

Letter to elect exiles **FIRST PETER**

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TO BE A HOLY PRIESTHOOD

MAL.2:1-9/1PET.2:4-12

1) **LIVING AS A PRIESTHOOD**

A. The Joy of Living the Godward Life

B. The Joy of Living on Behalf of Others

Exo.28:21, 29-30 There shall be twelve stones with their names according to the names of the sons of Israel. They shall be like signets, each engraved with its name, for the twelve tribes... So Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment on his heart, when he goes into the Holy Place, to bring them to regular remembrance before the Lord. And in the breastpiece of judgment you shall put the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be on Aaron's heart, when he goes in before the Lord. Thus Aaron shall bear the judgment of the people of Israel on his heart before the Lord regularly.

Rom.15:16 ...a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

C. The Joy of Living as Christians Together

2) **LIVING HOLY — THE CONTAGIOUS PURITY OF LIFE IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

Gen.2:15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to **work (avad)** it and **keep/guard (shamar)** it.

Num.3:5-8 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Bring the tribe of Levi near, and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister to him. They shall **keep guard (shamar)** over him and over the whole congregation before the tent of meeting, as they **minister/work (avad)** at the tabernacle. They shall **guard (shamar)** all the furnishings of the tent of meeting, and **keep guard (shamar)** over the people of Israel as they **minister/work (avad)** at the tabernacle."

3) **OFFERING SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES ACCEPTABLE TO GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST**

Sacrifices: Your whole life (Rom.12:1-2), faith (Php.2:17), repentance (Psa.51:17), worship (Heb.12:28, 13:15), doing good & sharing (Heb.13:16), evangelism & converts (Rom.15:16), financial offerings (Php.4:18)