

FULL ACCESS TO GOD ~ Hebrews 7:11-28

→ Scripture Reading Heb. 6:19-20, 7:11, 7:18-19, 7:23-25

THE O.T. PRIESTHOOD WAS FLAWED ~ Hebrews 7:11-17

[11] If PERFECTION could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the law was given to the people), why was there still need for another priest to come--one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron? [12] For when there is a change of the priesthood, there must also be a change of the law. [13] He of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, and no one from that tribe has ever served at the altar. [14] For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. [15] And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears, [16] one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life. [17] For it is declared: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."

THE O.T. LAW MADE NOTHING PERFECT ~ Hebrews 7:18-22

[18] The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless [19] (for the LAW made NOTHING PERFECT), and a better HOPE is introduced, by which we draw near to God.

THE LAW IS... ~ Heb. 7:18-19

- weak
- useless
- set aside

Romans 3:20 (NIV) Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

[20] And it was not without an oath! Others became priests without any oath, [21] but he became a priest with an oath when God said to him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: "You are a priest forever." [22] Because of this oath, Jesus has become the GUARANTEE of a better covenant.

APPLICATION

→Picture of Tabernacle

→Picture of Temple

The whole system of O.T. worship associated with Sacrifices, Rituals and Priesthood was designed to keep men at a DISTANCE from God - rather than to bring them near. FF Bruce

perfection = access or nearness to God, relationship with God

OLD COVENANT BASED ON...

- Law of Moses
- Sacrificial System
- Priests

NEW COVENANT

- **ATONEMENT** -
1 Peter 2:24 (NIV) He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.
- **CLEANSSED CONSCIENCE** -
Hebrews 9:14 (NIV) How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!
- **ACCESS** -
John 14:6 (NIV) Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
1 John 1:9 (ESV) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to CLEANSE us from all unrighteousness.
- **LIFE** -
John 11:25 (NIV) Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

IT SHOULD MOVE US TO...

- BROKENNESS before the Lord - Ps. 51:17
- pursue HOLINESS in our Lives - 2 Tim. 2:21
- pursue SPIRITUAL GROWTH and - Col 1.28
- live a Lifestyle of WORSHIP - 1 Cor. 10:31

THE ETERNAL PRIESTHOOD OF JESUS ~ Hebrews 7:23-28

[23] Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; [24] but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. [25] Therefore he is able to save COMPLETELY those who come to God through him, because he ALWAYS lives to intercede for them. [26] Such a high priest meets our need--one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. [27] Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. [28] For the law appoints as high priests men who are weak; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

DIFFERENCE IN PRIESTHOODS ~ Heb. 7:23-27

Aaronic/Levitical Priests	Jesus High Priest
many High Priests	ONE
temporary	PERMANENT
sacrificed for own sins	HOLY, blameless, pure
offered daily sacrifices	ONCE for ALL
offered animal sacrifices	Offered HIMSELF

APPLICATION

Jesus IS a BETTER High Priest Because...

- He is IN God's PRESENCE 6:30
- He is ETERNAL 7:24
- His Forgiveness is COMPLETE 7:25
- His Forgiveness is PERMANENT 7:25
- He WAS the SACRIFICE 7:27

In the Beloved" I went to the tree, There, in His Person, by faith I may see
 Infinite wrath rolling over His head, Infinite grace, for He died in my stead.
 In the Beloved," God's marvelous grace Calls me to dwell in this wonderful place;
 God sees my Savior, and then He sees me, In the Beloved," accepted and free.

Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV) Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. [15] For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. [16] Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to HELP US in our time of need.

TAKE AWAY ??

→We NEED a SAVIOR and a High Priest who will keep on INTERCEDING for us

Philippians 1:6 (NLT) And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.