

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

JESUS CHRIST - THE ONE AND ONLY

THE SUPREMACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS CHRIST.
A THEOLOGY OF REDEMPTION, ATONEMENT AND MINISTRY OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

Hebrews 7:1-28

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“HAVING A PRIEST BETTER THAN YOU”

In everything, the book of Hebrews presents Jesus Christ as the all-sufficient and eternal priest.
In all things Jesus Christ is better than Moses, than Angels, than the law, being centrality of those ministries.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

rest, hope, promises, oaths, immutability, blessings. Gods' faithfulness.

Romans 15:4

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Luke 24:13-27

Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

15 So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them 16 But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.

17 And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" 18 Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?" 19 And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. 21 But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. 22 Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. 23 When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. 24 And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see." 25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures

- the things concerning Himself.

Now – what Old Testament Scriptures did Jesus point out to them?
Clearly more than we know – but we know enough.

Genesis 14:8-20

And the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out and joined together in battle in the Valley of Siddim 9 against Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of nations, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar—four kings against five 10 Now the Valley of Siddim was full of asphalt pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled; some fell there, and the remainder fled to the mountains. 11 Then they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. 12 They also took Lot, Abram’s brother’s son who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed. 13 Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, for he dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner; and they were allies with Abram. 14 Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. 15 He divided his forces against them by night, and he and his servants attacked them and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus. 16 So he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people. 17 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King’s Valley), after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him. 18 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. 19 And he blessed him and said: “Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; 20 And blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand.” And he gave him a tithe of all.

We are going to come face-to-face with the profound difference between the Christ follower and all other attempts to approach God personally.

That Jesus Christ is Better than **Prophets**
(nothing wrong with the prophets – we praise God for them)

That Jesus Christ is Better than **Angels**
(nothing wrong with the Angels– we praise God for them)

That Jesus Christ is Better than **Moses**
(nothing wrong with moses – we praise God for him)

That Jesus Christ is Better than Joshua
(nothing wrong with joshua – we praise God for him)

That Jesus Christ is Better than Aaronic Priesthood
(nothing wrong with the aaronic priesthood – we praise God for them)

“A VITAL CORRELATION TO POINT OUT HERE -
CHURCH - IS THE BIBLE A PROPHETIC BOOK?

SO HOW WILL YOU KNOW WHEN THE PROPHECIES ARE FULFILLED? WHAT WAS - HAS BEEN FULFILLED IN THE MESSIAH “

Jeremiah 31:31-33

“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah - 32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Colossians 2:16-17

So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, 17 which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.

Hebrews 8:5

Who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, “See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.”

Hebrews 10:1

For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect.

Hebrews 7:1-28

For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2 to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated “king of righteousness,” and then also king of Salem, meaning “king of peace,” 3 without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. 4 Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils. 5 And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham; 6 but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. 7 Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. 8 Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives. 9 Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, 10 for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him. 11 Therefore, 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, and not be called according to the order of Aaron? 12 For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. 13 For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. 14 For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. 15 And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest 16 who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. 17 For He testifies: *“You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.”* 18 For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, 19 for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God. 20 And inasmuch as He was not made priest without an oath 21 (for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him: *“The LORD has sworn and will not relent, ‘You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek’*”, 22 by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant. 23 Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. 24 But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. 25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. 26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; 27 who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. 28 For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the Word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.

HAVING A HIGH PRIEST BETTER THAN YOU

1.) Better in Every Way

vs. 1-3

1a.) Has always been God's message

vs. 1-2a

For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,
2 to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all,

400 years after the Law was given to Moses – David writes this...

Psalm 110:1-7

The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool." 2 The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! 3 Your people shall be volunteers In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth. 4 The LORD has sworn and will not relent, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." 5 The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath. 6 He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries. 7 He shall drink of the brook by the wayside; therefore He shall lift up the head.

1b.) Has always been God's authority

vs. 2b

first being translated "king of righteousness,"
and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace,"

HAVING A HIGH PRIEST BETTER THAN YOU BETTER IN EVERY WAY

1c.) Has always been God's design

vs. 3

3 without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.

HAVING A HIGH PRIEST BETTER THAN YOU

2.) Better by Every Account

vs. 4-10

2a.) On account of His position

vs. 4-5

4 Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils. 5 And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham;

2b.) On account of His sovereignty

vs. 6-8

6 but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. 7 Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. 8 Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives.

2c.) On account of His priority

vs. 9-10

9 Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, 10 for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.

**This Speaks Volumes Regarding
Legacy – Heritage – Descendants – Your Children and
Your Children’s Children**

HAVING A HIGH PRIEST BETTER THAN YOU

3.) Better For Every Need

vs. 11-13

3a.) We need a perfect priest

vs. 11a

11 Therefore, 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,

3b.) We need a transcendent priest vs. 11b

and not be called according to the order of Aaron?

3c.) We need a sympathetic priest vs. 12-13

12 For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. 13 For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar.

HAVING A HIGH PRIEST BETTER THAN YOU

4.) Better Being Eternal vs. 14-17

4a.) By Divine Revelation vs. 14

14 For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.

4b.) By Divine Fulfilment vs. 15-16a

15 And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest 16 who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment,

4c.) By Divine Provision vs. 16b-17

**but according to the power of an endless life. 17 For He testifies:
"You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."**

According to the Power of an Endless Life

HAVING A HIGH PRIEST BETTER THAN YOU

5.) Better Having Arrived

vs. 18-19

5a.) Bringing In Grace

vs. 18

18 For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness,

annulling grk: athetesis

to take up and to set aside, to take and to put away

5b.) Bringing in Mercy

vs. 19

19 for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

HAVING A HIGH PRIEST BETTER THAN YOU

6.) Better Assurance

vs. 20-22

6a.) Having a Guaranteed Conclusion

vs. 20-22

20 And inasmuch as He was not made priest without an oath 21 (for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him: *"The LORD has sworn and will not relent, 'You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek"*, 22 by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.

Surety grk: egguos

the security, excellent security, a guaranteed security.

HAVING A HIGH PRIEST BETTER THAN YOU

7.) Better Forever

vs. 23-25

7a.) A Forever Unchanging Priest

vs. 23-24

23 Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. 24 But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood.

7b.) A Forever Salvation Priest

vs. 25a

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost...

7c.) A Forever Living Priest

vs. 25b

**...those who come to God through Him,
since He always lives to make intercession for them.**

HAVING A HIGH PRIEST BETTER THAN YOU

8.) Better God

vs. 26-28

26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; 27 who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. 28 For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the Word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.

8a.) Better by Qualification

vs. 26

26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;

8b.) Better by Sacrifice

vs. 27

27 who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

8c.) Better by Appointment

vs. 28

28 For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the Word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.

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