6th, 13th September, 2020

**17th January, 2021** **SUNGAI NIBONG GOSPEL HALL**

**Theme:** **The Christian Priesthood in** **Heb. 10:19-25**

Pt. I - The **C**haracter of the Christian Priesthood. Heb. 10:19-20

 *[II - The* ***C****haracter of our High Priest. Heb. 10:21]*

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

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

Recapitulation:

Study 1 – (6, 13 Sept., 2020) **THE CHARACTER OF THE CHRISTIAN PRIESTHOOD**

Text: Heb. 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;*

**A. THE CLASSES OF PRIESTHOOD.**

1. The **O**riginal **P**urpose of God. Exo. 19:5-8

*Now therefore, if ye will obey…then ye shall be 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…*

1. The **O**ther **P**riesthoods set up by God – Levitical, Melchizedek. Exo. 28:1, 2; Heb. 7:1

a. The National Priesthood Set **A**side because of disobedience. Exo. 32:8; cf. Isa. 61:6

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

c. The Melchizedek Priesthood Set **A**bove **A**ll others.

**17th January, 2021**

**SNGH Theme:** ***The Christian’s Identity in Christ***.

**Intro: To be Identified IN Christ, we need to be Identified WITH Christ. Thus,**

1. **The Model for our Identity – JESUS!**

Or Christ’s Identification WITH us

and Our Identity WITH Christ.

1. **The Manner of our Identity**

or The **C**onditions of the Christian Priesthood

or Our Identity IN Christ.

 **T**ext: *Having* ***an High Priest*** *over the house of God.*

 **T**hot: Christ’s Identity with Us: Heb. 5:1

 – **A *High Priest***

*is taken from among men…*

 *is ordained for men…*

 *in things pertaining to God.*

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

* + 1. **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

1. Thus: He Who is “*better than the angels*” Heb. 1:13, 14
2. Was made a “*little lower than the angels*” 2:9 cp. 2:7
3. 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.*

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

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

 *Wherefore in all things it behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren,*

 *that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God,*

 *to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.*

 *For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted.*

**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 Repeti**tion** - *once* 10:12

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

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

iv. There was future Anticipa**tion** – 10:13

v. It brought about perfect Sanctifica**tion**. 10:14

vi. There is the Holy Spirit’s Guaranteed Remis**sion**. 10:15

vii. There is now Confident Commun**ion**. 10:19

1. His **O**rdination of God. 5:4
*No man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God*.
2. Christ was **A**cknowledged of God. 5:5
3. Christ was **A**ppointed of God. 5:6, 10; 3:2
4. **The Pattern (Order) of our High Priest** – Heb. **5:10**

*an High Priest after the Order of Melchizedek*

The **F**act 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

* 1. 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
	1. 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

1. Eter**nal**, ct. the Levitical order which is **C**arnal. 7:16, 17
2. Immuta**ble**, ct. Levitical order which is not **C**onclusive (*made nothing perfect*) 7:19
3. 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
1. The **F**act of Another Ministry.
	* 1. A Celesti**al** Ministry. 9:24
2. A Spiritu**al** Ministry. 9:11 ct. 9:9, 10
* An Effectu**al** Ministry. 10:14-18 ct. 10:11

**(He Identified with Us) We need to be Identified with Him)**

**Because He is …, We are …!**

**Summary:**

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

**A. The Model for our Identification**

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

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

 B. The **Pattern** of our High Priest –

 The **F**act of the Melchizedek Order. Heb. 7:17

 [The **F**eatures of the Melchizedek Order.]

 Next Lord’s Day (24 Jan. 2021)

**B. The Manner of our Identification**

 [Pt. 3 – The Conditions of the Christian Priesthood Heb. 10:22]

**24th January, 2021 Sungai Nibong Gospel Hall**

**R**ecapitulation:

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

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

**[Or His Identity with Us]**

1. His **O**rder as Man Heb. 5:1, 2
2. His **O**ffering as Priest. Heb. 8:3
3. His **O**rdination of God. Heb. 5:4
4. **The Pattern (Order) of our High Priest** –

