A High Priest After Melchizedek

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INTRODUCTION

- Our lesson today, I think, is one of the most important out of Hebrews.
- Do you realize that there are thirteen chapters in Hebrews? Nine of those thirteen chapters. Jesus is referred to and some trait about him as our high priest.
- So he's superior to angels, superior to Moses. And then he proceeds to show that he is superior even to Aaron, who was the high priest.

1 Jesus, Our Great High Priest

Hebrews 2:17–18; Hebrews 4:14–16; Hebrews 6:19–20

- Therefore, in all things, he had to be made like his brethren that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God.
- Seeing then that we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.
- Now this is the main point of the things we're saying. We have such a high priest who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.

2 A Position of Supreme Importance

- It certainly indicates it's a position of supreme importance.
- He was the one authorized by God to administer the sacrifices, to enter into the holy place once every year to offer the blood of atonement.
- Jesus Christ was without sin. His offering was different from the high priest.

3 Called by God, Just as Aaron Was

Hebrews 5:1–6; Numbers 16; Psalm 110:4

- Jesus, though, even himself could not be a high priest except to be called of God.
- You can't say, well, Jesus, he doesn't really understand my walk. Well, he does too. He came and walked as a man.
- It wasn't an election among the people who should be the high priest.
- So also Christ did not glorify himself to become a high priest. But it was he who said to him, that is, it was God who said to him, You are my son.

4 A Priest After the Order of Melchizedek

Genesis 14:18–20; Hebrews 7

- He, Melchizedek, blessed Abram. And Abram paid tithes to Melchizedek.
- The one who is greater blesses the lesser. And only the lesser would pay tithes to the greater.

- Just as there's a change in the law, there must also be a change in the priesthood.
- So the point is, Christ is greater than the high priesthood of Aaron.

5 Christ Jesus Gave His Blood

Hebrews 5:7; Hebrews 10:1–4; Matthew 26

- But in each case, he had to take the blood of animals. Christ Jesus gave his blood. It wasn't the blood of animals.
- The blood of bulls and goats cannot take away sin. But it was as a shadow.
- Christ Himself was a sacrifice. He's our high priest. His own blood is what he offered for our sins.
- But Christ now goes into the holy of holies into heaven itself, but one time for all time.

6 The Author of Eternal Salvation to All Who Obey Him

Hebrews 5:8–9; Romans 6:3–4

- Though he was a son, yet he learned obedience by the things which he suffered.
- He exemplified obedience while walking in the footsteps of other men. No one can say to the Lord, You don't understand.
- It is through Jesus Christ and only through him that salvation has been made possible.
- He died for everybody. But we have a choice to make. He is the author of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you would say, Well, I'm not sure if the Lord were to come this hour, whether I'd be saved or not, I hope before you leave the building today, you'll make it right with the Lord.**

MY NOTES