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- Ephesians 4:11-16; 2:11-22
- Jeremiah 7:21-34; 9:22-26
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THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

“Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, **“Command Aaron and his sons, saying,** ‘This is the law of the burnt offering...’” (Leviticus 6:8)

“Then Moses brought Aaron and his sons and **washed them with water.**” (Leviticus 8:6) “And he **poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron’s head** and anointed him, to consecrate him.” (Leviticus 8:12)

So Aaron and his sons **did all the things** that the LORD had commanded **by the hand of Moses.**” (Leviticus 8:36) NKJV

“I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.” Deuteronomy 18:18-19 NKJV

““Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!”” Jeremiah 23:1NKJV

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

“Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, **having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone,** in

whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.” Ephesians 2:19-22 NKJV

“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the **Father in spirit and truth**; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him **must worship in spirit and truth.**” John 4:23-24 NKJV

Let’s Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. This portion reiterates the five types of sacrifices introduced in the previous portion but this time discusses the priestly regulations pertaining to them. The last chapter of the reading describes the seven-day ordination of Aaron and his sons conducted by Moses, as they prepared to enter the holy priesthood.
2. **The Law of the Burnt Offering:** a few points of interest, the offering is burnt all night; the priest collects the ashes wearing one set of garments, and then changes to carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place; the fire must be kept burning continuously and never go out.

3. **The Law of the Grain Offering:** Burn some as a memorial and the rest is for the priest to eat in the court of the tabernacle. It can't ever be baked with leaven and everyone who touches them must be holy. The part that is offered shall be wholly burned. It shall not be eaten.
4. **The Law of the Sin Offering:** Kill this offering in the same place you kill the burnt offering. The priest who offers it for sin shall eat it in the court of the tabernacle. Any garment with blood on it must be washed in the holy place. Any vessel in which it was boiled shall be broken. But no sin offering from which *any* of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of meeting, to make atonement in the holy *place*, shall be eaten. It shall be burned in the fire.
5. **The Law of the Trespass Offering:** In the place where they kill the burnt offering they shall kill the trespass offering. Sprinkle blood all around on the altar. Burn the fat on the altar The trespass offering *is* like the sin offering; *there is* one law for them both: the priest who makes atonement with it shall have *it*. The priest who offers anyone's burnt offering shall have its skin, like the priest who offers the baked grain shall have for himself. Every other grain offering, *whether* mixed with oil or dry, shall belong to all the sons of Aaron, to one *as much* as the other.

6. **The Law of Peace Offerings:** If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then offer unleavened cakes mixed with oil, unleavened wafers anointed with oil, or cakes of blended flour mixed with oil. Plus offer leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offering. Offer one cake from each offering as a heave offering to the Lord. It shall belong to the priest who sprinkles the blood of the peace offering. The flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offering for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day it is offered. He shall not leave any of it until morning. But if the sacrifice of his offering *is* a vow or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offers his sacrifice; but on the next day the remainder of it also may be eaten; the remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day must be burned with fire. Any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offering eaten on the third day shall not be accepted, nor shall it be imputed to him; it shall be an abomination *to* him who offers it, and the person who eats of it shall bear guilt. The flesh that touches any unclean thing shall not be eaten. It shall be burned with fire. And as for the clean flesh, all who are clean may eat of it. But the person who eats the flesh of the sacrifice of the peace offering that *belongs* to the Lord, while he is unclean, that person shall be cut off from his people. Moreover the person who touches any unclean thing, *such as* human uncleanness, *an*

unclean animal, or any abominable unclean thing, and who eats the flesh of the sacrifice of the peace offering that *belongs* to the Lord, that person shall be cut off from his people.

