23rd August, 2020 Burmah Road Gospel Hall

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

1. The **C**haracter of the **C**hristian Priesthood. 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. 1** – **The Character of the Christian Priesthood**.

**Hebrews 10:19-20**

*Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh.*

1. The **C**lasses of Priesthood.

**B**. The **C**onstitution of the Christian Priesthood. Cf. I Pet. 2:5, 9

**C**. The **C**onfidence in the Christian Priesthood.

* **B**eware of the **B**arrier of **R**itualism, **R**iches, **R**eligiousness, **R**acism, **R**ites.

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

**D**. The **C**onsecration of the **C**hristian 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*.*

**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

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**Pt. 2b -**

**2. The Features of the Melchizedek Order. Heb. 7:11**

*He was made like unto the Son of God -* 7:3

Introduction: the writer to the Hebrews quotes Psa. 110:4 four different times and on each occasion,

he emphasizes a different part of the verse.

a. **1st Quotation** Emphasizing Christ’s **O**rdination. Heb. 5:6

i. He was *Called of God an High Priest.*  5:10

ii. **O**rdained of God – *Thou art My Son* 5:5

iii. **O**beyed God as Son– *learned He obedience* 5:8

b. **2nd Quotation** Emphasizing Christ’s **O**rder. Heb. 6:20, 7:1-3

Like Melchizedek, Christ is …

i. *The* ***P****riest of the Most High God*. 7:1 cp. Gen. 14:**18**-20

ii. King of Righteousness and **P**eace. 7:2 cp. 1:8; Isa. 9:6

iii. A **P**riest without **P**rimogeniture or **P**edigree. 7:3

iv. Greater than **A**braham or **A**aron. 7:2, 7, 4, **9, 10**

v. Of an Eternal **P**riesthood. 7:14-16

c. **3rd Quotation** Emphasizing Christ’s **O**mnipotence (**O**mnipresence) Heb. 7:17  
 Intro. Because Christ has… 7:3

*neither beginning of days nor end of life*

(1) He abides **C**ontinually. 7:24a

1. His ministry is **C**ontinuous and **C**hanges not. 7:24b, 25

He is the same yesterday, today and forever. 13:8

d. **4th Quotation** Emphasizing God’s **O**ath. Heb. 7:21 (20-22)

Intro.: God has sworn about three things: -

(1) The **S**tatus of Christ’s Priesthood. 7:21

(2) The **S**ecurity of the Christian. 6:16-20

(3) The **S**ubjection of All. Isa. 45:23-25

d. **4th Quotation** Emphasizing God’s **O**ath. 7:21 (20-22)

i. The **S**ecurity of the Christian. Heb. 6:13-20 (17f)

His **H**ope is in the **H**igh Priest within the Veil. 6:19, 20

* The **C**oncept of the Oath.
* It shows God’s **C**ondescension. 6:17
* It shows God’s **C**ommitment. 6:18
* It shows God’s **C**onfirmation. 6:18

By His Word – *Once* as His **A**ttestation. } cf. Lev.

By His Oath – *seven times* as His **A**ssurance. } 16:14

* The **C**onsolation of the Oath 6:18-20
* Our **A**spirations are **S**atisfied. 6:18b
* Our **A**nchor is Sure and **S**teadfast. 6:19

It is **A**nchored UP in Heaven, ct. anchored down,

when the tides rise, the chains will break.

* Our **A**ssurance is in the **S**aviour-Priest. 6:20

ii. The **S**urety of the Covenant. Heb. 7:20-22

Intro. “*Testament*” (7:22) = covenant, cp. the two **C**ovenants, Levitical & Melchizedek

“*Surety*”, only occ. = a Sponsor.

* The **I**mmutability of God’s Provision - 7:23
* Negatively, our **A**cceptance is not dependent on our **S**elves.
* Positively, our **A**ssurance is on our **S**urety. Cp. I Tim. 2:5, 6
* The **I**nevitability of His **B**eing a **B**etter **P**riest (of a **B**etter Covenant). 9:11, 12, 14

He is a **Better** Priest – *High Priest of good things.*

Has a Better Sanctuary – *greater and more perfect tabernacle*

He is a Better Sacrifice – *not of bulls. 9*:12

His is a Better System– *offerings once for all* 9:12

His is a Better Blessing – *obtained eternal redemption.* 9:12

His is a Better Guarantee – *Eternal Spirit* 9:14

His has a Better Result – *purge your conscience…to serve the living God* 9:14

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

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

1.His **O**rder; 2. His **O**ffering; 3. His **O**rdination.

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

1. **The Fact of the Melchizedek Order**. Heb. 7:17
2. **The Features of the Melchizedek Order.** Psa. 110:4

**1st Quotation** EmphasizingChrist’s **O**rdination

**2nd Quotation** Emphasizing Christ’s **O**rder

**3rd Quotation** Christ’s **O**mnipotence (**O**mnipresence)

4th **Quotation** Emphasizing God’s **O**ath.

**C. The Pre-eminence of our High Priest.** *Over the house of God*  Heb. 10:21

1. He is the Head **Of** the Church. Col. 1:18

*that in ALL things He might have the pre-eminence*

There must be **O**rder. Cp. I Cor. 11:3; 14:40

2. He is the Head **Over** the Church. Heb. 10:21

There must be **O**bedience. Cp. I Cor. 14:37

1. He is the Head **In** the Church. Mt. 18:20; Rev. 1:13

There must be **O**beisance. Cp. Rev. 1:17, 18

**Christ’s Ministry in Heaven. Heb. 7:4; 9:24**

i. It brings **P**eace to us. Heb. 13:20, 21

* Because of His **P**resence in Heaven - *for us* 8:4; **9:24**
* He is our **A**ssurance regarding our **S**alvation. 7:25-27 cp. Rom. 8:34
* He is our **A**dvocate regarding our **S**ustenance. I Jn. 2:1
* He silences the **A**ccuser regarding our **S**afety. Rev. 12:10. 11
* Because of His **P**resence in Heaven. 8:4; 9:24
* Because of His **P**ropitiation – His blood ever speaks.
* **B**ecause of His **B**lood…
* He is in Heaven. 9:12
* We shall be in Heaven. 13:20
* We can live the life of Heaven on earth. 13:21; I Jn. 1:7

ii. It brings **P**ower to us – *able to save us to the uttermost.* Heb. 7:25a

* Power in His ability to **S**ave. 7:25a
* Power in His ability to **S**ustain. Jude 24a
* Power in His ability to **S**anctify. Jude 24b
* Power in His ability to **S**ecure a Change [*metaschēmatizō*] *of our vile body*

*that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body...*Phil. 3:21a

* Just as *He is able even to* ***S****ubdue all things unto Himself*. Phil. 3:21b
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