



“Hence ‘Jesus has become the surety of a better covenant.’ God has sworn (Ps 110:4), his decision is immutable (Heb 6:17); the new covenant will be eternal (Heb 13:20) and the new high priest permanent. Consequently, it is characteristic of Jesus to be an indefectible surety for the future, for he remains the same ‘yesterday and today and forever’ (13:8)....

“The inferiority of the Levitical priesthood is evident because death was the master of every Levitical priest. There were scores of priests, priest after priest, through the roll call of history. But each and every one died. No Levitical priest lasted more than a generation, and each one in succession died....What is needed is one effective priest, one priest that conquers death, but such a priest did not hail from the tribe of Levi.” – Tom Schreiner

“The fact that it is Christ who is this living and permanent guarantee, the surety provided by God, who has literally put our salvation ‘in his hand,’ means that from here on the salvation of each believer is his responsibility (2:10). He has paid our debts. He has freed us from sin. Through his ‘precious blood’ he has bought and paid for our emancipation. Our confidence, the best guarantee there is, must be absolute.” – Theological Lexicon of the New Testament

“[To intercede] is more than a meeting: it is a presence, an intervention with the maximum possible influence....It is precisely the eternal priest-king after the order of Melchizedek who has the credence with God to take in hand the cause of his disciples and solicit for them the gift of grace; the mere presence of his humanity in heaven is in itself a perpetual interceding.” – Theological Lexicon of the New Testament