

Greatest Priest

Greater Than | Week 3

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Progression of Hebrews chapters 5-7

You have a Great High Priest → but you're becoming lazy → grow up and don't reject Him → God's promise is secure → and here's why: your hope is anchored in heaven where Jesus, your eternal High Priest, has gone before you.

HOLY GOD ← PRIEST → SINFUL PEOPLE

The Responsibilities of the Priest:

- offered sacrifices for sin
- interceded for the people
- taught God's Word
- pronounced blessing
- represented the people before God

Hebrews 5:7-10 (ESV)

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 5:11-14 (ESV)

About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

Hebrews 6:4-6 (ESV)

For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.

“Fallen away” used 1x in scripture

- to commit apostasy. The act of refusing to continue to follow, obey, or recognize faith in Jesus Christ.

The tenses of the greek participles are really important.

- One – Aorist Participle “Have fallen away”
- Two – Present Active Participles:
 - “Are crucifying once again the Son of God”
 - “And holding him up to contempt”

Right in the middle of our passage we find a conditional clause

- 6:6 – “since” they are crucifying...
- Conditional words: while, since, or because
- If the condition is removed then the outcome changes.
 - Temporal view – It’s impossible WHILE...
 - Causal view – it’s impossible BECAUSE...
 - Both are true.

Hebrews 6:9 (ESV)

Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation.

Hebrews 6:19–20 (ESV)

We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Jesus is the Greatest Priest because He is a High Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek

What's the deal with Melchizedek?

Melchizedek – King of Righteousness

- King of Salem [salem – shalom (peace)]
- “Priest of God Most High”
- “Made like the Son of God”

Psalms 110:4 (ESV)

The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

Jesus is the Greatest Priest

Aaron's priests died → Jesus lives forever.

Aaron's priests were sinners → Jesus is sinless.

Aaron's priests offered repeated sacrifices → Jesus offered Himself once for all.

Aaron's priests served temporarily → Jesus serves permanently.

Aaron's priests could never save completely → Jesus saves completely.

Hebrews 7:25

“Therefore, he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, since he always lives to intercede for them.”

Don't walk away from Jesus. There is no better Priest to run to.



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