~MINISTERING (365)

[English, serving, waiting on table, caring for the needs of another]

- The priests wore special garments of knitted work for ministering in the sanctuary.
- The garments of knitted work for ministering in the sanctuary, the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons for acting as priests. (Exodus 35:19)
- And out of the blue thread and wool dyed reddish purple and coccus scarlet material they made garments of knitted work for ministering in the holy place. So they made the holy garments that were for Aaron, just as Yehowah had commanded Moses. (Exodus 39:1)
- A bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate upon the hem of the sleeveless coat round about, for ministering, just as Yehowah had commanded Moses. (Exodus 39:26)
- The garments of knitted work for ministering in the sanctuary, the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons for acting as priests. (Exodus 39:41)
- At that particular time Yehowah separated the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of Yehowah's covenant, to stand before Yehowah for ministering to him and to bless in his name until this day. (Deuteronomy 10:8)
- Samuel went ministering to Yehowah God as a boy wearing a fine lined ephod girded upon him.
- And Samuel was ministering before Yehowah, as a boy, having a linen ephod girded on. (1 Samuel 2:18)
- All the while the boy Samuel was ministering to Yehowah before Eli, and word from Yehowah had become rare in those days, there was no vision being spread abroad. (1 Samuel 3:1)
- The priests were unable to do their ministering when the temple was dedicated by Solomon, for the temple was filled with Yehowah God's glory, by means of a cloud.

- And the priests were unable to stand to do their ministering because of the cloud, for the glory of Yehowah filled the house of Yehowah. (1 Kings 8:11)
- David assigned the sons of Israel for ministering in divisions of 24,000 each.
- As for the sons of Israel by their number, the heads of the paternal houses and the chiefs of the thousands and of the hundreds and their officers that were ministering to the king in every matter of the divisions of those that came in and that went out month by month for all the months of the year, each division was twenty-four thousand. (1 Chronicles 27:1)
- And David proceeded to congregate all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes and the princes of the divisions of those ministering to the king and the chiefs of thousands and the chiefs of hundreds and the chiefs of all the goods and livestock of the king and of his sons, together with the court officials and the mighty men, even every valiant, mighty man, to Jerusalem. (1 Chronicles 28:1)
- With Jehozabad there were 180,000 men outfitted for war ministering to the king.

These were the ones ministering to the king apart from those whom the king put in the fortified cities throughout all Judah. (2 Chronicles 17:19)

- Only the priests and Levites who were ministering, were allowed to enter the house of Yehowah God.
- And do not let anyone enter the house of Yehowah but the priests and those of the Levites ministering. These are the ones that will enter, because they are a holy group, and all the people themselves will keep the obligation to Yehowah. (2 Chronicles 23:6)
- And the firstborn of our sons and of our domestic animals, according to what is written in the Law, and the firstborn of our herds and of our flocks, to bring them to the house of our God, to the priests that were ministering in the house of our God. (Nehemiah 10:36)

- For it is to the dining halls that the sons of Israel and the sons of the Levites should bring the contribution of the grain, the new wine and the oil, and there is where the utensils of the sanctuary and the priests that were ministering, and the gatekeepers and the singers are, and we should not neglect the house of our God. (Nehemiah 10:39)
- On the seventh day, when the kings heart was in a merry mood with wine, he said to Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha and Abagtha, Zethar and Carkas, the seven court officials that were ministering to the person of King Ahasuerus. (Esther 1:10)
- Now Yehowah makes a truly powerful comparison. Just as the army of the heavens, the stars, or the angels, as the case may be, cannot be counted by man, and as the sand of the sea in uncountable, so he will make the offspring of David, his righteous sprout, and his 144,000 offspring of the anointed. The Son of Man, is not called a sprout for no reason.
- Just as the army of the heavens cannot be counted, neither the sand of the sea be measured, so I shall multiply the seed of David my servant and the Levites who are ministering to me. (Jeremiah 33:22)
- The Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses would soon turn their organization into one just like the nations, where men kiss up to other powerful men to obtain privilege, prominence and power. They would soon have Yehowah's people worshipping their own organization, ministering to one made of wood and stone by men who have no power to either save or to destroy. The nation of ancient Israel was clearly Yehowah God's earthly organization, yet it clearly would never have been right to worship it back then would it?
- And that which is coming up into your spirit will itself positively not happen, in that you are saying; Let us become like the nations, like the families of the lands, in ministering to wood and stone. (Ezekiel 20:32)
- The Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses and many others before them stumbled over the stumbling stone of giving worshipful honors to men, their dungy idols, rather than to the glorious God Yehowah. Thus he has them minister to men in order to bear their error for they put mere men ahead of God in their worship and

teachings. They will be in the Outer-Courtyard of the temple and will not minister directly to Yehowah.

