

A New Dispensation – Every Believer a Priest

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The priesthood of the Old Covenant

- Mediated the knowledge, presence, and forgiveness of God to the people
- Leviticus 8 – ordination of the Priests
- Leviticus 10:8-11
- Leviticus 16 – Instructions for the Day of Atonement

A New Dispensation with Christ as High Priest - Hebrews 7-9

- Hebrews 7
 - The old requirement of the priesthood was set aside - weak and useless
 - The New system established with an oath
- Jesus guarantees a better covenant
 - Once and forever save those who come to God through him
 - He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf
 - Jesus offered himself once for all as the sacrifice for people's sin
 - The law appointed high priests – limited in human weakness
 - God appointed his son with an oath, Jesus made High Priest forever
- Hebrews 8
 - The main point – Jesus, our High Priest
 - Sat down in the place of honor beside the throne of God
 - A ministry far superior to the old priesthood
 - He mediates for us a far better covenant
- Hebrews 9
 - Christ has now become the High Priest
 - He entered the Most Holy Place with his own blood
 - His blood purifies our consciences from sinful deeds – so that we can worship God
 - Christ offered himself as a perfect sacrifice for our sins
 - Once for all time – removed sin by his own death as a sacrifice

- Hebrews 4:14-16 – since we have Jesus as our High Priest
 - Hold firmly to what we believe
 - Our High Priest understands our weaknesses
 - He faced all the same testings, yet without sin
 - Come boldly to the throne of gracious God
 - Receive mercy, find grace to help us when we need it most

Priests together with Jesus

- Hebrews 8:1
- Ephesians 2:6
- 1 Peter 2:1-9
 - Grow into a full experience of salvation
 - You are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple
 - You are his holy priests
 - You offer spiritual sacrifices that please God
 - You are a chosen people
 - You are royal priests
 - You are God's very own possession
 - Result – show others the goodness of God
- Revelation 5:9-10

As Priests – with Christ as High Priest

- Direct union with God – no need of human mediator - Hebrews 4:14-16
- Your confessional – your prayer closet - 1 John 1:9
- Your understanding of the scriptures – revelation by the Holy Spirit living in you - 1 John 2:27
- Your authority to declare the Word of God – empowered by the Holy Spirit in you
- Offering Spiritual Sacrifices (1 Peter 2:5)
- The Sacrifice of Praise - Hebrews 13:15-16
- The Living Sacrifice of Service Romans 12:1
- 2 Corinthians 5:15