

~MINISTERS (307)

[English, servants, priests, clerics, preachers, vicars, rectors, parsons, reverends, holy men, holy women]

- David appointed Levites to become **ministers** in the singing at the tabernacle, and later at the temple in Jerusalem.
- And they came to be **ministers** in the singing before the tabernacle of the tent of meeting until Solomon built the house of Yehowah in Jerusalem, and they kept attending upon their service according to their commission. (1 Chronicles 6:32)
- Levites were also appointed to be **ministers** offering remembrance, thankfulness and praise.
- Then he put before the ark of Yehowah some of the Levites as **ministers**, both to call to remembrance and to thank and praise Yehowah the God of Israel. (1 Chronicles 16:4)
- When Jehu entered into controversy with the house of Ahab, he found the princes of Judah, relatives of Ahaziah and **ministers** of his, and killed them.
- And it came about that as soon as Jehu had entered into controversy with the house of Ahab, he got to find the princes of Judah and the sons of the brothers of Ahaziah, **ministers** of Ahaziah, and he proceeded to kill them. (2 Chronicles 22:8)
- Hezekiah told the Levites to continue as **ministers** of Yehowah God, and makers of sacrificial smoke.
- Now, my sons, do not give yourselves up to rest, for you are the ones whom Yehowah has chosen to stand before him to minister to him and to continue as his **ministers** and makers of sacrificial smoke. (2 Chronicles 29:11)
- The king's **ministers** told them to seek young women, virgins, beautiful in appearance, for the king.
- Then the king's attendants, his **ministers**, said; Let them seek young women, virgins, beautiful in appearance, for the king. (Esther 2:2)

- The king's **ministers** told the king, that nothing good had yet been done for Mordecai.
- Then the king said; What honor and great thing has been done to Mordecai for this? To this the king's attendants, his **ministers**, said; Nothing has been done with him. (**Esther 6:3**)
- The Psalmist calls for the armies of Yehowah God's servants, his **ministers** doing his will, to bless Yehowah God.
- Bless Yehowah, all you armies of his, you **ministers** of his, doing his will. (**Psalms 103:21**)
- Yehowah God is making his **ministers** a devouring fire, his angels.
- Making his angels spirits, this **ministers** a devouring fire. (**Psalms 104:4**)
- The anointed members of the true Christian Congregation are the true priesthood today. They are all the spiritual sons of the Greater Aaron, the Son of Man, the **ministers** of their God.
- And as for you, the priests of Yehowah you will be called, the **ministers** of our God you will be said to be. The resources of the nations you people will eat, and in their glory you will speak elatedly about yourselves. (**Isaiah 61:6**)
- Likewise Yehowah's covenant toward his Son of Man and his anointed sons, is sure of having a glorious fulfillment, just as he has promised. The true work of the anointed congregation under the headship of the Son of Man is not over, but it is just getting started.
- Likewise could my own covenant be broken with David my servant so that he should not come to have a son ruling as king upon his throne, also with the Levites, the priests, my **ministers**. (**Jeremiah 33:21**)
- Since they decided to cling to men, their dungy idols, rather than cling to Yehowah he has now placed them in positions where they will now **minister** to the people and not be close to him. They will do the hard manual work of slaughtering the whole burnt offerings and the communion offerings of the people.

- And in my sanctuary they must become **ministers** at posts of oversight over the gates of the House and ministers at the House. They themselves will slaughter the whole burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they themselves will stand before them to minister to them. ([Ezekiel 44:11](#))
- Thus those who **ministered** at the sanctuary would also live nearby where they could readily be in attendance at the sanctuary. Thus their whole lives would be lived close to Yehowah and with him as the dominant central focus of their lives.
- As a holy portion out of the land it will come to be for the priests themselves, the **ministers** of the sanctuary, those approaching to minister to Yehowah. And for them it must prove to be a place for houses, and a sacred place for the sanctuary. ([Ezekiel 45:4](#))
- They would have assigned dining rooms 20 in number where they could go to eat the most holy things, which represents spiritual understanding, and **minister** in preparing it for others.
- There will be twenty-five thousand in length and ten thousand in width. It will become the Levites, the **ministers** of the house. As a possession they will have twenty dining rooms. ([Ezekiel 45:5](#))
- Here the priests would come to perform the services of **ministering** to the people.
- Then he said to me; These are the houses of those doing the boiling, where the **ministers** of the House boil the sacrifice of the people. ([Ezekiel 46:24](#))
- Yehowah then shows through Joel, that drink offering and grain offering no longer take place at his temple in Jerusalem, and thus the **ministers** of his house have mourned.
- Grain offering and drink offering have been cut off from the house of Yehowah, the priests, the **ministers** of Yehowah, have mourned. ([Joel 1:9](#))
- Who should be the first ones to be concerned with this famine. The **ministers** of the house of Yehowah God, for there is no grain and drink offering for these things have been withheld. So they are told to come and spend the nights in sackcloth, fasting and mourning, at this terrible situation before their God in prayer. They will be the first ones

to suffer from this deplorable lack, for they have no fields of their own, and there will be no firstfruits.

