

Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> 2011  
The Letter to the Hebrews  
Part Twenty Four  
Study Questions

1). Heb 7:23 *Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing.* Let's spend a moment reminding ourselves of the comparisons that are made between Christ's Priesthood and that of Aaron and his descendants.

a). What is the overall purpose of these comparisons?

2). Heb 8:1 ¶ *Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, 2 a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.* As Chapter 8 opens, what does the first sentence have to say?

a). What two things concerning Christ are noted in these first 2 verses?

b). How do these two things compare with the priesthood of Aaron?

c). What is significant about Christ being seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens?

d). What does the word 'Minister' convey to us?

e). How should we understand this being 'the true tabernacle'?

f). What other scripture did we look at that also describes the heavenly tabernacle?

g). What do the words 'tabernacle' and 'erected' literally mean?

h). What would you say is particularly unique about the heavenly tabernacle?

3). Heb 8:3 *For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices.*

*Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer.* What does the scripture here make clear to us?

a). What scriptures did we look at that add commentary to this?

b). In what way does Christ fulfill the type of the earthly priest offering a sacrifice for his own sins?

4). Heb 8:4 *For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; 5 who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle.* Why would Christ not be a Priest if He were on the earth?

a). What are we told the earthly priests do?

b). Whose idea was this?

c). What do we know about a shadow that would help us understand this and what scriptures did we look at that talk about this?

5). 6 ¶ *But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.*

- a). What has Christ obtained?
- b). Explain Him having a more excellent ministry.
- c). On what basis, according to our scripture, is Christ's ministry more excellent?
- d). What scripture did we look at in Chapter 7 that referred to this same thing?

6). Heb 8:7 *For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.* What does this scripture teach us?

- a). According to the beginning of v8 with whom did He find fault and why is this significant?
- b). According to the second half of v8 what did God say he would do?
- c). When did He say this and what does His announcement teach us?
- d). Where does our writer go to show this?

7). Read Jeremiah 31-31-34

- a). What time period is the Prophet talking about in this scripture?
- b). Where do we see other types for this in the scriptures and what other scriptures did we look at in connection with this?
- c). How is the new covenant significantly different from the old covenant?
- d) Who is this new covenant to be made with and why is this significant for us?
- e). Who is a surety of this covenant and which scriptures did we look at that show us how this is accomplished?
- f). So then, what is the connection between Christ's sacrifice on the cross and the new covenant with Israel?
- g). What is the enactment of the new covenant still waiting for and what scripture did we look at in connection with this?
- h). If the new covenant is not made with Christians, which it isn't and if exclusively has to do with the house of Israel and the house of Judah at the end of the Tribulation, which it does – why is our writer, why is God, going to such great lengths to bring all of this to the attention of those who are actively in pursuit of the Kingdom?
- j). Any final thoughts?