**[Or Our Identity with Him]**

1. The **F**act of the Melchizedek Order. Heb. 7:17
2. The **F**eatures of the Melchizedek Order. Heb. 7:11

**Pt. 2b [3a] – The Conditions of the Christian Priesthood**

**(Or Identified IN Christ.)**

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

I. The Character of the Christian Priesthood. Heb. 10:18-20

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

**III. The Conditions of the Christian Priesthood. Heb. 10:22**

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

Intro. : *Having therefore brethren boldness…* Heb. 10:19, 20

*Having an High Priest…* Heb. 10:21

 *Let us* ***Draw Near* [Be Identified in Christ]** Heb. 10:19, 21

1. The **C**all – *draw near*, i.e., to come to God. Cf. Rom. 12:1, 2, HCSB
2. The Presentat**ion** in **W**orship and Service

*Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies*

*as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship.*

Negatively, - *Do not be conformed to this age*

Positively - *but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,*

1. The Identificat**ion** **with** God and **in** God in doing His **W**ill.

*so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.*

1. The **C**ontrast: Israel worshipped afar off;

hence, now it is a **C**all to **C**hristians to ***C****ome near to worship*.

(3) The **C**oncept –*Having therefore brethren…* Heb. 10:19

 *But now in Christ Jesus ye who once were far off*

 *are made nigh by the blood of Christ…* Eph. 2:13

 Thus, **B**elievers are now *holy and royal priests*…cf. Israel. I Pet. 2:5, 9 cf. Exo. 19:5, 6

* All who are **B**orn again, I Pet. 2:2, 5
* All **B**old **B**rethren who are washed by the **B**lood Heb. 10:19

 Hence, as Holy Priests, we are to draw near to **S**acrifice – **W**orship I Pet. 2:5

 and as Royal Priests, we are to go forth to **S**how forth – **W**ork/**W**itness. I Pet. 2:9

**A. The Privilege of Worship.**

What is Worship? \* It is the “**S**hipping of His **W**orth” – testifying to His “**W**orthyship”.

 (***S****acrifice*) \* It is the baring of the soul before God in **A**wesome **W**onder and **A**doring **V**eneration.

 \* The essence of **W**orship is **G**iving to **G**od – not receiving from God.

**1. The Implications of Worship.**

a. It requires an **A**pproach unto God. Heb. 10:22

b. It is an **A**ttitude before God involving …

i. An Intellectu**al** **E**xercise – it affects *the mind*, *understanding* I Cor. 14:15-17, 19

ii. An Emotion**al** **E**xperience – the *soul* is touched. Psa. 103:1; 104:1

iii. A Spiritu**al** **E**xchange – His Spirit and our *spirit* having communion.

c. It is an **A**ct towards God – it impels us to Give and to Do.

i. It is **P**roduced in the soul by our **C**ontemplation.

ii. It is **P**resented to God in our appreciation of Christ.

We cannot Worship God with an **E**mpty **H**ead,

 **E**mpty **H**eart and **E**mpty **H**ands. Deut. 16:16

**2. The Institution of Worship. Jn. 4:20-24**

 Intro. : *Worship* occurs 9 times in Jn. 4:21-24 as verb; 1 time as noun.

 *Worship (Gk. proskuneo*, from *pros =* towards and *kuno* = to kiss.)

a. The **P**lace of Worship – not in Jerusalem, but *within* the veil. Heb. 10:19, 20

b. The **P**erson to Worship – the *Father* through Christ by the Spirit. Eph. 2:18 ct. Mt. 2:11

c. The **P**rinciples of Worship – *in Spirit and in Truth* Jn. 4:24

d. The **P**eople to Worship – *the true worshippers* fulfilling the prerequisites of worship. Jn. 4:23

 *Let us draw near with a true heart…* Heb. 10:22

**B. The Prerequisites of Worship, Heb. 10:22**

**1**. **A True Heart** – a true heart is required to enter the true sanctuary. Heb. 8:2; 9:24

a. It Commences with a Confession of our Condition. Lam. 3:40, 41

i. **E**xamine our**S**elves – *let us search*

ii. **E**xpose our **S**ins. – *and test our ways*

iii. **E**xtricate our **S**tate. – *turn again to the Lord*. cp. I Cor. 11:28

iv. **E**xtol God’s **S**upremacy – *lift up our heart* *and our hands unto God in the heavens.* v. 41

b. It **C**alls for a **C**onsideration of our **C**ontemplation Jn. 4:24.

i. Based on an **E**stablished **R**evelation – in truth, i.e. according to the revelation of the Truth.

