

THE SUPERIORITY OF CHRIST'S PRIESTHOOD

(Hebrews 7:1-25)

I. The Superiority of Melchizedek (7:1-10)

A. Who is Melchizedek? (7:1-3)

B. The Superiority of Melchizedek over that of Aaron (7:4-10)

II. The Superiority of Christ's Priesthood Over That of the Levites (7:11-24)

A. The _____ of The Levitical System Called For A _____ of Priest (7:11-19)

*What is meant by the term "*perfection*"?

The Point: Both the Levitical priesthood & the Mosaic law of the OT were inseparably _____. A change in _____ meant a change in the _____. Cf 7:12

- Who can change laws that rule, except the maker of the law!
 1. That having to do with the _____ Priesthood (7:11-19)
 - a. The author states the old priesthood was _____, as it came on the scene of Israel's history for a _____ (7:11-14)
 - 1) The problem with the Levitical priesthood was that it could not make sinners _____ before God (7:11a)
 - 2) The law cannot _____ a sinner, nor _____ the saint! (Galatians 3:1-4; 2:16; 3:10-14, 21-22)
- What then was the purpose of the law? (Gal. 3:19-20, 23-26)
 - 3) Because of the Levites _____ to perfect sinners, God sought _____ according to the order of Melchizedek! (7:11b)
 - 4) A change in _____ from Levitical to Melchizedekian required also a change in the _____ itself (7:12)
- Why was this change necessary?

5) Verse 13 tells us that this new priest would come from a _____ tribe than that of Levi!

6) This change was further evidenced as our _____, came from the tribe of _____, not Levi!

b. Not only was the OT priesthood transitory (changeable), but it was _____ was well! (7:15-19)

1) The evidence pointed to the fact that _____ priest arose after the order of Melchizedek. This indicated the Aaronic priesthood & the dispensation of Law was _____!

- How was the new priesthood different?

a) Christ's priesthood was not according to the law of a _____, like that of Aaron! (7:16a)

- What does that mean?

b) Christ's priesthood was according to His _____ & _____, as evidenced by the power of an _____! (7:16b)

2) God's inspired _____ stands behind His prediction (Psalm 110:4)

- This prophecy emphasized two things:

a) The _____ of Christ's priesthood ... "*you are a priest* _____"!

b) The _____ of Christ's priesthood ... it would be ... "*according to the order of* _____"!

c) On the one hand, there was the _____ of the law or commandment.

- Why was this needful?

1) Because of the law's _____....

2) Because of its _____....

d) This is further evidenced by what vs 19a states... "*for the law* _____..."

e) On the other hand, there is the bringing in of a _____!

- What does all this mean to you?