7. **Fat and Blood May Not Be Eaten:** You shall not eat any fat, of ox or sheep or goat; you shall not eat any blood; whoever eats fat or blood, that person shall be cut off from his people.
8. **The Portion of Aaron and His Sons:** He who offers the sacrifice of his peace offering shall sacrifice with their own hands and bring the fat with the breast; the breast may be waved as a wave offering; the priest shall burn the fat on the altar, but the breast shall be Aaron's and his sons'. Also the right thigh you shall give to the priest. He among the sons of Aaron, who offers the blood of the peace offering and the fat, shall have the right thigh for *his* part. For the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the heave offering I have taken from the children of Israel, and I have given them to Aaron the priest and to his sons from the children of Israel by a statute forever.
9. **Aaron and His Sons Consecrated:** The people are gathered; Aaron and his sons are washed with water; Aaron is clothed in priestly garments; anointed with oil used to anoint the tabernacle and all that was in it; sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times, anointed the altar and all its utensils, and the laver and its base, to consecrate them. And he poured some of

the anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him, to consecrate him. Then Moses brought Aaron's sons who are clothed. A bull is offered by Moses for sin offering for Aaron and his sons. The blood purifies the altar. Then he burned the fat right there, but the bull, its hide, its flesh, and its offal, he burned with fire outside the camp. Then he brought the ram as the burnt offering. Moses killed and sprinkled the blood all around on the altar, cuts the ram into pieces; and burned the head, the pieces, and the fat; he washed the entrails and the legs in water. And Moses burned the whole ram on the altar. And he brought the second ram, the ram of consecration. Moses killed and took *some* of its blood and put it on the tip of Aaron's right ear, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot. Then Moses does the same for Aaron's sons. Then he put all the pieces of the sacrifice into Aaron's hands and in his sons' hands, and waved them as a wave offering, then he burned *them* on the altar, on the burnt offering. They were consecration offerings. And Moses took the breast and waved it as a wave offering. Then Moses took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood which was on the altar, and sprinkled *it* on Aaron, on his garments, on his sons, and on the garments of his sons with him; and he consecrated Aaron, and his sons, and all their garments. Boil the flesh at the door of the tabernacle of

meeting, and eat it there with the bread that *is* in the basket of consecration offerings. What remains of the flesh and of the bread you shall burn with fire. You shall not go outside the door of the tabernacle of meeting *for* seven days, until the days of your consecration are ended. Stay *at* the door of the tabernacle of meeting day and night for seven days, and keep the charge of the Lord, so that you may not die.

THE ROLE OF THE PROPHET

1. SOP, Truth, Direction, Correction, Consecration

A. Separation of Powers

(1) The Five Fold Ministry

- (a) “And He Himself gave some to be **apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers**, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him

who is the head—Christ— from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.” Ephesians 4:11-16 NKJV

(2) Apostles, Prophets and Kings

- (a) “Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to

those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and **members of the household of God, (v. 20) having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone**, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.” Ephesians 2:11-22 NKJV

B. Truth

(1) When truth is missing the prophets arise.

- (a) ““Therefore you shall speak all these words to them, but they will not obey you. You shall also call to them, but they will not answer you. “So you shall say to them, ‘This is a nation that does not obey the voice of the LORD their God nor receive correction. **Truth has perished and has been cut off from their mouth.**”

Jeremiah 7:27-28 NKJV

(2) Spirit and Truth

- (a) “Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in

Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father **in spirit and truth**; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”” John 4:21-24 NKJV

C. Direction AND Correction (WARNING)

(1) Don't go backwards — and the precedent for when you do —YAHWEH SENDS A PROPHET (like Moses was the original)

(a) “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: “Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices and eat meat. For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices. But this is what I commanded them, saying, ‘**Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.**’ Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but followed the counsels and the dictates of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward. Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt

until this day, **I have even sent to you all My servants the prophets**, daily rising up early and sending them. **Yet they did not obey Me or incline their ear**, but stiffened their neck. They did worse than their fathers.”
Jeremiah 7:21-26 NKJV

(2) WARNING

- (a) **“Then I will cause** to cease from the cities of Judah and from the streets of Jerusalem the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride. For the land shall be desolate.”

