[Again the prophet Joel calls on the Priests to lead the people in a solemn gathering as they seek God's Forgiveness and Restoration]

Joel 2:17 *The priests, who minister in the Lord's presence, will stand between the people and the altar, weeping. Let them pray, "Spare your people, Lord! They belong to you, so don't let them become an object of mockery. Don't let their name become a proverb of unbelieving foreigners who say, 'Where is the God of Israel? He must be helpless!' " (NLT)*

****I Love the wording here those: *"who minister in the Lord's presence"*, in other words those who are the shepherds of God's people should stand between the people and the altar. They are to Lead the nation in Repentance. They are also to Represent the people to God. They are to call on God to spare His people so that HIS name will not become a mockery among the nations. I wonder how many times have I been more worried about what people think of God rather than what they think of me? Or how many times have I tried to represent the Lord well because HIS reputation was on the line?

PRAYER: Lord, help me to realize You are the One that matters. Help me to be concerned about how You are seen more than being concerned about myself. Lord, God make Yourself real in every area of my life and help me to Represent You well to watching world.

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