

their privilege of becoming a kingdom of Priests, and consequently could never approach to God except through an *earthly* high priest, they were kept at a distance from God, which is seen as commencing in *Exodus* xix. 21, 22, the priests *only* drawing near. But in this present dispensation of Grace we have a far higher position, for we are Kings and Priests unto God (*Revelation* i. 6), therefore we have no need of any *earthly* priest, but we 'are made nigh by the blood' and always have an access to the Father through our great High Priest JESUS, directly we have the true heart-faith in Him (*Ephesians* ii. 18; *Hebrews* iv. 14). For this reason all assumption of Priesthood over believers in Christ when they meet together for worship (*and only true believers can worship*), is distinctly prohibited by the command of the Lord in *1 Corinthians* xiv. 31, 37, and as distinctly ordered by man in all his self-devised forms of worship!!

Again, note that the *Name of Jesus* is now substituted for the Trinity. This is foretold in *John* xvi. 23-26: for under the Jewish dispensation prayer was directly addressed to God: Christ was not yet crucified: the Holy Ghost was not yet given; but "at that day [*meaning the outpouring of the Holy Spirit*] ye shall ask in my Name"; everything now is to be asked for, and done in the Name of Jesus, as see *Acts* iii. 16; iv. 12, 30; x. 43; *Ephesians* i. 21; v. 20; *Philippians* ii. 10, etc. It will be seen also how clearly the Apostles followed this teaching in their Baptisms; they are never mentioned as using the Names of the Trinity, but always baptized in the one Name of our Lord (see *Acts* viii. 16; x. 48; xix. 5)—in this last instance notice especially, how disciples having been baptized into the Kingdom of Christ on earth, by John the Baptist, were re-baptized by Paul into that new dispensation of Grace which commenced on the final rejection of that kingdom by the Jews in *Acts* ii. And further,