

Experiencing Christ

in the Book of Hebrews
(Part 2 – Chapters 7-10)

Chapter 7

- I. **The great heavenly High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek** (Heb. 5:1-10; 6:19-20; Chapter 7)
 - A. King of Salem <peace> (Gen. 14:18-20; Ps. 110:1-7; Heb. 7:1-2)
 - B. King of Righteousness
 - C. Priest of the Most High God (Mark 5:7; Luke 8:28)
 - D. Made like the Son of God – without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life

- II. **Superior to the Levitical priesthood of Aaron** (Heb. 7:4-28)
 - A. The necessity of changing the order of the priesthood from the order of Aaron to the order of Melchizedek (Heb. 7:11-19, 23, 27-28)
 - B. Made a Priest according to the power of an endless <indestructible, indissoluble> life (Heb. 7:16)
 1. An unchangeable priesthood (Heb. 7:23-24)
 2. Remains a priest continually <forever>
 - a. Made a Priest by God with an **oath** – God will not change or regret (Heb. 7:20-21, 28; 6:16-18; Ps. 110:4)
 - b. Became a **surety** <a pledge, a guarantee> of a better covenant <See point V> (Heb. 7:22; 8:6-12; 12:24; 13:20; Matt. 26:28; 1 Cor. 11:25)
 - C. Perfected and lives forever (Heb. 7:28; 2:10, 17-18; 4:15; 5:1-10; Rev. 1:18a; 5:14)
 1. Fitting (very suitable) for us (Heb. 7:26)

2. Holy (Exod. 28:36; 39:30; 1 Pet. 1:15-16, 19; 2 Pet. 3:11); harmless <*guileless, without malice*>; undefiled <*untainted*> (Heb. 4:15; 1 Pet. 2:22; 1 John 3:5; Isa. 53:9); separate from sinners; exalted above the heavens
- D. Able to save to the uttermost <completely, perfectly> (Heb. 7:25)
 1. Those who come to God through Him
 2. Always making intercession for them (Heb. 9:24; 1 John 2:1-2; 1 Tim. 2:5; Rom. 8:34; Isa. 52:12)
 3. He offered up Himself as the sin offering once for all (Heb. 7:27; 9:12, 25, 28; 10:10-12)

Chapters 8-10

III. The ascended Christ is both King and High Priest

(Zech. 6:11-13; Ps. 110; Rev. 1:5, 13-18)

- A. Seated at the right hand of the Majesty on high (Heb. 1:3; 8:1-2; 10:12; Rom. 8:34)
 1. As the Ruler over the kings of the earth (Ps. 110:1-3)
 - a. Making all His enemies His footstool (Heb. 1:13)
 - b. The rod (scepter) of His strength and righteousness is sent out of Zion (Heb. 1:8-9; Ps. 45:6)
 - c. We His people shall be His army of volunteers – arrayed in the beauties of holiness, full of life and fresh as the dew
 2. As the great heavenly High Priest walking in the midst of the golden lampstands (Ps. 110:4)
 - a. Always interceding for us
 - b. Giving aid to His people (the seed of Abraham)
 - c. Leading many sons to glory
 3. To make us kings and priests to His God and Father
 4. Executing judgment in the day of His wrath at His return (Ps. 110:5-7; Num. 23:24; Isa. 63:1; Rev. 19:11-16)

- B. A Minister of the heavenly sanctuary, the true tabernacle (Heb. 8:2)
 - 1. Erected by the Lord Himself
 - 2. Not by man nor by man's hands and not of this creation (Heb. 9:11, 24; 11:10; Col. 2:11; Mark 14:58)
 - 3. We, the brethren of the Firstborn, are the real (true) house of God (Heb. 3:4-6; 11:10; 12:22-23, 28; Eph. 2:19-22; 1 Cor. 3:9-17; 2 Cor. 6:14-18; 1 Tim. 3:15-16a; 1 Pet. 2:4-7)
- C. Appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices (Heb. 8:3-4; 9:11-28)
<see point IV.B.2.>
 - a. Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come – He is the fulfillment, the reality of all the offerings and sacrifices (Lev. Chapters 1-7)
 - b. With His own blood *through the eternal Spirit*, He offered Himself without spot to God – having accomplished an *eternal redemption* for us
 - c. Entering with His own blood into the Most Holy Place once for all to appear in the presence of God for us (Heb. 9:24-28)
 - d. Able to cleanse our conscience from dead works (*works without life*) to serve the living God
 - e. That we may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance

IV. The earthly tabernacle (sanctuary), the priestly service, the offerings and the laws during the old covenant age were only copies, shadows, and types (symbolic) of the heavenly things (Heb. 8:5; 9:1-10, 23-24; 10:1; Col. 2:16-17)

- A. These are not the substance and the reality
- B. Therefore, they cannot make those who perform the priestly service perfect (Heb. 9:8-10a; 10:1-11)

1. The **Holy Spirit indicated** that while the earthly tabernacle was still standing, the way into the Holy of Holies would not yet be opened
2. Animal sacrifices are only external regulations not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper
- C. These ordinances were imposed until the “time of reformation” (Heb. 9:10b)
 1. At the first coming of our Lord Jesus Christ
 2. Jesus Christ ended the old covenant on the cross (see V.C.5.)
 3. And ushered in the new covenant through His resurrection from the dead
 4. Creating in Himself one new man, a new creation

V. Jesus Christ – the Mediator of a better covenant, having obtained a more excellent ministry (Heb. 8:6-13; 10:7-9; 2 Cor. 3:1-6; Ezek. 36:25-27; Jer. 31:31-34)

- A. Established on better promises
- B. A covenant of life and peace (Mal. 2:5)
- C. A ministry not of the letter that kills, but of the Spirit who gives life
 1. The laws of the old covenant were written on stones (outward)
 2. In the new covenant, His laws are put in our mind and written on our hearts
 3. God will be our God and we will be His people
 4. Everyone will know the LORD <not through teachings>, but through the inner Anointing – the indwelling Holy Spirit (John 14:16-18, 20, 23, 26-27; 15:1-7, 26; 16:8-13; 1 John 2:20, 27)
 5. God will be merciful (propitious) to our unrighteousness, and will remember our sins no more

6. The covenant of the law is old and obsolete, faulty and will soon vanish away (Heb. 7:18; 8:7-9, 13; 9:9; 10:8-9; Col. 2:14; Eph. 2:14-16)

VI. A summary to confirm all the aforementioned speaking of the Holy Spirit <10:15> (Heb. 10:1-18)

VII. A call to the saints to come forward with boldness into the Holy of Holies (Heb. 10:19-25)

- A. By the blood of Jesus
- B. By a new and living way which Christ has dedicated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh
- C. Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith
- D. Having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience
- E. Having our bodies washed with pure water of life
- F. Hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering
- G. Consider one another in order to stir up love and good works
- H. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together
- I. Seeing that the day of the Lord's return is approaching

VIII. A solemn warning to the Hebrew believers (Heb. 10:25-31)

- A. Not to sin willfully – leaving the assembly of the saints due to persecution (Heb. 10:32-33)
- B. Not to return to Judaism – where the animal sacrifice for sin according to the old covenant is no longer valid
- C. There will be a severe judgment from the Lord – it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God

IX. A word of encouragement (Heb. 10:32-39)