

I have taken this section at the last not because that it is the lowest in the hierarchy of the church but because it is the most abused position in the church. To put the order in its right position would be as follow:

- 1) Christ - The Head
- 2) Apostle
- 3) Prophet
- 4) Teacher
- 5) Administrator (Pastor)
- 6) Evangelist
- 7) Healer

An administrator or pastor or priest is the fifth position in the hierarchy of the church as set by the Lord. In the start I used to get very angry with the people who were called to be shepherds and were doing the work of the wolf. I used to look out for an opportunity to talk to them and blast them with scriptures and try to teach them. As the Lord taught me and I grew in Spirit, I realized that a lot of the people who were called to serve in the Lord's vineyard either did not know their calling or did not know their duties. It wasn't fair to get angry with all the shepherds because of the bad shepherds among the lot. The bad shepherds were teaching the new shepherds and making them worst than themselves.

Matthew 23:15

¹⁵"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are.

The calling of the administrator or pastor or priest is like that of a shepherd. A shepherd tends to his sheep, leads them to green pastures, protects them and attends to their injury in case they are hurt. He trims their coats and keeps them neat and clean. He has to give an account of every sheep put under his care.

The Lord says I am the good shepherd in the Gospel according to John.

John 10

¹"I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. ³The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.



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When Jesus made us His brother and sisters He has made us co-sharers in His inheritance. His sheep also become our sheep. So when we tent to God the Father's sheep we should tent to them like our own sheep. A son does not say his father sheep are not his own.

As shepherds and sons of the owner of the sheep we should tent to them as our very own. The Lord is the only way to the Father and is the gate. When we come in the name of the Lord the sheep will hear our voice. The gate leads us to green pastures which is Spiritual food.

Most of the priest or pastors fail here; they do not consider the sheep as their own. They behave as hired shepherds and disown the sheep when problems come.

Matthew 18

¹²"What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? ¹³And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. ¹⁴In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost.

When the shepherd comes through the Gate (Christ) the sheep will recognize his Voice (anointing of the Holy Spirit) and they will follow him. Since the so called shepherd does not come through the gate the congregations are deteriorating in size. Do not blame the sheep, blame the so called shepherds?

Pastor (also includes Priest, shepherd or administrator) as according to the Old Testament.

When we take the name Priesthood in the Bible there are two categories, like Christ means Lord and Jesus so also there are two priesthoods. Priesthood in the order of Melchizedek and priesthood in the order of Aaron.

Jesus is a High Priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Psalm 110:4

The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."

Hebrews 5

⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 6

¹⁹We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, ²⁰where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

To understand why Jesus is called a priest in the order of Melchizedek, we need to understand who Melchizedek was.

In the Book of Genesis when Abram (Abraham) comes back from the battle with a lot of loot, King Melchizedek meets him and blesses him and Abram gives him a tenth of his loot. This was the first recorded tithing.

Genesis 14

¹⁷After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh.



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¹⁸ Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High,¹⁹ and he blessed Abram, saying,

"Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Creator of heaven and earth.

Hebrews 7

¹This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him,² and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, his name means "king of righteousness"; then also, "king of Salem" means "king of peace."³ Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, like the Son of God he remains a priest forever.

⁴Just think how great he was: Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth of the plunder!⁵ Now the law requires the descendants of Levi who become priests to collect a tenth from the people—that is, their brothers—even though their brothers are descended from Abraham.⁶ This man, however, did not trace his descent from Levi, yet he collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.⁷ And without doubt the lesser person is blessed by the greater.

The name Melchizedek means 'King of Righteousness'. Melchizedek was the king of 'Salem' which means 'peace'. Salem was the old name of Jerusalem. Melchizedek was the king of Jerusalem and was born without any human father or mother and there was neither record of when he was born nor any record of his death. Therefore he is compared to the Lord; the Son of God, who was born in the beginning of time, before all things and lives eternally like His Father. For He has life in Himself like the Father has life in Himself and like Melchizedek is the King of Jerusalem, the New Jerusalem the land of peace.

John 1

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was with God in the beginning.

³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

John 5

²⁶For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself.

In the case of Aaron who was made a High Priest, he was imperfect. He was weak and did fall due to pressure.

Exodus 32

¹ When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him."

² Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me."³ So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron.⁴ He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt."

⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD."⁶ So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

⁷ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt.⁸ They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.'



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⁹ "I have seen these people," the LORD said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰ Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation."

¹¹ But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. "O LORD," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth?' Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.' " ¹⁴ Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

¹⁵ Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. ¹⁶ The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.

¹⁷ When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, "There is the sound of war in the camp."

¹⁸ Moses replied:

"It is not the sound of victory,
it is not the sound of defeat;
it is the sound of singing that I hear."

¹⁹ When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰ And he took the calf they had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.

²¹ He said to Aaron, "What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?"

²² "Do not be angry, my lord," Aaron answered. "You know how prone these people are to evil. ²³ They said to me, 'Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.' " ²⁴ So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.' Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!"

²⁵ Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies. ²⁶ So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, "Whoever is for the LORD, come to me." And all the Levites rallied to him.

