



HEBREWS

The SUPERIORITY
of CHRIST

2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

2 Peter 1:20-21

²⁰But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

High Priest Forever

Hebrews 7:1-3

Deuteronomy 29:29

²⁹“The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.

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4 Components (4:14-7:28)

1. Introductory Arguments Regarding Christ's Priesthood (4:14-5:11)

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3. A Call to Trust God's Promise (6:13-20)

4. Further Explanation of Christ's Priesthood (7)

Hebrews 5:9-11

⁹And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation, ¹⁰being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. ¹¹Concerning him we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

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Hebrews 6:11-12

¹¹And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, ¹²so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

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Element 1: Observe Abraham's Example (6:13-15)

Element 2: Imitate Abraham's Example (6:16-18)

Hebrews 6:19-20

¹⁹This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, ²⁰where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

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Element 3: Cling to Hope (6:19-20)

Two Reasons we Can Cling to Hope:

Reason 1: This Hope is Our Anchor

Reason 2: This Hope is In Heaven

Hebrews 7:1-3

¹For this Melchizedek, king of Salem,
priest of the Most High God, who met
Abraham as he was returning from the
slaughter of the kings and blessed him,
²to whom also Abraham apportioned a
tenth part of all the spoils, was first of
all, by the translation of his name, king
of righteousness, and then also king of
Salem, which is king of peace.

Hebrews 7:1-3

³Without father, without mother,
without genealogy, having neither
beginning of days nor end of life, but
made like the Son of God, he remains
a priest perpetually.

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Element 1: Melchizedek's Historical Roles

Hebrews 5:5-6

⁵So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him,
“YOU ARE MY SON,
TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU”;⁶just as He says also in another passage,
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Genesis 14:17-18

¹⁷Then after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

¹⁸And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High.

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¹⁸And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High. ¹⁹He blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;" ²⁰And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." He gave him a tenth of all.

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Typology

“A type is a shadow cast on the pages of OT history by a truth whose full embodiment or antitype is found in the NT revelation” (Baker’s Dictionary of Theology).

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“Salem” is from the same Hebrew root
as shālom, “peace”. (JMAC)

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Romans 5:1-2

¹Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

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Revelation 1:17-18

¹⁷When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

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²The LORD will stretch forth Your
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Hebrews 5:7-10

⁷In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety. ⁸Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.

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