Jesus Our Great High Priest
An Exposition of the Book of Hebrews

A Perfect High Priest
Lesson 9
Hebrews 7:11-28

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School
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Message of Hebrews

› Jesus Christ, High Priest of the Order of Melchizedek
  • Hebrews 5:9-11; 8:1

› Exhortation to draw near and hold fast
  • Hebrews 13:22; 10:19-23
Outline of Hebrews

1. Introduction (1:1-4)
2. Jesus Christ, God/Man (1:5-2:18)*
3. Jesus Christ, Apostle of our confession (3:1-4:13)*
4. Jesus Christ, High Priest of our confession (4:14-8:6)*
5. Jesus Christ, Mediator of a new covenant (8:7-10:18)
6. Jesus Christ, Author of a new and better way (10:19-13:19)**

*5 pauses to warn and exhort
Review

- The Son of God is God and man (1-2)
  - Do not drift away (2:1)
- The Son of God is the Apostle of our faith (3-4)
  - Do not fall away through unbelief (3:12)
- The Son of God is High Priest of the order of Melchizedek (5-7)
- Third pause
  - Warning (5:11-6:8)
    - You have become sluggish (slow to hear) (5:11)
    - Some have fallen away (6:4-6)
  - Exhortation and encouragement (6:9-12)
    - Exhortation to be diligent imitators of those who inherit the promises
    - Confidence in God’s word/promise + His oath
Certainty of the Promises (6:13-20)

- Promises:
  - Purification of sins (1:2)
  - Bringing many sons to glory (2:10)
  - Deliver from death and the power of the devil (2:14-15)
  - Enter the rest (4:1)
  - Eternal salvation (5:9)
- The word and oath of God to Abraham
- The anchor of the soul – Jesus the Great High Priest
The Order of Melchizedek (7:1-28)

- The history (Genesis 14:17-20)
  - King of Salem – Jerusalem (Ps 76:2)
  - Priest of the Most High God
  - Blessed Abraham – “the lesser is blessed by the greater”
  - Abraham gave him a tenth of all
  - No human parents – no genealogy
  - No birth and no death

- Superior to Abraham and the Levitical priesthood
  - Tithing
  - Blessing
  - Perpetual priesthood
  - Abraham represented Levi and the priesthood
A Perfect High Priest (7:11-28)

- A superior priesthood (7:11-19)
- A superior guarantee of a better covenant (7:20-22)
- A permanent priesthood (7:23-25)
- A perfect priesthood (7:26-28)
What is perfection?
• To be complete or whole – without blemish; fulness

God is perfect (Deut 32:3-4)

We must be perfect
• Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect (Matt 5:48)
• Leave everything and follow Christ (Matt 19:16, 21)
• Partial in this lifetime (1 Cor 13:10)
• The will of God (Rom 12:2)

The failure of the Levitical priesthood (7:11, 19)
The Melchizedek priesthood needed and provided (7:11)
• Made perfect by one sacrifice (10:14)

“Weak and useless” v. “a better hope” (6:19-20; 7:18-19)
A Superior Guarantor (7:20-22)

- The oath of God
  - The promise to Abraham (Gen 22:15-18; Num 14:16-19)
  - The promise of the Melchizedek priesthood (Psalm 110:4)
- The immutability of God
- Christ guarantees a “better covenant”
A Permanent Priesthood (7:23-25)

- Levitical priesthood – limited by death
- Melchizedek High Priest lives forever – permanent
- Melchizedek saves “to the uttermost” (forever) (7:25)
  - One sacrifice for all time (7:28; 9:12, 28; 10:10)
  - “Always lives to make intercession for them”
- The “double guarantee” of God’s promise and oath
  - The plan of salvation – draw near to God through Christ
  - The performance of salvation – Melchizedek priesthood
A Perfect Priesthood (7:26-28)

- It was fitting – “wonderful”
- Holy
- Harmless
- Undefiled
- Separate from sinners
- Exalted above the heavens
- Made perfect forever (7:28)
A PERFECT HIGH PRIEST

- ”We have such a high priest” (8:1)
- A more excellent ministry (8:6)
- A guaranteed salvation – perfection
- A perfect High Priest – “. . . always lives to make intercession for us.”