- For the reason that they kept ministering to them before their dungy idols and became to the house of Israel a stumbling block into error, that is why I have raised my hand against them, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, and they must bear their error. (Ezekiel 44:12)
- Thus the righteous acts of the priesthood were not to be seen by or touched by ordinary Israelites. These righteous acts pertain to the spirit and to matters of the spirit unseen to them and which they cannot properly respect for they are unseen to them.
- And when they go forth to the outer courtyard, even to the outer courtyard to the people, they should strip off their garments in which they were ministering, and they must deposit them in the holy dining rooms and put on other garments, that they may not sanctify the people with their garments. (Ezekiel 44:19)
- The stream of fire going out from before him denotes how no impure thing may approach to him. In his court, there were several million who kept ministering to him, and 100 million who kept standing right before him. The coming forth of this vision is for judgment, for it says; And the Court took its seat. And then there were books, that were opened.
- There was a stream of fire flowing and going out from before him. There were a thousand thousands that kept ministering to him, and ten thousand times ten thousand that kept standing right before him. The Court took its seat, and there were books that were opened. (Daniel 7:10)
- Jesus then approached her and touched her, and the fever left her immediately, and she got up and began ministering to them.
- So he touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she got up and began ministering to him. (Matthew 8:15)
- Jesus then continued there alone for forty days and nights, being tempted by Satan the Devil, and he was alone except for the wild animals. The angels also were continuing to minister to him.
- So he continued in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by

Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, but the angels were ministering to him. (Mark 1:13)

- So he entered in to where she was, and took hold of her by her hand, and immediately the fever left her, and she got up, and began ministering to Jesus and the others.
- And going to her he raised her up, taking her by the hand, and the fever left her, and she began ministering to them. (Mark 1:31)
- So Jesus approached her and stood over her, and he rebuked the fever and it immediately left her. Instantly she rose, now feeling fine, and she began ministering to them.
- So he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Instantly she rose and began ministering to them. (Luke 4:39)
- Along with her was Joanna the wife of Chuza, who was Herod's man in charge, and many other women, and they were ministering to Jesus and his apostles from their own belongings, while Jesus and his disciples went about ministering to others, the Good News of God.
- And Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's man in charge, and Susanna and many other women, who were ministering to them from their belongings. (Luke 8:3)
- Then Jesus told them, that lording it over their brothers was not the way for them to act. Rather the one who is truly the greatest one among them, would become as the youngest, and the chief one, in ministering to the others.
- You, though, are not to be that way. But let him that is the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the one acting as chief as the one ministering. (Luke 22:26)
- So he asked them who was greater, the man reclining at a table, or the man ministering to him as he did so. Clearly it would be the man reclining at the table who was greater. But then he brought his point home by saying; But I am in your midst as one ministering. Truly even though he was far greater than any, or even all of them, he came not to be ministered to, but to minister, and to give his soul in their behalf. They must imitate his fine example, and keep doing likewise in remembrance of him.

- For which one is greater, the one reclining at the table or the one ministering? Is it not the one reclining at the table? But I am in your midst as the one ministering. (Luke 22:27)
- Yet his mother left word with the attendants, that whatever he asked them to do, that they should do it.
- His mother said to those ministering; Whatever he tells you, do.
 (John 2:5)
- Now when the director of the feast tasted the water, that had been turned into wine, he immediately called the bridegroom. Now the persons presenting the director of the feast with the water, knew about where it came from, but the director of the feast did not.
- When, now, the director of the feast tasted the water that had been turned into wine but did not know what its source was, although those ministering who had drawn out the water knew, the director of the feast called the bridegroom (John 2:9)
- So they welcomed Jesus and his disciples, and they spread a meal for Jesus, and Martha was the one ministering to them, but Lazarus was reclining at the table with Jesus.
- Therefore they spread an evening meal for him there, and Martha was ministering, but Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with him. (John 12:2)
- So as these ones were publicly ministering to Yehowah and fasting, then the Holy Spirit told them to set aside Barnabas and Saul, for the work to which he had called them.
- As they were publicly ministering to Yehowah and fasting, the Holy Spirit said; Of all persons set Barnabas and Saul apart for me for the work to which I have called them. (Acts of Apostles 13:2)
- Paul was then alone with the exception of faithful Luke. Paul now asks for Timothy to take Mark along with him, and come to him there in Rome, for Mark will be useful to him in ministering to others.
- Luke alone is with me. Take Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministering. (2 Timothy 4:11)

- Paul confides in Philemon, that he would like to keep him there with himself, that in place of Philemon himself, that Onesimus might keep ministering to him in his prison bonds, which he is bearing for the sake of the preaching of the Good News of God's Kingdom.
- I would like to hold him back for myself that in place of you he might keep on ministering to me in the prison bonds I bear for the sake of the Good News. (Philemon 1:13)
- Paul assures them, that God is not unrighteous so as to forget the things, that they have done before this time, for they have had good works, and showed love for his name. They have ministered to the holy ones, and taken care of their needs, but more is expected of them.
- For God is not unrighteous so as to forget your work and the love you showed for his name, in that you have ministered to the holy ones and continue ministering. (Hebrews 6:10)
- That spirit revealed to these ancient prophets, that not to themselves during their own lifetimes were they ministering, but to anointed Christians now living, that they were ministering these things, that have now been announced to them as Good News, through the Holy Spirit sent forth from heaven, to Peter and others. Even the angels in the heavens are intently looking into these grand expressions of the spirit.
- It was revealed to them that, not to themselves, but to you, they were ministering the things that have now been announced to you through those who have declared the Good News to you with Holy Spirit sent forth from heaven. Into these very things angels are desiring to peer. (1 Peter 1:12)
- Peter then shows that whatever gifts of the spirit that Yehowah God has blessed us with, then we are to use them actively in ministering to others, as fine stewards of God's undeserved kindness, expressed in many different ways toward many different people, but all through the Holy Spirit.
- In proportion as each one has received a gift, use it in ministering to one another as fine stewards of God's undeserved kindness expressed in various ways. (1 Peter 4:10)