**R812 - Rumination for Aug. 23, 2020 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **Priest after the Order of Melchizedek.**[berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext: *The LORD hath sworn…Thou art* ***a priest for ever after*** ***the order of Melchizedek****.* Psa. 110.:4  
The **T**hots:

Intro.: The writer to the Hebrews quotes Psa. 110:4 four different occasions to show that Jesus was a High Priest

after the Order of Melchizedek. Each time he emphasizes a different part of the quoted text.

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

Jesus was ***Called of God*** *an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.* 5:10

1. He was **O**rdained of God – *Thou art My* ***S****on* 5:5
2. He **O**beyed God - *Though he were a* ***S****on, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered*; 5:8
3. **2nd Quotation** Emphasizing Christ’s **O**rder. **Heb. 6:20, 7:1-3**

*The Forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever* ***after the order of Melchisedec****.*

Melchizedek, *made like unto the Son of God; abideth a* priest continually. Christ is … 7:3

1. A ***P****riest of the Most High God.* 7:1 cp. Gen. 14:18-20
2. *King of righteousness, and…King of Salem, which is, King of peace.* 7:2 cp. 1:8; Isa. 9:6
3. A **P**riest without **P**rimogeniture or **P**edigree – 7:3

*Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days,*

*nor end of life; but* *made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually*.

1. Greater than **A**braham – *To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all*. 7:2, 7, 4,
2. Greater than **A**aron – *as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham*. 7:9, 10
3. Of an Eternal **P**riesthood –

*Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life*. 7:14-16

1. **3rd Quotation** Emphasizing Christ’s **O**mnipotence (**O**mnipresence) **Heb. 7:17**

*For He testifieth, Thou art* ***a priest for ever*** *after the order of Melchisedec.*

Intro. Because Christ has…*neither beginning of days nor end of life*

1. He abides **C**ontinually - *this man, because He continueth ever…* 7:24
2. His ministry is **C**ontinuous and **C**hanges not - *hath an unchangeable priesthood*. 7:24, 25

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

**Christ’s Ministry in Heaven.** See **REFLECTIONS**

1. **4th Quotation** Emphasizing God’s **O**ath. **7:21 (20-22)**

***The Lord sware*** *and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:*

Intro. : God has sworn about three things: -

1. The **S**tatus of Christ’s Priesthood. –

*The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec* 7:21

1. The **S**ecurity of the Christian - *Wherein God…confirmed it by an oath:* 6:16 (17) -20

(3) The **S**ubjection of all unto Him. Isa. 45:23f

*I have sworn by Myself, the word is gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return,*

*That unto Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.*

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

*God, willing…to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath:*

The Believer’s **H**ope is in the **H**igh Priest within the Veil – ***S****teadfast and* ***S****ure.* 6:19, 20

1. The **C**oncept of the Oath.
2. It shows God’s **C**ondescension - *God, willing…to shew unto the heirs…confirmed it by an oath*: 6:17
3. It shows God’s **C**ommitment - *by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie*. 6:18
4. It shows God’s **C**onfirmation - *by two immutable things:* by His Word and by His Oath. 6:18
5. The **C**onsolation of the Oath - *That…we might have a strong consolation.* 6:18-20
6. Our **A**spirations are **S**atisfied. 6:18b
7. Our **A**nchor is **S**ure 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

*The forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.*

1. The **S**urety of the Covenant [= *testament*; “***S****urety*” = a **S**ponsor (only occurrence), 7:22] Heb. 7:20-22
2. The **I**mmutability of God’s **P**rovision - 7:23-25
3. Negatively, our **A**cceptance is not dependent on our **S**elves.
4. Positively, our **A**ssurance is on our **S**urety. Cp. I Tim. 2:5, 6
5. The **I**nevitability of His **B**eing a **B**etter **P**riest (of a **B**etter Covenant). 9:11, 12, 14
6. He is a **Better** Priest – *High Priest of good things.* 9:11a
7. Has a Better Sanctuary – *a greater and more perfect tabernacle* 9:11b
8. He is a Better Sacrifice – *not of bulls.* 9:12
9. His is a Better System– *offerings once for all* 9:12
10. His is a Better Blessing – *obtained eternal redemption.* 9:12
11. His is a Better Guarantee – *Eternal Spirit* 9:14
12. His has a Better Result – purged conscience serving God 9:14

*O let me ever hear Thy voice In mercy to me speak!*

*And in my Priest, will I rejoice, My great Melchizedek.* John Cennick

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 812**

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

*Now consider how great this Man was…For Christ is…entered…into heaven itself,*

*now to appear in the presence of God for us:*

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

*Now the God of* ***p****eace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus…*

*Make you* ***p****erfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well****p****leasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.*

1. Because of His **P**resence in Heaven *for us* 8:4; 9:24

*For if He were on earth, he should not be a priest…*

*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:*

1. He is our **A**ssurance regarding our **S**alvation. 7:25-27 cp. Rom. 8:34

*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.* 7:25

1. He is our **A**dvocate regarding our **S**ustenance. I Jn. 2:1

*…And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:*

1. He silences the **A**ccuser regarding our **S**afety. Rev. 12:10. 11

*the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night…they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony;*

* 1. Because of His **P**ropitiation – His blood ever **S**peaks.
  2. Because of His **S**hed **B**lood…
* He is **E**ntitled to **E**nter Heaven. 9:12

*by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place…*

* We can **L**ive the **L**ife of Heaven on earth. 9:20, 21

*…through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good* ***w****ork to do His* ***w****ill,* ***w****orking in you that which is* ***w****ellpleasing in His sight…*

1. It brings **P**ower to us –
2. Power in His ability to **S**ave - *able to save us to the uttermost.* Heb. 7:25
3. Power in His ability to **S**ustain. Jude 24a

*Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling*

1. Power in His ability to **S**anctify: Jude 24b

*and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,*

1. Power in His ability to **S**ecure a **C**hange [*metaschēmatizō*]*.* Phil 3:21a

*Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body…*

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

**Con.**: I Cor. 15:28 – *And when all things shall be subdued unto Him, then shall the Son also Himself be subject unto Him that put all things under Him,* ***that God may be all in all*.**

We have a Unique High Priest in Heaven and all of us are holy and royal priests unto God (I Pet. 2:5, 9), why does any Christian still need high priests and priests on earth? **REFLECT**

1. Jesus’ **E**ffectual Ministry in Heaven **E**nsures that we can Minister to Him, to His people and to others on **E**arth **E**ffectively. Are you conscious of His heavenly ministry on your behalf as you seek to serve Him as best you can on Earth? **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:** *Where is the Anchor of your Faith? Down on Earth or Up in Heaven?*