

God Given Gifts To His Children

Numbers 18:1-8

Intro: The Old Testament service of God compares in a favorable way with the New Testament service of God in its approach and attendants.

1. The priests: We are priests. (Rev. 1:6; 5:10)
2. The Levites: We are servants.
 - a. Salvation: Justification. (Acts 13:38-39)
 - b. Service: Qualifications. (Acts 6:3)

ROOM (REHOBOTH) WAS BIG ENOUGH FOR THREE THINGS

I. The Servants of God Are Given Gifts. (Pr. 25:14; 18:16)

- A. There are office gifts. (Eph. 4:11)
 1. These are for leadership positions: God gives gifts. (I Cor. 12:28) Qualifications.
 2. These are for service places: Gifted ones given to the church. (I Cor. 12:27-28)
- B. There are official givens. (I Cor. 12:1-11)
 1. These are from the Spirit as He wills. (I Cor. 12:11)
 2. These are for the Saint to work where God directs. (I Cor. 12:7)
 - a. There are sign gifts for apostolic days. (II Cor 12:12; I Cor. 1:22).
 - b. There are service gifts for this day. (I Cor. 12:28)

II. The Servants of God Are Given To Serve. (I Cor. 12:18)

- A. Christians have a gift: everyone. (I Cor. 12:27; 12:7, 11)
 1. The Body is multi-membered: of to church. (I Cor. 12:12)
 2. The Body's members are equally important. of church. (I Cor. 12:20; Ro. 12:6)
 - a. Gift of helps: To support, encourage, pitch in. (I Cor. 12:28)
 - b. Gift of ministry: To serve, involve, produce. (Ro. 12:7)
- B. Christians have a spot: Everyone. (Eph. 2:8-10)
 1. The Spirit has honored us with a talent to do God's work.
 - a. Great privilege: God gave it for your completeness in His will.
 - b. Great responsibility: God's work depends on it.
 2. The Saint honors God when his talent is given to do God's work.
 - a. What a great duty God has endowed us. (II Cor. 5:10)
 - b. What a great disgrace done God when neglectful. (Heb. 2:2-3)

III. The Servants of God Are God's Link To Society. (Eph. 4:11-13)

A. To Teach the Saints: Failure breaks the chain.

1. Perfecting: Equipping and efficiency. (Ps. 84:11).
2. Work: Members and ministry. (Col. 4:5)
3. Edifying: Blessing and building. (Jd. 20)
 - a. Till everyone is in unity with God..
 - b. Till everyone is in doctrinal soundness. (II Tim. 3:16-17)

B. To Reach the sinners: Failure weakens the chain.

1. Think about how you were reached: Someone reached out to you.
2. Think about how you can reach: Same way you were.