Jeremiah 7:34 NKJV

- (b) “Speak, “Thus says the LORD: ‘Even the carcasses of men shall fall as refuse on the open field, Like cuttings after the harvester, And no one shall gather them. ’ ”
Thus says the LORD: **“Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this**, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the LORD. “Behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, **“that I will punish all who are circumcised with the uncircumcised**

— Egypt, Judah, Edom, the people of Ammon, Moab, and all who are in the farthest corners, who dwell in the wilderness. **For all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart.**”” Jeremiah 9:22-26 NKJV

D. Consecration

- (1) The Prophet leads the priest
 - (a) “Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “**Command Aaron and his sons, saying,** ‘This is the law of the burnt offering...” Leviticus 6:8
 - (b) “Then Moses brought Aaron and his sons and **washed them with water.**” Leviticus 8:6
 - (c) “And he **poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron’s head** and anointed him, to consecrate him.” Leviticus 8:12
 - (d) So Aaron and his sons **did all the things** that the LORD had commanded **by the hand of Moses.**” Leviticus 8:36 NKJV
- (2) The Prophet acts as the priest to the priest!
 - (a) “And he brought the bull for the sin offering. Then Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bull for the sin offering, and **Moses killed it.** Then he took the blood, and put some on the horns of the altar

all around with his finger, and purified the altar. And he poured the blood at the base of the altar, and consecrated it, to make atonement for it. Leviticus 8:14-15

(b) Then he brought the ram as the burnt offering. And Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram, and **Moses killed it**. Then he sprinkled the blood all around on the altar. Leviticus 8:18-19

(c) And he brought the second ram, the ram of consecration. Then Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram, and **Moses killed it**. Also he took some of its blood and put it on the tip of Aaron's right ear, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot." Leviticus 8:22-23 NKJV

(3) The Prophet Anoints the Priest

(a) "Then Moses brought Aaron and his sons and **washed them with water**." Leviticus 8:6 NKJV

(b) "And he **poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head** and anointed him, to consecrate him." Leviticus 8:12 NKJV

(c) "Then he brought Aaron's sons. **And Moses put some of the blood on the tips of their right ears, on the thumbs of their right hands, and on the big toes of their right**

feet. And Moses sprinkled the blood all around on the altar.” Leviticus 8:24 NKJV

(d) “and from the basket of unleavened bread that was before the LORD he took one unleavened cake, a cake of bread anointed with oil, and one wafer, and put them on the fat and on the right thigh; and **he put all these in Aaron’s hands and in his sons’ hands**, and waved them as a wave offering before the LORD. Then Moses took them from their hands and burned them on the altar, on the burnt offering. They were consecration offerings for a sweet aroma. That was an offering made by fire to the LORD. **And Moses took the breast and waved it as a wave offering** before the LORD. It was Moses’ part of the ram of consecration, as the LORD had commanded Moses.” Leviticus 8:26-29 NKJV

(e) “Then Moses took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood which was on the altar, and sprinkled it on Aaron, on his garments, on his sons, and on the garments of his sons with him; **and he consecrated Aaron**, his garments, his sons, and the garments of his sons with him.” Leviticus 8:30 NKJV

(f) “And you shall not go outside the door of the tabernacle of meeting for seven days, until the days of your

consecration are ended. For seven days he shall consecrate you. As he has done this day, so the LORD has commanded to do, to make atonement for you. Therefore you shall stay at the door of the tabernacle of meeting day and night for seven days, and keep the charge of the LORD, so that you may not die; for so I have been commanded.”” Leviticus 8:33-35 NKJV

THE PROPHETS SPEAK

2. It never feels like sunshine and rainbows.

A. A prophet like me!

(1) Moses

- (a) ““The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.’ “And the LORD said to me: ‘What they have spoken is good. **I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words,**

which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.

But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.' And if you say in your heart, 'How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?'—when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him." Deuteronomy 18:15-22 NKJV

B. Messengers of Yahweh

(1) Don't Kill the messenger

(a) "The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi." Malachi 1:1 NKJV (Malachi means messenger of Yahweh)

(2) Haggai—**Yahweh's messenger**

(a) "**Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, spoke the LORD's message to the people**, saying, "I am with you, says the LORD." So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they

came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of King Darius." Haggai 1:13-15

(3) Habakkuk—**standing guard**

- (a) **"I will stand my watch And set myself on the rampart, And watch to see what He will say to me,** And what I will answer when I am corrected. **Then the LORD answered me and said:** "Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry. "Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith." Habakkuk 2:1-4 NKJV

