



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Hebrews 7:20-28 (NAS)

Topic: "A Guarantee That Endures"

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- 20 And inasmuch as it was not without an oath
21 (for they indeed became priests without an oath, but He with an oath through the One who said to Him, "THE LORD HAS SWORN AND WILL NOT CHANGE HIS MIND, 'YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER'");
22 so much the more also Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.
23 The former priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing,
24 but Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently.
25 Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.
26 For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens;
27 who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.
28 For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son, made perfect forever.

I. THE MYSTERIOUS MAN

- A. Without Genealogy
- B. Not A Levite
- C. A Priest Appointed By God

II. THE HIGHEST GOAL OF CHRISTIANITY

- A. Not A Self Help Program
- B. Being Made Fit To Stand In The Presence Of God

III. THE FAILURE OF THE LEVITICAL SYSTEM

- A. It Could Not Make Man Perfect

B. You Must Be Perfect To Stand Before God *Matthew 5:48*

C. How Were Old Testament People Saved? *Genesis 15:6*

IV. THE CHANGE IN THE PRIESTHOOD – CHANGE IN THE LAW

- A. Law Established The Priesthood
- B. Law Here Refers To The Ceremonial Law
- C. Christ Came From The Tribe Of Judah
 - 1. He replaced the Levitical priesthood
 - 2. He fulfilled what was lacking
 - 3. He was the promised Messiah *Isaiah 11:1; Micah 5:2; Luke 1:32; Romans 1:3*
 - 4. Indestructible priest
 - 5. He Is able to secure His people *John 10:27,28*

V. THE CANCELLATION OF THE LAW

- A. It Had No Power To Save
- B. It Was Designed To Point To The Perfect Sacrifice *Hebrews 10:4*