**R763 Rumination for 22 Sept 2019** By K.C. Ung

The **T**heme: **Our High Priest** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext: *We have such* ***an High Priest****.* **Heb. 8:1**

The **T**hots:

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

**1. His Origin as Man** – He had to be chosen from among men. Heb. 5:1, 2

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

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

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

1. The **J**oshua of the OT became the **J**esus of Nazareth in the NT.

b. His Incarnat**ion** as Man to Overcome **D**eath and the **D**evil – Heb. 2:14

 *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;*

c. His Identificat**ion** – the Son of God was made like unto the son of Man. Heb. 2:6

1. *What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? or the* ***S****on of man, that Thou visitest him?*
2. The “***S****on of God*” (1:2, 3) was “*made like unto His brethren in all things*” 2:17, 18, 15

 And yet “*without* ***S****in*” 4:15

**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 – His **P**erson as Sacrifice. 9:26, 14

 *But now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.*

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

i. There would be no Repetition – *offered one sacrifice for sins for ever* 10:12

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

iii. It brought God Satisfaction – *sat down on the right hand of God* 10:12

iv. There was future Anticipation – *henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool*. 10:13

v. It brought about perfect Sanctification – *He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.* 10:14

vi. There is Guaranteed Remission – *Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us.*  10:15

vii. There is now Confident Communion. 10:19

 *Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus.*

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

 *So also Christ glorified not Himself to be made an high priest;*

 *but He that said unto Him, Thou art My Son, to day have I begotten Thee.*

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

 *As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.*

**B. The Pattern (Order) of our High Priest** – **Heb. 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 (Gk. *Heteros,* i.e. of a different sort) High Priest. 7:11, 15

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

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

ii. Immuta**ble**, ct. the Levitical order which is Weak (*made nothing perfect*). 7:19

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

* It has a *better* ministry – Abraham had to pay tithes to him. 7:6
* It is based on a *better covenant.* 7:22
* It gives a *better hope*. 7:19

c. The **F**act of Another (Gk. *Heteros*) Ministry.

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

 *For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true;*

 *but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:*

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

 *But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;*

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

 *For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.*

***Because He is our High Priest, We are Holy Priests* (I Pet. 2:5)**

*Melchizedek, that wondrous priest, That king of high degree,*

*That holy man who Abraham blest Was but a type of Thee.*

*Jesus our priest for ever lives To plead for us above;*

 *Jesus our king for ever gives The blessings of His love.* Isaac Watts

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R763**

1. Jesus Christ is our High Priest entered into the heavens for us.

*For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands,*

*which are the figures of the true;*

 *but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us* Heb. 9:24

 And He is now in Heaven ever living to make intercession on our behalf: Heb. 7:25  *Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him,*

 *seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.*

 He is in Heaven as our Advocate to plead on our behalf whenever we have need of Him:

*My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin,*

*we have an* ***advocate*** *with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:*  I Jn. 2:1

What we need to do when we sin is to Confess our sin, and leave the rest to our High Priest, Jesus Christ, our Counsel in Heaven. His Righteousness will plead on behalf

of our unrighteousness and God will forgive our sins.

Note the “***If***’s” in the following texts: I Jn. 1:6-10
***If*** *we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness,*

 *we lie, and do not the truth:****If*** *we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another,*

 *and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.****If*** *we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.****If*** *we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,*

 *and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.****If*** *we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.*

In the light of the above Counsel, we have Jesus Christ our High Priest in Heaven Who has done everything for us that is to be done to maintain a right relationship with God.

He has given us all the Resources we need to be Righteous before God.

We have no need to go to any Man, or Mediatrix to mediate on our behalf (I Tim 2:5)
*For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.*

**Hebrews 10:19-25**

*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; And* ***having an high priest over the house of God;***

***Let us*** *draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled*

*from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.*

 ***Let us*** *hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering;*

 *(for He is faithful that promised;)*

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

 *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.*

Do you appreciate and value such **a Worthy High Priest**, and if so…

Are you living as **a Holy Priest** and **a Royal Priest** for Him? I Pet. 2:5, 9NKJV

*You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house,* ***a holy priesthood,***

*to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

*You are a chosen generation,* ***a royal priesthood****, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light.* **REFLECT**

1. With such a High Priest, as our Advocate in Heaven, even the *Accuser of the brethren* will be silenced (Rev. 12:10). Do you any more need a priest on earth or a midiatrix in heaven to confess your sins to, to mediate or intercede on your behalf for your needs? Can you not with boldness approach God’s throne of Grace in time of need yourself? **REFLECT.**

**Points To Ponder:**

*With Christ as our* ***H****igh Priest, we need to be* ***R****ight* ***H****oly and* ***R****oyal Priests.*