- Gird yourselves, and beat your breasts, you priests. Howl, you **ministers** of the altar. Come in, spend the night in sackcloth, you ministers of my God, for from the house of your God grain offering and drink offering have been withheld. ([Joel 1:13](#))
- So then, their priests, the **ministers** of Yehowah God, should gather together between the porch of the temple and the altar that is right in front of it, and they should weep and call to Yehowah God; Do feel sorry O Yehowah God for your people, and do not make them a reproach, for other nations to rule over them. Joel then reasons, for why should it be said among the peoples; Where is their God? This is as if to say, that if God completely destroys them, will not faith disappear from the earth? If he does not come to their aid, will anyone believe that he even exists, and is able to come to the aid of his people?
- Between the porch and the altar let the priests, the **ministers** of Yehowah, weep and say; Do feel sorry, O Yehowah, for your people, and do not make your inheritance a reproach, for nations to rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples; Where is their God? ([Joel 2:17](#))
- Paul and Apollos were simply **ministers**, through whom they came to know the truth. But it was God through his Christ, that selected each of them to feel his mercy and to receive his undeserved kindness, therefore worship God.
- He is the one alone who can complete their training, and make them successful in their Christian race for life eternal. They clearly were not submitting to the spirit of Yehowah God, and they needed to pray more, for his spirit to grow spiritually within them.
- What, then, is Apollos? Yes, what is Paul? **Ministers** through whom you became believers, even as the Lord granted each one. ([1 Corinthians 3:5](#))
- The Corinthian Christians are a letter of Christ written through the preaching efforts of the Christian **ministers** Paul, Barnabus, and Timothy and many others. This letter is written not with ink on parchment, but on living hearts, by the spirit of a living God.

- Paul then alludes to the similarity of this to the things God did through Moses, when Moses circumcised the second set of tablets out of the rockmass himself, and took them up into the mountain, and God wrote upon them his Laws.
- For you are shown to be a letter of Christ written by us as **ministers**, inscribed not with ink but with spirit of a living God, not on stone tablets, but on fleshly tablets, on hearts. (2 Corinthians 3:3)
- Therefore Christians are **ministers** of a New Covenant, and our being qualified to preach this message, issues from God through his spirit of holiness, and therefore we are not ordained to be **ministers**, except by God.
- Who has indeed adequately qualified us to be **ministers** of a New Covenant, not of a written code, but of spirit, for the written code condemns to death, but the spirit makes alive. (2 Corinthians 3:6)
- Paul then sees the need to be an imitator of Yehowah God, and a fine **minister** of his, by his endurance of tribulation, cases of being in need, and other difficulties. Through such discipline we prove our self-sacrificing love, like that which the Christ and Yehowah God have.
- But in every way we recommend ourselves as God's **ministers**, by the endurance of much, by tribulations, by cases of need, by difficulties. (2 Corinthians 6:4)
- Paul now shows, that it is nothing great if Satan's **ministers** keep transforming themselves into **ministers** of righteousness. Nonetheless, their end shall be according to their works, just as they will be for Paul. Paul knows, that his works are worked in harmony with God, and so he knows he will end well before his God.
- Thus Paul gives a powerful condemnation of those who compare themselves to one another, seeking each other's approval and confirmation, rather than seeking God's approval.
- It is therefore nothing great if his **ministers** also keep transforming themselves into ministers of righteousness. But their end shall be according to their works. (2 Corinthians 11:15)

- Paul now gets excited, for Paul like them was born into those other things, and they really are no reason to boast about oneself. So he asks; Are they **ministers** of Christ? Now this is more than he can stand, for since the day the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to him in glory, he has devoted his entire life to the preaching of the Good News of God's Kingdom through Christ.
- He has labored harder than anyone else he knows, in behalf of the congregations, he has spent time in prison repeatedly, been beaten nearly to death many times, and suffered through many near death experiences in his **ministry** to others, all this in behalf of Christ.
- Are they **ministers** of Christ? I reply like a madman, I am more outstandingly one, in labors more plentifully, in prisons more plentifully, in blows to an excess, in near-deaths often. (2 Corinthians 11:23)
- These also should be tested out for a time as to fitness first, and then, they may serve as **ministers**, once it has been shown, that they are free from accusation.
- Also, let these be tested as to fitness first, then let them serve as **ministers**, as they are free from accusation. (1 Timothy 3:10)
- When we speak to our brothers we should speak as it were, the sacred pronouncements of God. If we **minister** to others, then we should do so according to the strength that God supplies through his Holy Spirit. Thus in all things, God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, the head of the Christian congregation. The glory and might belong to Yehowah God forever and ever.
- If anyone speaks, let him speak as it were the sacred pronouncements of God, if anyone **ministers**, let him minister as dependent on the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. The glory and the might are his forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:11)