

As you are turning just a couple of comments. How many times have we heard this phrase when it pertains to the purchase of a product.



100% Satisfaction Guaranteed! As I was reading over the text a thought kept coming to mind that I vaguely remember a commercial that the words, “I Guarantee It” were included in the commercial. And this is what I found.



How many remember this guy? This is George Zimmer who once was President of Men’s Warehouse. A men’s clothing store. Primarily suits. And he would end each commercial with these words. “You are going to like the way you look, “I Guarantee It!”

But what is a Guarantee? The Mirriam-Webster dictionary defines it as such:

Guarantee: An assurance for the fulfillment of a condition: such as: an agreement by which one person undertakes to secure another in the possession or enjoyment of something

We are going to be introduced to another form of that word today.

Guarantor: one that gives a guarantee and sees that it is fulfilled and kept.

We are going to see today, why Jesus Guarantees Salvation to all those who repent and surrender to him.

Hebrews 7:22-28

²² This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. ²³ The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood

permanently, because he continues forever.²⁵ Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.²⁶ For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.²⁷ He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.²⁸ For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

To begin these verses, we do have to go back to a couple of the previous verses to really see what it means by, "This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant." So, look at verses 20 and 21.

Hebrews 7:20-21

²⁰ And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath,²¹ but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, 'You are a priest forever.'"

You may say that is a double negative. That is correct. Kind of like multiplying two negatives. You get a positive. So, what is being said is, "It is with an oath God made that makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. We once again read from what we have learned last week of the messianic prophecy from Psalm 110 verse 4. God has sworn (God made an oath) and will not change his mind! The word used here for, "Will not change his mind!" God is not going to repent! Because he is not going to need to. It is upon God's holiness and who he is that he is able to make this oath. God's oath was about Jesus Christ. He never gave an oath about Aaron and the priesthood.

It goes to the fact that the Law was never to be permanent and the Levitical priesthood was never to be permanent either. But we must remember that the Law was not bad. The fact that God said Jesus is the guarantor of a better covenant would show us that there was something good before Jesus. But it wasn't what is best. The word better is not derived from the context of the word bad. It doesn't go from bad to better. It goes: Good, Better and Best! Look at this:

What do I have? \$5-dollar bill! Good? Sure? How about this? \$10-dollar bill! Better? Now, how about this? \$20-dollar bill! Best? Out of these three, yes. The Law is good that it shows us our incapability of saving our self. It helps us see ourselves from the perspective of God, that in our sinfulness we need a savior.

So, we see in verse 23 by way of looking at the priests how the Law and its ordinances was temporary.

Hebrews 7:23

²³ The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office.

In Numbers Chapter 8:23-26 and we will see this. Look at the screens:

Numbers 8:23-26

²³ And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,²⁴ "This applies to the Levites: from twenty-five years old and upward they shall come to do duty in the service of the tent of meeting.²⁵ And from the age of fifty years they shall withdraw from the duty of the service and serve no more.²⁶ They minister to their brothers in the tent of meeting by keeping guard, but they shall do no service. Thus, shall you do to the Levites in assigning their duties."

So, first we know it took many of the priests to perform the sacrifices and take care of the tabernacle and temple. We see the limitations set on their age for service. We don't find in Scripture an age limit for the High Priest but death is definitely something that will put an end to them serving. Death is here because of sin and we know that the Levitical priests and the High Priests were sinful men.

To stay with that point let's look at portions of verse 27 and 28 in describing the priests.

Hebrews 7:27-28

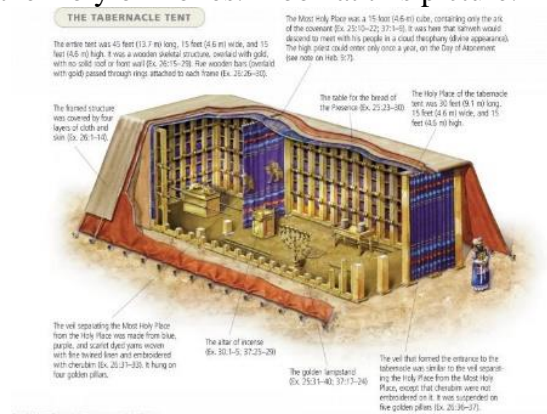
27 He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. 28 For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

None of the high priests were perfect! They were just men and we know that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). We know that through Adam sin came into the world through him and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned (Romans 5:12).

So, on the Day of Atonement when this guy, The High Priest.



When he could go into the Temple on the Day of Atonement. He would pass through the curtain that separated the Holy place from the Holy of Holies. Look at this picture.



The High Priest would first sacrifice a bull for himself and his family because of his sin. Then he would take a goat to sacrifice for the sins of the people. He would enter the Holy of Holies and take the blood and place it on the Ark of the Covenant. First for himself and then for the people of Israel.

Just as verse 28 says. The Law, given by God. Appoints men in their weakness! What does that mean? They are sinful! But would act in accordance to what God had established at that time for people to show their desire for forgiveness of their sins and to know God and to live for him. But once again all those sacrifices were temporary and was never meant to be permanent. For the true High Priest was coming!

We continue to make this analogy about climbing mountains for growing in our relationship with Jesus.



We truly have a desire to draw closer to God more than ever. To experience Jesus every day in our life with that close relationship. That's the better things. We really desire that you too will grasp what we are being taught as we go through Hebrews and that the better things in life are not of this world but of drawing closer to Jesus. But climbing is hard isn't it? Working out is hard isn't it? I got to thinking of running or jogging in the sense of this journey we are on. I used to run or jog. Some of you are saying, "Looks like you need to start back." No, thank you! I am done!

