

***Move 1: Pastors must keep God's house holy.***

People addressed today are the “priests”, the official leaders of worship in God’s holy house. 21:4, “chief man”: public leader. God-ordained (see Lev. 8) holy service to be kept holy: 21:6, 8, 10, 12; 22:2-3, 14-16. Christ’s keeping of His Church is compared to Moses’ with the Tabernacle/People in Heb. 3:2, 5: Moses was faithful in “his house, as a servant”. Eph. 2:19: church is called the “household of God”. 1 Cor. 3:17; 2 Cor. 11:2. Priests were warned not to “defile/profane” throughout Lev. 21-22, all centered on worshipping God around and in His house: 21:12 and 22:15-16. Lev. 10:3, 10-11. It is primarily the responsibility of the pastor to see to: Ps. 89:7; 93:5; 29:2; Heb. 12:28. WLC 166/173: ministers must be discerning about who can receive the sacraments (see 22:10, and understanding WCF 27:3; WLC 161; WSC 91).

***Move 2: So pastors must keep their own houses holy.***

Most of the text is about the household life of those called to lead God’s house/household: 21:4. 21:1-5, 11: must not be touched by dead, not overly emotional and able to be moved. Must have an especially holy household as seen in his wife, daughter, and family legacy: 21:7, 9, 13-15; 22:12-13. (Revisit Ex. 28:40-29:37; Lev. 6:24-30). Who priests/pastors *are* impacts everything they *do* (especially in their homes and with their wives and children): 1 Tim. 3:2-7; Titus 1:6-8; 1 Tim. 4:12; 5:22.

***Move 3: Pastors are representatives of Jesus Who will always keep His Father's house holy.***

Vs. 10: “High [great] priest” (see Lev. 16, Annual Day of Atonement) especially the type of Christ in His Tabernacle/Temple service; so even higher requirements. Vs. 10: robe not to be torn (already established in Ex. 28:31-32). Pointed to Christ: in John 19:24, fulfilling Ps. 22:18, they agreed not to rend His robe; just before, according to Mt. 26:65, the high priest rent his robe over Jesus: no more typology of the OT priesthood. Christ the True High Priest, the Holy One, had/has come. As promised in 1 Sam 2:35. Need Christ, because no priest ever perfect: 21:17-23; 22:4-8. God has sent Him to you: Heb. 4:15; 5:9-10, quoting Ps. 110:4; thus: Heb. 3:1-6 (thankful for Jn. 14:2).

***Conclusion:***

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