

Series "Jesus Is Better"
"Heavenly High Priest"
Hebrews 7:20-28
Study-16

Hebrews 7 – Christ's Better Priesthood

Hebrews 7-10 – A Superior Priesthood

The Thought Of Our Passage: "Jesus, Our Heavenly And Eternal High Priest Through God's Oath, Is The Guarantee Of A Better Covenant."

1. Verses 20-22 – God's Word, Will And Guarantee

2. Verses 23-28 – Jesus Abundantly Meets The Need

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Hebrews 7:20

"And" – priesthood was only temporary and flawed. Hebrews 7:18-19

He Presents A Better Hope Through Jesus Christ! The Hope That Is Guaranteed That Jesus Can Super Abundantly Meet The Need!

Verses 20-21 – God's Oath Guarantees Christ's Unchanging Priesthood:
"And inasmuch as it was not without an oath"

Hebrews 7:21

Aaron Became Priest Through Divine Instruction: Exodus 28:1

Exodus 29:9

Psalm 110:4; Quoted in Hebrews 5:6, 10; 6:20; 7:11, 17

We Have God's Word: "THE LORD HAS SWORN"

We Have God's Will: "WILL NOT CHANGE HIS MIND,"

Application: God's Word, God's Will Guarantees Christ's Unchanging Priesthood.

Verse 22 – God's Guarantee Of A Better Covenant: Hebrews 7:22

"so much the more also" – Having the Fathers Word, His Will but still more!

Jesus – “save his people from their sins”, Matthew 1:21

“guarantee” – (only here NT) “one who guarantees that the terms of an agreement will be carried out.”

“of a better” – “eternal covenant” – The word covenant, 21X in Hebrews

“covenant” – “contract, last will and testament”

In the NT, Jesus is both Mediator and the Guarantee because He was the one that Gave His life to forgive sin.

Communion Is A Constant Reminder Of This Event: Luke 22:19-20

Romans 11:26-27

Application: Jesus’ Resurrected Life And Priestly Service Before The Father In Heaven Gives Us Assurance; That We Will Fully Inherit All Of The Divine Promises Given Through Him.

2. Verses 23-28 – Jesus Abundantly Meets The Need:

Hebrews 7:23

5 Ways That Jesus Abundantly Meets The Need:

1. Verses 23-24 – Jesus Lives

There were inherent imperfections within the sacrificial system.

Hebrews 7:24

“permanently” – “unchangeable, valid and unalterable”
priesthood. The term literally means “not to go beyond”;
Nontransferable!

2. Verse 25 – Jesus Saves: Hebrews 7:25

“Therefore” – What is therefore, there for? “Jesus is permanently our high priest, who can meet every need. He will never cease to be our priest and will never cease in being able to meet the need.”

God’s Ability – “able”: “the power to achieve what He has willed to do.”

Acts 20:32

Romans 14:4

Romans 16:25

2 Corinthians 9:8

Ephesians 3:20

2 Timothy 1:12

Jude 1:24

Application: The More We Are Occupied With The Person, The Living Christ, The Fuller, Deeper, And Richer Our Spiritual Life Will Become.

God's Activity – "to save": Salvation in all of its aspects: Past – Penalty of sin, Present – Power of sin, Future – Presence of sin.

"Forever" – is based upon 2 Greek words meaning "all" and "complete"; for all time, completely; It involves the arrival at the final destination with all aspects of the person completed spiritually. (Present tense, comes at each moment, trials)

Man Cannot Supplement His Salvation! Ephesians 2:8-9

Objects Of Salvation: "those who draw near to God through Him," – "draw near" – "come"; indicates "a constant coming of sinners to salvation", Matthew 11:28.

John 14:6

Continuous Intercession By Our Resurrected Christ: "since He always lives to make intercession for them." – "to meet, to approach, to appeal, to make petition", John 17:11.

John 17:24

Romans 8:33-34

3. Verse 26 – Jesus Is Perfect: Hebrews 7:26

"For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest," – means "Jesus was suited to us; Jesus meets our needs."

5 Reasons Jesus Is The Perfect Fitting High Priest:

- 1. He Is Holy** – It stresses “an inner purity of thought, emotion, and will, morally flawless, perfectly balanced”; Acts 2:27 – “Holy One”; Revelation 15:4 – Lord – “You alone are holy”, 1 Timothy 2:8.
- 2. He Is Innocent** – **“blameless”**: literally means “not bad, wicked, or evil outwardly” (Jesus is perfect outward as He was holy inward).
- 3. He Is undefiled** – **“pure”**: “free from stain or blemish.”
- 4. He Is separated from sinners** – **“set apart”**: “Jesus ate with tax gatherers and sinners, but He never condoned their sin. Jesus was separated from sinners, but never isolated from them. There was contact without contamination. He was not isolated; He was separated.” Luke 5:8

Luke 19:10 – Jesus came to seek and to save the lost!

- 5. He is “exalted above the heavens”** – higher than the heavens,

Ephesians 4:10

4. Verse 27 – Jesus The Perfect Offering: Hebrews 7:27

“like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices,” – Exodus 29:38-39

A Priest Needed A Priest: “first for His own sins”

“He did once for all when He offered up Himself.” John 19:30

John 3:16

“He did once for all,” – Levitical system has been replaced by Jesus and His single offering.

Although Jesus Intercedes Daily, He Never Has To Renew The Sacrifice!

1 Peter 2:24-25

5. Verse 28 – Jesus Is The Oath: Hebrews 7:28

The term “weak,” – “infirmity”; denotes their own faults.

“but the word of the oath,” – Psalm 110: 4

Application:

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2. Jesus Is Permanently Our High Priest, Who Can Meet Every Need. He Will Never Cease To Be Our Priest And Will Never Cease In Being Able To Meet The Need.
3. The More We Are Occupied With The Person, The Living Christ, The Fuller, Deeper, And Richer Our Spiritual Life Will Become.
4. Jesus Christ Is The Perfect Sacrifice. Although Jesus Intercedes Daily, He Never Has To Renew The Sacrifice.
5. Often Believers Can Cite The Very Day They Confessed Jesus As Their Savior, But The Bible Speaks Equally Of Our Salvation Being In The Present Tense. We Are Being Saved! 1 Corinthians 1: 18 – “but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” Are We Trusting In Jesus Daily? Do We Have A Personal Daily Relationship With Jesus Christ?