* Not **F**ormal (**F**orms) but **S**piritual Worship – *neither in this mountain nor yet at Jerusalem.* 4: 21-23
* Not **F**igurative but **S**pontaneous Worship 4:22, 23
* Not **F**alse, but **S**incere Worship – *true worshippers.* 4:23

Cp. Nadab and Abihu. Lev. 10

ii. Based on an **E**xperienced **R**elationship – *in spirit*

* Where one’s **W**alk is *after the Spirit* Rom. 8:1, 5
* Where one’s **W**itness is *in the Spirit.* Rom. 8:9
* Where one’s **W**orship is *by the Spirit* Rom. 8:14, 15

*Spirit vs. Flesh*

**2. In full assurance of faith**

 – the Confession of a true heart is effective only if it is made in full assurance of **F**aith – not on **F**eelings.

a. Feelings make Worship a **B**urden.

i. They can lead to **F**lesh worship.

ii. They can lead to **F**alse worship.

iii. They can lead to **F**rustrated worship.

b. But Faith makes us Worship in Boldness.

 - *boldness* (10:19), lit. = *all speech*, speaking everything, no concealment, perfect liberty.

i. Faith in the **E**ntrance of Christ within the Veil. Heb. 10:19, 20; 4:14; 6:18-20; 9:24

ii. Faith in the **E**fficacy of Christ’s shed blood. Heb. 10:19

iii. Faith in the **E**ffectiveness of Christ as our High Priest. Heb. 10:21

* He is able to Save. 7:25
* He is able to **S**uccour. 2:17, 18
* He is able to **S**ympathise. 4:15, 16 c

Con. Eph. 3:12cp. 2:18

Summary:

**A. The Privilege of Worship.**

**B. The Prerequisites of Worship**. **Heb. 10:22**

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**Nov. 22, 2020 – Part 3b: Heb. 10:22b [D.V.]**

C. *Our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience…*

22nd November, 2020 **BURMAH ROAD GOSPEL HALL**

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Recapitulation:

Part 3a – Heb. 10:22a: *Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith…*

Part 3b: *having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience,
 and our bodies washed with pure water.*

Intro. The **C**all, The **C**ontrast, The Concept … Heb. 10:19

**A. The Privilege of WORSHIP**

 1. The **I**mplications; 2. The **I**nstitution (Jn. 4:21-24)

**B. The Prerequisites of Worship.**

 1. *A True Heart* – a. It **C**ommences with a **C**onfession. Lam. 3:40f

 b. It **C**alls for a **C**onsideration of our **C**ontemplation.

 2. *In Full Assurance of Faith.*

 a. **F**eelings **B**urden us.

 b. **F**aith gives us **B**oldness.

 3. *Our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience.*

a*.* The **H**indrance of an Evil Conscience leads to **F**ailure to Worship.

i. The **S**tate of the Conscience.

 *Conscience is not the most inexorable faculty within us. It speaks to us of what is right and where we have gone wrong, and sin always leaves a legacy of guilt upon it.*

* It can Accuse or Excuse. Rom. 2:15
* It can be Weak and then Emboldened. I Cor. 8:10 cp. 12
* It can be Good or Evil. I Tim. 1:5, 19 ct. Heb. 10:22
* It can be Pure or Defiled. I Tim. 3:9; Tit. 1:15
* It can be Seared or Exercised. I Tim. 4:2 ct. Acts 24:16

ii. The **S**tain of Sin on the Conscience.

 Evil conscience is a conscience hardened and

 polluted with the sense of unpardoned guilt.

* It can make us **U**nhappy in Heart.
* It can make us **U**nwell in Body.
* It can make us **U**neasy with our Fellows.
* It can make us **U**nusable by God.

b. The **H**eart Sprinkled from an Evil Conscience is **F**it for Worship.

