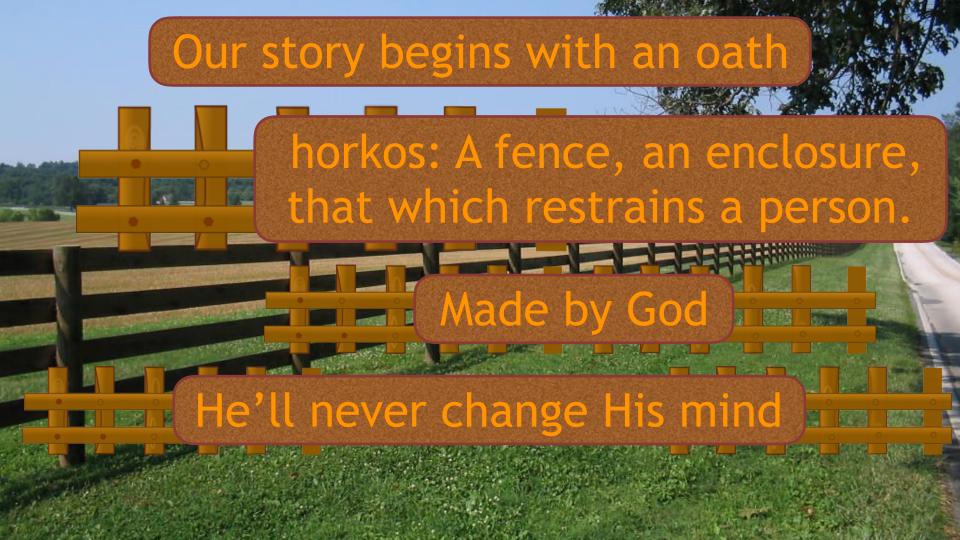




And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, 'You are a priest forever.'" This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.



He is able to save to the "uttermost!"

panteles - "All complete, perfect."

"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." (v. 27)

He is both our High Priest and Perfect Sacrifice! (v. 27)

Guarantor: engyos - A surety.

A "surety" is security against loss or damage. A person who has made himself responsible for another; legally responsible for the debt, default, or delinquency of another.

Jesus "guarantees to men that God will fulfill His covenant of forgiveness, and He guarantees to God that those who are in Him are acceptable." Expositor's Bible Commentary

Now "He always lives to make intercession" for us! So now we never have to wonder if we're . . .

Forgiven - So we should live with confidence! (God's antidote for shame and guilt)

Safe, So we should live with boldness! (God's antidote for fear)

Loved - So we should live with gratitude! (God's antidote for self-centeredness)