But I remember starting out and you know you kind of labor a bit as you are getting your legs under you and getting your breathing right and then there was always a point that those endorphins really kick in and you get that feeling, "What do we call it?" We get our "Second Wind!"

And I kind of see that in this Chapter. Yes. Paul kept hammering on Melchizedek and the temporary service of the priests in the Levitical line of offering sacrifices but then he really brings this to a point. Like, Yes, Yes! That is it! He brings Jesus more into view than ever. Look back up to verse 24.

Hebrews 7:24

24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.

God made the oath that there was something better than the law. Not that the law was not good but something better was coming. The law was a picture of the better thing and that was Jesus Christ. Jesus as our High Priest is not temporary but forever and ever and ever because he is eternal! John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God!

And I love verses 25 and 26 so let's look at those again.

Hebrews 7:25-26

²⁵ Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶ For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

The priest could not save us. They were sinful men. The law could not save us from our sins, it was only a covering because it was temporary. But, because of Jesus being perfect, being God and being eternal his sacrifice redeems us from our sin. Saves us from our sin!

So, Consequently. I love that word! Consequently! Meaning: Therefore, Because of his permanence, because of his character, which we will see in a moment. He is able to save us to the uttermost. He is able to save completely, through and through! We have a joke running around in our household and it isn't really a joke because we actually find what we are laughing about. We say, "I believe there is a song for that!" Sure enough we usually find one and we ask Siri to play it for us.

I saw those words, Saved To The Uttermost. And I said I bet there is a song about that. And sure enough there is. The Speers family sang that song. Here are the lyrics from the Chorus.

***I 'm saved to the uttermost and I know that I am
Washed in the blood of the precious Lamb
Thru the Father, thru the Son, thru the Holy Ghost
I'm saved to the uttermost***

Salvation is guaranteed through Jesus for all those who draw near to God, through Jesus. For all that come by way of the Cross.



But remember the cross was not the end! Three days later Jesus rose from the dead and the tomb is empty. He is Alive!



What did he do after that? Hebrews 1:3 tells us! Turn over there!

Hebrews 1:3

³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

But what is Jesus doing as he is sitting at the right hand of God. Jesus is making intercession for those that have surrendered for those who have drawn near to God through him.

Romans 8:34

Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Where are you? What is happening in your life? Are you a believer? Are you saved? What are you struggling with? Do you have an illness? Are you struggling with temptation? Is there a strong spiritual battle going on? Well, Jesus is rooting for you! More than that he is interceding for you.

Remember back in Chapter 4 verse 15? ***For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.***

Let's do some more climbing!



I looked at this picture last week and kind of looked at it in a negative way. But this week I am looking at it and I think this guy is saying. I took this mountain with the help of Jesus, I am going to take that one!

God made an oath that there was a better covenant to come! He guaranteed it with his word. Because there is nothing stronger or more authoritative than God's Word. Jesus is the guarantor of that covenant. Jesus fulfilled that oath, that promise. That should bring us joy! I love what verse 26 says.

Hebrews 7:26

²⁶ For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

It was fitting for us to have such a High Priest in Jesus. Isn't that an awesome thought? God in his love and mercy for us he gave us his best in Jesus Christ. He gave us his son! Are you aware of that in your life? We say that all the time! But are we grasping it? That thought alone should give you your 2nd wind. Why is Jesus fitting for us? Why is it he is exactly what we need?

The men that were the high priests and the other priests that served in the temple were sinful. We learned last week that even for them to be a priest that it didn't even depend on their moral character but just the fact they could prove they were in the lineage of Levi. If appointed high priest then the son took over, if their father, that was high priest died. The father could have been a good high priest and the son totally and completely corrupt. But he got to be high priest.

But Jesus as described in verse 26 was Holy! Perfect! Again, in verse 27 the priests would daily make sacrifice for sins for himself and the people and also on the Day of Atonement. Because they were sinners.

But Jesus being Holy, being perfect did not die for his sins. Whose sins did he die for? Whose? Whose? Whose? Not by way of an animal but he offered up himself! His sacrifice did not just cover sin for a day or for another year. If you have repented and completely put your faith and belief in the Lord Jesus Christ, you are saved to the uttermost. Are you getting that second wind yet?

Verse 26 tells us that Jesus is innocent. Yes, Jesus was not guilty of the sin he took upon himself but this word also relates to the fact that he showed his compassion toward us. Jesus' desire is for all to come to repentance. Jesus' holiness is directed towards God and the fact that he is the only one that could bring us to God. His love for us and the fact that he is perfect as described as being unstained separates him from everyone else and especially separates him from sinners. He is not like us or the priests that are described here.

2 Corinthians 5:21 says: God, for our sake, made him sin, who knew no sin, that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

We know that Jesus mingled with the lost. Jesus showed compassion for the lost. Once again his desire that all will be saved. But we know that all will not be saved. Yes. Judgment will come if we do not repent of our sins but we are being shown here today that as true believers the surety of our salvation and the joy that comes through that intimate relationship with Jesus because of our salvation.

So, if you are lost today. If you have not repented. I beg you to do so.



As I look at this picture, I am reminded of what verse 22 says. That God, in his divine and sovereign power, put forth a plan to redeem mankind to him and because of Jesus Christ your salvation is guaranteed if you will repent of your sins and surrender your life to him.

If you are saved today, look at what we have in Jesus! An intercessor to get us up this mountain. To give us our second wind and live holy and righteous and in power of the Holy Spirit with the help of Jesus Christ. I guarantee it! Because Jesus Guarantees Salvation!