Christ Our High Priest

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INTRODUCTION

- Have you ever read a verse in the Bible, maybe isolated? And after reading it, you responded, Well, so what?
- Hebrews chapter 7 and in verse 17 may be such a verse like that. Where the scripture says, He testifies, you are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.
- If you want to say, who's the greatest? Abraham or Melchizedek, the answer is Melchizedek.

1 If Perfection Were Through the Levitical Priesthood

Hebrews 7:11–12; Hebrews 7:18–19; Galatians 3:19–24

- If perfection were through the Levitical priesthood, for under it the people received the law, what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek.
- The law of Moses was not able to fulfill God's purpose. It did not bring about salvation.
- The law served as a schoolmaster, as a tutor to bring us unto Jesus Christ.
- The priesthood being changed. Of necessity, there's also a change of a law.

2 The Bringing In of a Better Hope

Romans 8:3; Hebrews 8:6–12

- The law needed to be replaced. In fact, it was annulled. It was set aside.
- For what the law could not do, in that it was weak. Through the flesh, God did by sending his own son in the likeness of sinful flesh.
- What the law could not do. Jesus Christ accomplished in the sacrifice.
- God had promised a new covenant established upon better promises.

3 Jesus Has Become a Surety of a Better Covenant

Hebrews 7:20–22; Philemon 1:18–19

- By so much more, Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.
- No Levitical priest was ever ordained or established on the basis of God's oath.
- He's the one who guarantees that the terms of this agreement will be carried out.
- In that sense, Christ is our bondsman. He is the surety.

4 He Continues Forever, an Unchangeable Priesthood

Hebrews 7:23–24; Hebrews 13:8

- There were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. But he, because he continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood.
- We have one Jesus Christ who having risen from the grave lives forever at the right hand of God.

- Jesus the same yesterday, today, and forever.

5 Able to Save to the Uttermost

Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 2:9; 1 Timothy 2:4

- He is the one who stands between you and God. He is the one who makes possible the forgiveness of sins.
- Salvation in both quantity and quality is made possible by Jesus Christ.
- Hebrews 2 9 says he tasted death for every man.
- But also in quality, He supplies our every need.

6 Such a High Priest Was Fitting

Hebrews 7:26–28; Hebrews 8:1; Hebrews 9:24–28

- For such a high priest was fitting. He was appropriate for us.
- He's set apart by reason of having no sin.
- We have such a high priest who's seated at the right hand of the throne of the majesty in the heavens.
- Christ didn't have to offer for himself, for he was holy without sin. But he did offer for all.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you're not right with Christ, you need to turn in obedience to him. What a savior we have. No matter how great we may think we've sinned, it too can be forgiven.**

MY NOTES