

## The Superiority of Christ Jesus

### Our High Priest

### Hebrews 7:25

**Do you and I have direct access to God or do we need to go through a priest? A priest is one who is a mediator between God and man. A priest represents God to man and in turn represents man to God. God's chosen nation, Israel, was directed by God to have an order of priests that served at the place that represented God's presence with His nation, the temple. One of these priests was selected as the High Priest.**

**Hebrews 5:1** For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things *pertaining* to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. **2** He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. **3** Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer *sacrifices* for sins. **4** And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron *was*.

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**Do we need a priest, a High Priest? YES!**

**OUR HIGH PRIEST – AUTHOR OF SALVATION!**

**Hebrews 5:5** So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but *it was* He who said to Him: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You." **6** As *He* also *says* in another *place*: "You *are* a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek"; **7** who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was **heard because of His godly fear**, **8** though He was a Son, *yet* He **learned obedience by the things which He suffered**. **9** And **having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him**, **10** called by God as High Priest "according to the order of Melchizedek,"

**High Priest Forever**

**Perfected – The Author of eternal salvation**

**To all that obey HIM! (Matthew 7:13-23)**

**OUR HIGH PRIEST – GIVES FULL ACCESS TO GOD**

**Hebrews 6:13** For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, **14** saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." **15** And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. **16** For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation *is* for them an end of all dispute. **17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath, 18 that by two immutable things, in which it *is* impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before *us*. 19 This *hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, 20* where the forerunner has entered for us, *even* Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.**

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**God cannot lie – His promise is unchanging, sure, certain  
Our hope is in our High Priest – an anchor of the soul  
Enters THE PRESENCE**

#### **OUR HIGH PRIEST – SAVES TO THE UTTERMOST**

**Hebrews 7:24** 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. NKJV

**A salvation that lacks nothing!!!**

#### **OUR HIGH PRIEST – MEDIATOR OF THE NEW COVENANT**

**Hebrews 8:1** Now *this is* the main point of the things we are 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 Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

**8:6** But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as **He is also Mediator of a better covenant**, which was established on better promises.

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**Covenant = God's promise, pledge, agreement, contract – God initiates, confirms and fulfills the covenant – in Christ Jesus both sides are fulfilled**

**Hebrews 8:10** For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. **11** None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. **12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."** **13** In that He says, "A new *covenant*," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

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**New Covenant – places divine nature in each believer; merciful – sin forgiven and remembered no more – KNOW HIM PERSONALLY!!!**

**Hebrews 10:21** and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, **22 let us draw near** with a true heart in full assurance of faith... NKJV

**Hebrews 4:14** 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. **15** For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. **16 Let us therefore come boldly** to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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