 The *Heart Sprinkled* - a reference to *the Blood of Sprinkling*. Heb. 12:24

The *Blood of Sprinkling* when applied, it is …

i. The blood of **A**ppeasement. Exo. 12:7, 12, 13

ii. The blood of **A**tonement. Lev. 16: 14b

iii. The blood of **A**ppointment (as priests). Exo. 29:1, 20, 21 cf. Lev. 8:30

*The Blood of Sprinkling,* Heb. 9:11-14

i. It Cleanses the Conscience of **D**efilement. p*urge* = cleanse Heb. 9:14

ii. It Cleanses the Conscience from **D**ead works. 9:14

 There are 3 types of *works* in the New Testament:

* Wicked works Col. 1:21
* Good works. Eph. 2:10
* Dead works. Heb. 9:14

i.e. the things we feel we ought to do to become better Christians, but which we have not quite succeeded in doing (Rom. 7), resulting failure to succeed further burdens the conscience. Many Christians go round condemned by the prayers they have not prayed, the promises they have not kept, etc.

iii. It Cleanses the Conscience of **D**eceitfulness. Heb. 9:14 cf. Jas. 1:22

 Sometimes there is an unsuspected deceitfulness about dead works, which make them especially offensive to God. We are attempting by their means to regain what we have actually lost by sin.

**4. *Our bodies washed with pure water.***

a. **I**nstances of Ceremonial Washing in the O. T.

i. The Law of the Leper. Lev. 14:7-9

ii. The Law of the Red Heifer. Num. 19:1-13

iii. The Law of the Priests. Exo. 29:1-4, 0

b. Implications of Ceremonial Washing in the O.T.

i. The Law of the Leper – **C**leansing from sin. Lev. 14:7-9

* The 2-fold aspect of the sacrifice – the live bird and the slain bird. 14:4

Death and Resurrection of Christ, as being essential to Salvation

* The 2-fold aspect of the Leper’s Cleansing.

Sprinkling by **B**lood – once for all; Washing of the **B**ody – a repetition.

ii. The Law of the Red Heifer – **C**leansing from Stain. Num. 19:1-13

* The 2-fold aspect of the Sacrifice.

Wherein is no blemish – cf. *in Him is no sin.* 19:2

Whereon is no yoke – cf. *He did no sin.* cf. Mt. 11:29

* The 2-fold aspect of the Defiled Person’s Cleansing:

 Death of the Heifer and Sprinkling of blood once 19:4

 Burning of the Heifer and washing with ashes-water 19:9ff

* The 2-fold aspect of the Washing.

The third day. } 19:12 ct. Jn. 13

The seventh day. }

iii. The Law of the Priest – **C**onsecration for Services. Exo. 29:1-4, 9

* The 2-fold aspect of the Sacrifice –

The Sin offering 29:14

The Burnt offering 29:18

* The 2-fold aspect of the Priest’s Consecration.

His Washing in Water – Regeneration 29:4

His Anointing with Blood – Consecration 29:20, 21

* The 2-fold aspect of the washing

Washing on the first day. 29:4

Washing on other days. 30:18-20

c. **I**nstructions regarding Cleansing and Washing in the N.T.

 Intro. The two cleansings. John 13:10

i. We need Initial cleansing from Sin’s **D**amnation. The Blood of Christ …

* Satisfies God’s Condition Heb. 9:22
* Is the Source of Cleansing. I Jn. 1:7

ii. We need Continual Cleansing for sin’s **D**efilement. Jn. 13:10; I Jn. 1:7, 9

* The Book shows our Condition. Psa. 119:11

We need to **L**ook into it **C**onstantly.

We need to **L**ive by it **C**onsistently.

We need to **L**earn by it **C**ontinuously.

**Summary:**

Part 3a - *Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith…*
Part 3b - *having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience,
 and our bodies washed with pure water*

**A**. **The Privilege of WORSHIP** – **Let us draw near…**

1. The **I**mplications

2. The **I**nstitution (Jn. 4:21-24)

**B**. **The Prerequisites of Worship.**

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b. **I**mplications of Ceremonial Washing in the O.T.

1. The Law of the Leper – Cleansing from **S**in. Lev. 14:7-9
2. The Law of the Red Heifer – Cleansing from **S**tain. Num. 19:1-13
3. The Law of the Priest – Consecration for **S**ervice. Exo. 29:1-4, 9

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**Next Study – 18, 25 April 2021 (D.V)**

Part 4: The Commitment of the Christian Priesthood Heb. 10:23-25
23 *Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised;)*

*24  And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:*

*25  Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together,*

 *as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another:*

 *and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*