



Portland Area Bible Students



Volume 6 Study — Thursday Evenings — December 2017
Study V — The Organization of the New Creation

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How do the concepts of liberty and loyalty among organized gatherings of the New Creation cooperate toward enhanced harmony within the body?

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What lessons can we draw from the qualifications and restrictions for the typical Aaronic Priesthood in regard our service as ministers of the Truth? What are the implications of the term “elder” in this context?

Bishops, Elders, Pastors

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Prepare a 1 minute synopsis of this section over to page 252.
What is the general meaning of the word “overseer” as regards an elder?

Page 244:2 - 245:2 (3 paragraphs)

In these paragraphs, what is the scope, range and nature of this oversight?
What are some dangers and cautions in this service?

Page 246:1 - 248:2 (5 paragraphs)

Regarding the word “prophet” or public speaker, consider qualifications and disqualifications.
Explain sheep-like and goat-like natures.

Page 249:1-2 (2 paragraphs)

What are the marks of elder character and duties considered by Apostles Paul and Peter?
Can everyone use these things either with or without the appointment of elder?

Page 249:3 - 250:1 (2 paragraphs)

How can we balance the ecclesia needs with available aptitude?
Explain some of the various roles in which leaders and everyone may participate and contribute.

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How do you understand the terms: elder, pastor, shepherd, overseer?
How do “special natural qualifications determine what part of the service they can best serve”?

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How may elders admonish, warn and teach and still avoid “ruling”?
What is the ecclesia responsibility toward their chosen leaders?