

Episode 53 — He Always Lives

Text: Hebrews 7:23–25 (CSB)

EPISODE SUMMARY

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In this Friday Lord's Supper meditation, we open Hebrews 7:23–25 and sit with a detail the writer of Hebrews uses to anchor everything: the Levitical priests kept dying. One after another, generation after generation, the priesthood turned over because the priests ran out of time. But Jesus holds his priesthood permanently — not just for a long time, but in a way that can never be transferred or inherited, because he never stops being who he is. Verse 25 draws out the implication: he is able to save completely, to the uttermost, because he always lives to make intercession. The table we come to today isn't a memorial to someone who helped us once. It's a present-tense response to a priest who is interceding right now.

KEY THEMES

Key Themes:

- The permanence of Christ's priesthood versus the Levitical succession
- Salvation "to the uttermost" — complete and uninterrupted
- The ongoing intercession of Christ at the right hand of the Father
- The cross as decisive act; the intercession as its ongoing application
- The Lord's Supper as a present-tense response, not a past-tense memorial

KEY SCRIPTURE

Key Scripture:

"Therefore, he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them." — Hebrews 7:25 (CSB)

TAKEAWAY TRUTH

Takeaway Truth:

The priesthood of Jesus doesn't expire. He doesn't retire, hand off the role, or move on to other work. He always lives to intercede — which means his salvation reaches all the way through, however long the road and whatever the depth of the need.

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

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Come to the table as a response to what he is doing right now, not just what he did. You are still on the road. You still carry things unresolved. You still need a priest. The bread and the cup declare that you have one — and that he has not stopped. He holds the priesthood permanently, which means he holds you permanently. Come to the table in response to that.

SERIES FOCUS

Series Focus:

This Friday meditation steps outside the weekday series to focus on the Lord's Supper. The weekday series in Matthew continues Monday with Matthew 4, where the Spirit drives Jesus — the one just named at the Jordan — into the wilderness to be tested.