

Sunday October 30th 2011
The Letter to the Hebrews
Part Twenty Three
Study Questions

1). Heb 7:11 ¶ *Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?* What does this scripture teach us about the Levitical priesthood?

a). What does the word translated ‘another’ teach us about the priesthood according to the order of Melchizedek?

2). Ex 26:30 *"And you shall raise up the tabernacle according to its pattern which you were shown on the mountain.* What does the scripture tell us about the physical structure that we know as the tabernacle?

a). What do the scriptures also teach us about the furniture of the tabernacle and where would we find this?

b). What would this also tell us about the succession of high priests and their ministry?

c). So in what scripture is the purpose and the ministry of the tabernacle described to us?

d). What does all of this mean for the ministry of the priests in the earthly tabernacle?

3). *15 And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest 16 who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life.* What contrast is made here between the Levitical priests and the One in the likeness of Melchizedek?

a). Explain what it means that the Levitical priests were appointed ‘according to the law of a fleshly commandment’.

b). What scripture did we look at that describes some of this?

c). What does this focus on outward appearance teach us and what scriptures did we look at in conjunction with this?

d). What is the basis then for Christ’s High Priestly ministry and how should we understand it?

4). Read Hebrews 7:18-22

a). What does the word ‘former’ in v18 teach us?

- b). What is the contrast that is made in v19?
- c). What scriptures did we look at in connection with this?
- d). What do v20-21 teach us?
- e). What is the result of this that we see in v22?
- f). In what ways is Christ's priesthood according to the order of Melchizedek superior to that according to the order of Aaron?

5). Heb 7:23 Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. 24 But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. 25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

- a). What contrast is made in v23-24?
- b). In what ways is Christ's Priesthood 'unchangeable'?
- c). What does the word 'therefore' at the beginning of v25 teach us?
- d). What is the result of these things that we see recorded in v25?
- e). What does the phrase 'save to the uttermost' teach us and what scriptures did we look at in connection with this?
- f). Who is He able to save to the uttermost?
- g). How should we understand the phrase 'those who come to God through Him' and what scriptures did we look at that describe this?

h). What names are given to this group of people elsewhere in Hebrews?

i). According to v25, why is Christ able to save to the uttermost?

j). What do we know about the word 'intercession'?

k). How should we understand this and what scriptures did we look at that describe this?

6). Heb 7:26 *For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; 27 who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. 28 For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.*

a). What does v26 teach us and what scriptures did we look at with regards to this?

b). What does v27 teach us and what scriptures did we look at with regards to this?

c). What contrast is made in v28 and what did we look with regards to this?

d). Any final thoughts?