²⁷ Then he said to them, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.' " ²⁸ The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died. ²⁹ Then Moses said, "You have been set apart to the LORD today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day."

Reading through these scriptures you can understand how weak and lacking Aaron was in spirit, yet the Lord called him to serve as a High Priest at His tabernacle.

Hebrews 7

⁸ In the one case, the tenth is collected by men who die; but in the other case, by him who is declared to be living. ⁹ One might even say that Levi, who collects the tenth, paid the tenth through Abraham, ¹⁰ because when Melchizedek met Abraham, Levi was still in the body of his ancestor.

¹¹ If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the law was given to the people), why was there still need for another priest to come—one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron? ¹² For when there is a change of the priesthood, there must also be a change of the law. ¹³ He of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, and no one from that tribe has ever served at the altar. ¹⁴ For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. ¹⁵ And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like

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Melchizedek appears,¹⁶ one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life.¹⁷ For it is declared:

*"You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek."*

¹⁸ The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless¹⁹ (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.

²⁰ And it was not without an oath! Others became priests without any oath,²¹ but he became a priest with an oath when God said to him:

*"The Lord has sworn
and will not change his mind:
'You are a priest forever.'"²² Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.*

Jesus had become a High Priest with an oath. If you read the Gospels you will not find any where Jesus taking an oath of a High Priest. For it is written the Lord took an oath; it was Lord in Spirit before He came as man (Jesus) that He took an oath. When we take an oath in body it is only up to perishing of this body that the oath stands. Since Lord took the oath in Spirit, therefore He is a High Priest for ever.

Pastor according to the High priest dress

Exodus 28

⁴ These are the garments they are to make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a woven tunic, a turban and a sash. They are to make these sacred garments for your brother Aaron and his sons, so they may serve me as priests. ⁵ Have them use gold, and blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and fine linen.

³⁹ "Weave the tunic of fine linen and make the turban of fine linen. The sash is to be the work of an embroiderer. ⁴⁰ Make tunics, sashes and headbands for Aaron's sons, to give them dignity and honor.

The sash was a part of the priestly dress of Aaron the High Priest as to what the Lord has instructed. The sash was made of fine linen cloth embroidered with gold and blue, purple and scarlet yarn. Gold meant the person is precious, blue meant holy, purple meant royal (princely), scarlet meant impure and linen meant righteous. The sash was worn on the waist and connected to the ephod (the apostle). The sash is a part of a dress that is tied on the waist or put on the shoulder or wrapped on the head like a turban.

This meant that the Pastor was called to be a holy, royal and righteous person although he was not free of sin. His main work is to serve (worn on the waist), to guide (worn on the shoulder) and to be like the Lord was on the earth – Jesus (worn on the head).

Pastor according to the Body Part – the Stomach (Digestive system)

The Digestive system is broken into five main parts

- 1) Mouth – [a part of the head, through which the food is taken in.]
- 2) Pharynx – throat [where the respiratory system (the apostle) and the digestive system connect]
- 3) Esophagus – gullet [a muscular tube that connects the mouth to the stomach]
- 4) Stomach
- 5) Intestines – which consist of the small and the large intestines.

Not getting too much into the scientific part, I will try and explain in short.

The digestive system extends from the mouth (the head - Christ) to the anus (the crotch – the prophet). Its purpose is to regularly intake food and to process it and supply the nutrition to the body and maintain the body. So



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also the duty of the Pastor is on a daily basis to look after the people and their needs, specially their Spiritual needs.

The mouth churns the food and makes it easy to swallow.

The Pastor simplifies the Word of God and gives it to the people so that they can understand it.

The pharynx is where the digestive system separates from the respiratory system.

The Pastor although staying in the worldly system separates himself from it. Which means that he lives his life like others but spiritually keeps himself separate from the worldly things, does not let his heart fall for the worldly things.

The esophagus is a muscular tube that is like a pipe that brings the food to the stomach. At the end of this tube is the cardiac valve which controls the flow.

The Pastor makes sure that a regular supply of Spiritual food is given to the people. He regulates the quantity to make sure that whatever is given is received properly. This means he attends to small groups, not like the evangelist.

The stomach is like a muscular bag that is made of three different types of muscles that perform different movements. It breaks the food by its movements and makes it easy to digest. It also produces mucus that prevents the stomach cell from getting digested.

The Pastor lives his life for himself (look after himself and his family which is an option), the society (serving the peoples needs both physical and Spiritual) and God (offering the sacrifice). While doing this he makes sure that he; him self is not consumed by this world.

The intestines are divided into the small intestines and the large intestines. The small intestines are where the food nutrients are received and the food gets digested. The Large intestines is where the waste is stored and the water balance is maintained before the chyme is thrown out of the body.

The Pastor lives a simple life (the Levites too had to live a simple life and were not given any possession by the Lord but had to receive a share from the others even their daily needs came from the tithing and the sacrifice). It is the small intestine that digests the food not the large intestine. The Pastor endures a lot of suffering both physical (serving the people) and Spiritual (enduring persecution while spreading the Word of God) and God has already blessed him with a large capacity to endure them.