(4) Zechariah—**Return to Me!**

- (a) "In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, **the word of the LORD came to Zechariah** the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, "The LORD has been very angry with your fathers. Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: **"Return to Me,"** says the LORD of hosts, "and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts. "Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets preached, saying, 'Thus says

the LORD of hosts: **“Turn now from your evil ways and your evil deeds.”** ‘ But they did not hear nor heed Me,” says the LORD.” Zechariah 1:1-4 NKJV

(5) Zephaniah—**princes with two masters!**

(a) “The word of the LORD which came to Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah. Zephaniah 1:1

(b) Those who worship the host of heaven on the housetops; **Those who worship and swear oaths by the LORD, But who also swear by Milcom;** Those who have turned back from following the LORD, And have not sought the LORD, nor inquired of Him.” Zephaniah 1:5-6

(c) “And it shall be, In the day of the LORD’s sacrifice, That **I will punish the princes and the king’s children,** And all such as are clothed with foreign apparel.” Zephaniah 1:8 NKJV

(6) Micah—**all branches of government have become corrupt**

(a) “The word of the LORD that came to Micah of Moresheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.” Micah 1:1 NKJV

(b) “The **faithful man has perished from the earth**, And there is no one upright among men. They all lie in wait for blood; Every man hunts his brother with a net. That they may successfully do evil with both hands— **The prince asks for gifts, The judge seeks a bribe, And the great man utters his evil desire; So they scheme together.** The best of them is like a brier; The most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge; The day of your watchman and your punishment comes; Now shall be their perplexity.” Micah 7:2-4 NKJV

(7) Joel—**remind your children**

(a) “The word of the LORD that came to Joel the son of Pethuel. Hear this, you elders, And give ear, all you inhabitants of the land! Has anything like this happened in your days, Or even in the days of your fathers? Tell your children about it, Let your children tell their children, And their children another generation.” Joel 1:1-3 NKJV

(8) Ezekiel (A priest acting as prophet)

(a) “the word of the LORD came expressly to **Ezekiel the priest**, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the River Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was upon him there.” Ezekiel 1:3 NKJV

(9) Jeremiah (A priest acting as prophet)—**woe to the pastors**

(a) “The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin,”

Jeremiah 1:1 NKJV

(b) ““Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!” says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel against the shepherds who feed My people: “You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for the evil of your doings,” says the LORD. “But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking,” says the LORD. “Behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.” Jeremiah 23:1-5 NKJV

(10) Isaiah—**rebellious children**

(a) “The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah,

Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For the LORD has spoken: "I have nourished and brought up children, And they have rebelled against Me;" Isaiah 1:1-2 NKJV

C. Repentance

(1) If you turn?

(a) "Then the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, **if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways,** then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place." II Chronicles 7:12-15 NKJV

(2) The Circumcised Heart

(a) "Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God drives you, and you return to the LORD your God and obey His voice,

according to all that I command you today, you and your children, **with all your heart and with all your soul**, that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you. If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you. Then the LORD your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers. **And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants**, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live." Deuteronomy 30:1-6 NKJV

(b) ""Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "that I will punish all who are circumcised with the uncircumcised— Egypt, Judah, Edom, the people of Ammon, Moab, and all who are in the farthest corners, who dwell in the wilderness. **For all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart.**"" Jeremiah 9:25-26 NKJV

(c) “For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, **who show the work of the law written in their hearts**, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.” Romans 2:12-16 NKJV

(d) “For circumcision is indeed profitable if you keep the law; but if you are a breaker of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision? And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, judge you who, even with your written code and circumcision, are a transgressor of the law? **For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in**

**the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and
circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in
the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.”**

Romans 2:25-29 NKJV

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the Idea of ‘Separation of Powers.’

- D. What are the roles of the King, Priest, and Prophet?
- E. Compare these roles to the three branches of US government.
- F. How should these branches operate in the Church?

2. What is the risk of operating with an imbalance of powers:

- A. In the Church?
- B. In the Government?

3. Which branch is responsible to restore truth?

- A. What is truth?
- B. What did the coming back to truth often look like in the Bible?

4. Why must we worship in Spirit AND Truth?

5. Describe the following functions of the Prophet

- A. Direction and Correction
- B. Consecration and Anointing

6. Compare and contrast the role of a prophet and the gift of prophecy.