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**Theme**: **The Christian Priesthood in** **Hebrews 10:19-25**

1. The **C**haracter of the **C**hristian Priesthood. [17th, 24th Nov. 2019] Heb. 10:19-20

**II. The Character of our High Priest. Heb. 10:21**

III. The **C**onditions of the **C**hristian Priesthood. Heb. 10:22

IV. The **C**ommitment of Priests. Heb. 10:23-25

**Recapitulation:**

**Pt. 1a**

1. **The Classes of Priesthood.**
2. **The Original Purpose of God.** Exo. 19:5-6

*Now* ***therefore****,* ***if*** *ye will obey…****then*** *ye shall be* ***a peculiar treasure*** *unto Me above all people…And ye shall be unto Me* ***a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation****.*

**Cf. 1 Peter 2:9 – The Christian Priesthood**

*But* ***ye are*** *a chosen generation,* ***a royal priesthood****,****an holy nation******a peculiar people****…*

**2. The Other Priesthoods set up by God**

 a. The Nation**al** Priesthood Set Aside because of disobedience. Exo. 32:8; cf. **Isa. 61:6**

b. The Levitic**al** Priesthood Put **A**way, it was to be a Shadow Priesthood. Exo. 28:1, 2

1. The Melchizedek Priesthood Set **A**bove **A**ll others.
* **B**eware of the **B**arrier of **R**itualism, **R**iches, **R**eligiousness, **R**acism, **R**ites.

**Pt. 1b – *Enter into the Holiest…***

**B. The Consecration of the Christian Priesthood**

 1. The **S**tructure of the Tabernacle.

 2. The **S**tanding of the Veil.

 3. The **S**ignificance of the Rent Veil.

a. The **R**emoval of **D**istance.

 b. The **R**emoval of **D**emarcation.

**Study 2** - **The Character of our High Priest. Heb. 10:21**

Text: *Having* ***an High Priest*** *over the house of God.* Heb. 10:21

Heb. 5:1 – **A *High Priest*** *is taken from among men…is ordained for men… in things pertaining to God.*

Heb. 8:1 – *We have such* ***a High Priest*** *…* Christ, the **P**eople’s Representative before God*.*

**A. The Prerequisites of our High Priest.**

**1. His Order as Man** – He had to be chosen from among men. Heb. 5:1f

1. His Condescens**ion** – for the Suffering of Death.

*But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels* ***for the suffering of death****…that He by the grace of God* ***should taste death for every man.*** Heb. 2:9

Thus: He Who is “*better than the angels*” Heb. 1:13, 14

Was made a “*little lower than the angels*” 2:9 cp. 2:7

1. His Incarnat**ion** to Overcome **D**eath and the **D**evil Heb. 2:14

*Himself likewise took part of the same that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.*

i. He was a **B**roth**er** among brethren. 2:13b, 11

ii. He was a **B**eliev**er** among believers. 2:13a

iii. He was a **W**orshipp**er** among worshippers. 2:12

***in all points*** *tempted like as we are,* ***yet* *without sin****.* 4:15

c. His Identificat**ion** – to **D**eliver from **D**eath, 2:15
 The “*Son of God*” (1:2, 3) was “*made like unto His brethren* ***in all things***” 2:17, 18

**2. His Offering as Priest.** Heb. 8:3

 *wherefore it is of necessity that this Man have something also to offer*

a. His **O**ffering was Himself. 9:26, 14

b. His **O**ffering was by Himself – The Perfection of His Sacrifice. 10:12; 1:3

i. There would be no Repetition - *once* 10:12

ii. There was full Completion – *sat down* 10:12, 11

iii. It brought God Satisfaction – *right hand* 10:12

iv. There was future Anticipation – 10:13

v. It brought about perfect Sanctification. 10:14

vi. There is the HS’s Guaranteed Remission. 10:15

vii. There is now Confident Communion. 10:19

 c. His **O**rdination of God. 5:4
*No man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God*.

i. Christ was **A**cknowledged of God. 5:5

ii. Christ was **A**ppointed of God. 5:6, 10; 3:2

1. **The Pattern (Order) of our High Priest** – **5:10**

*an High Priest after the Order of Melchizedek*

**1. The Fact of the Melchizedek Order**.

 This was not an extension of the Levitical Order. Cf. Heb. **7:12**; 8:7, 8, 13

a. The **F**act of ***Another*** High Priest. 7:11, 15

i. The **C**onnotation of the **C**hange.

 Gk. *heteros* expresses a qualitative difference, denoting *another* of a different sort. Rom. 7:23; Mt. 11:3

* Gk. *allos* expresses a numerical difference, denoting *another* of the same sort.

 Jn. 14:16

* Gk. *heteros* and *allos* – see Gal. 1:6, 7

ii. The **C**onfirmation of the **C**hange. *The Priesthood being changed*… Heb. 7:12

 Gk. *metatithēmi* = to transpose; to put one thing in place of another.

 From *meta* = implying change, and *tithemi =* to put. Also Heb. 11:5 (*translation*); 12:27 (*removing*).

b. The **F**act of Another Order. This Order is … Heb. 7:11 cf. 13, 15

i. Eter**nal**, ct. the Levitical order which is **C**arnal. 7:16, 17

ii. Immuta**ble**, ct. Levitical order which is not **C**onclusive (*made nothing perfect*) 7:19

iii. Incompara**ble** (*more excellent*), 8:6 ct. which is *Unprofitable*. 7:18

* It has a better ministry. 7:6
* It is based on a *better* *covenant*. 7:22
* It gives a *better* *hope*. 7:19

c. The **F**act of Another Ministry.

i. A Celesti**al** Ministry. 9:24

ii. A Spiritu**al** Ministry. 9:11 ct. 9:9, 10

1. An Effectu**al** Ministry. 10:14-18 ct. 10:11

**\* Because He is …, We are …!**

**Pt. 2a – The Character of our High Priest Heb. 10:21**

1. **The Prerequisites of our High Priest.**

 1.His **O**rder as Man Heb. 5:1, 2

1. His **O**ffering as Priest. Heb. 8:3
2. His **O**rdination of God. Heb. 5:4

**B. The Pattern (Order) of our High Priest** –

 **1. The Fact of the Melchizedek Order**. Heb. 7:17

Next Lord’s Day (23 Aug. 2020)

**Pt. 2b - 2. The F**eatures of the Melchizedek Order. Heb. 7:11