A Pastor is more like an all rounder in cricket who plays small tournaments. He is more specialized in handling small groups and looking after them.

Now about marriage is a choice, to remain celibate is a great sacrifice unto the Lord.

Revelation 14

¹Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. ²And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. ³And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. ⁴These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they kept themselves pure. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among men and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. ⁵No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.

The calling of a Pastor is not only for men but also for women (i.e. Nun). The first record in the Bible of a woman being celibate unto the Lord is in the book of Judges. So great was the sacrifice that the Israelites celebrated it every year.

Judges 11

³⁰ *And Jephthah made a vow to the LORD : "If you give the Ammonites into my hands, ³¹ whatever comes out of the door of my house to meet me when I return in triumph from the Ammonites will be the LORD's, and I will sacrifice it as a burnt offering."*

³² *Then Jephthah went over to fight the Ammonites, and the LORD gave them into his hands. ³³ He devastated twenty towns from Aroer to the vicinity of Minnith, as far as Abel Keramim. Thus Israel subdued Ammon.*

³⁴ *When Jephthah returned to his home in Mizpah, who should come out to meet him but his daughter, dancing to the sound of tambourines! She was an only child. Except for her he had neither son nor daughter. ³⁵ When he saw her, he tore his clothes and cried, "Oh! My daughter! You have made me miserable and wretched, because I have made a vow to the LORD that I cannot break."*

³⁶ *"My father," she replied, "you have given your word to the LORD. Do to me just as you promised, now that the LORD has avenged you of your enemies, the Ammonites. ³⁷ But grant me this one request," she said. "Give me two months to roam the hills and weep with my friends, because I will never marry."*

³⁸ *"You may go," he said. And he let her go for two months. She and the girls went into the hills and wept because she would never marry. ³⁹ After the two months, she returned to her father and he did to her as he had vowed. And she was a virgin.*

From this comes the Israelite custom ⁴⁰ that each year the young women of Israel go out for four days to commemorate the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite.

There is a very wrong notion that people have about men and woman in the Bible, that men are higher than woman. In the Bible it is very clear that before marriage men and woman were equal, it was only after marriage that marriage that man being the head of the family was considered above a woman. Even in an organization if there is more than one chairman the company would not run. God made a family to work like a unit – a church and made man as the head.

In the Old Testament woman was cursed by God, therefore God mostly spoke to man.

Genesis 3

¹⁶ *To the woman he said,
"I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing;
with pain you will give birth to children.
Your desire will be for your husband,
and he will rule over you."*

After the sacrifice of Jesus the curse is broken and now woman is free from being ruled by man.

Galatians 3

¹³ *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."*

Dominating over woman and denying them equal right is like telling them that the curse is still not taken away from them. That the sacrifice of Jesus does not apply to them.

Being celibate does not mean not getting married only, but totally refraining from sex. What man has done or I should say sin has made this world to understand that sex and lust is one and the same. God made sex and is holy and only for reproduction, lust is not what God made but what sin has bought into man. Adam and Eve were physically naked even before they sinned but realized only after sin entered them.



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Now regards being a Pastor or a Priest, a Protestant or a Catholic is the foolishness of man. If we believe in the same God and worship the same God and walk the same way, which is Christ, how can we be different? What is different is how much we have understood the Word of God. When the Word of God says that God Himself has not revealed the whole truth, how can anybody point the finger at another without understanding the truth first? Let the Word of God be the double edge sword that splits the bone from the marrow, the soul from the spirit. Help each other to understand the Bible better as the Lord leads us.

It is so true that even Jesus said that He had come to make war not peace among people.

Luke 12

⁵¹Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵²From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

Please do not use the wisdom of this world to understand the Word of God but the wisdom of God to understand His Word.

Once I was to speak to a Pastor or Priest regarding some problem he was undergoing and the night before the Lord showed me something which was true not only for him but also for most of the (administrative) church.

The Lord showed that they had given customs and culture so much importance that His Word could not reach the people. Secondly He showed me that man had documented the Bible like a history book and man had put human pictures in the Word of God.

My dear brother and sisters in the Lord please do not play with the Word of God for the anger of God will entangle you in your wisdom and make you look foolish.

Do not make the church a commercial place; build a church of God not Babylon. Lead the people to Zion not Zidon, for the ‘d’ in the middle stands to ‘destruction’. That is what God says He will do in ‘one hour’ to the church if we do not build it according to His Word. Do not get fooled and lead by the beast but only by the Spirit of God, ask for the gift of discernment. God said in His Word that whatever we ask of Him that is good He will give us.

You Pastors, Priest, Nuns, Lay men and women who are called to be shepherds, serve unto the Lord tent to the sheep; watch out for the wolves and robbers. Do not loose any sheep of the Lord and also go out and bring the sheep that are of the Lord and are not in His sheep pen. Do not set your hearts on this world and the worldly things for we are just visitors and laborers in this world but only for a short time. Let us reap the harvest that the Lord has provided and fill the storehouse and overflow it, for on the Day of the Lord, we will be surely rewarded.