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“Priesthood of all Believers”

- 1) All believers have direct access to God through Jesus, our High Priest – there are no human mediators
- 2) There is no ministerial priesthood in the church; church leaders are not priests
- 3) Believers are a part of a “holy priesthood” offering up spiritual sacrifices in all of life (1 Peter 2:5)



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Hebrews 13:10-16

¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the Tent have no right to eat. ¹¹ For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest *as an offering* for sin, are burned outside the camp. ¹² Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate. ¹³ So, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach. ¹⁴ For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking *the city* which is to come.

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Hebrews 13:10-16

¹⁵ Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess His name. ¹⁶ And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

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Sacrifices that Please God

➤ Context

- we have an “altar”– the all-sufficient sacrifice of Jesus – by which we now offer “sacrifices”
- our “sacrifices” are in keeping with our status as sojourners in this world

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Sacrifices that Please God

1. They are through Jesus
 - Jesus Christ is the mediator of all worship that pleases God (cf. John 14:6; 1 Tim. 2:5)
 - we may only draw near to God through Jesus, our High Priest, who cleanses us and makes us perfect (Heb. 10:19-22)

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Sacrifices that Please God

2. They involve a continual praise with lips

- not a sacrifice for sin, but verbal praise in response to the once-for-all, sin-removing sacrifice of Jesus
- we praise Him by “confessing” all that He has done for us in Christ – our confession of the Son
- we offer this sacrifice continually – all the time, in every place and in every season

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3. They are expressed in mutual care

- these sacrifices describe the mutual practice of doing good in every way to one another, including financial assistance (Heb. 13:1-3; Acts 2:42-45)
- these sacrifices please God by displaying that He is our greatest treasure and reward (cf. Matt. 6:21)

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