**R858 Rumination for 4th July, 2021 by K.C. Ung**

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

The **T**ext: *And having an high priest over the house of God;*  Heb. 10:21

The **T**hots:

1. **God’s High Priests – Their Qualifications:**
2. **Aaron,** God’s **H**igh Priest on Earth – *For every high priest taken from among men…*Heb. 5:1-5
3. *…taketh* [not] *this honour unto himself, but he that is* ***C****alled of God, as was Aaron.* 5:4
4. *is…ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:*
5. *…*[has]***C****ompassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way;*

*for that he himself also is* ***C****ompassed with infirmity.*

1. *…ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins.*
2. **Christ**, our **H**igh Priest from **H**eaven.
	* 1. is **C**alled of God[5:4] – ***C****alled of God an high priest* *after the order of Melchisedec.* Cf.Heb. 5:10

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

 *but He that said unto Him, Thou art My Son, today have I begotten Thee.* Heb. 5:5

* + 1. ordained for men in things pertaining to God…[5:1b] Cf. Heb. 2:18

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

* + 1. have **C**ompassion on the ignorant…[5:2a] Cf.Heb. 4:15

*For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities;*

*but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*

* + 1. ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins [5:3]Cf. Heb. 7:27

*Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins,*

*and then for the people's: for this He did once, when He offered up Himself.*

*How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself*

*without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?* Cf. Heb.9:14

* **Christ is our Heavenly High Priest:**

*Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest,*

*Who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;* Heb. 8:1

*For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners,*

*and made higher than the heavens.* Heb. 7:26

1. **Christ, our King Priest** *after the order of Melchisedec…forever.* Heb. 5:10, 3
2. His Unique **P**riesthood – a King-Priest.

*Melchizedek king of Salem…was the priest of the most high God.* Gen. 14:18; Gen. 7:1

1. His Unique **P**erson – Heb. 7:2
	1. His **P**otentate Majes**ty** - the *King of righteousness…also King of Salem, which is, King of peace.*
	2. He is without **P**aterni**ty** or **P**osteri**ty** – He is a King-Priest *forever*. Heb. 7:3, HCSB

*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* [*remains a priest forever*]

1. **We are His Holy King-Priests I Pet. 2:5, 9**
*Ye are a chosen generation,* ***a royal priesthood****, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light:*
2. We are His Holy Priests. I Pet. 2:5, NKJV
3. Our **O**ffice: *You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house,* ***a holy priesthood…***
4. Our **O**bligation: *to offer up* *spiritual sacrifices…*
5. Our **O**fferings: *spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ…*

Of **S**elf – …*that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God…*

Of our **S**ervice – *which is your reasonable service* [your spiritual worship, HCSB]

Of Our **S**tore – *let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him…* I Cor. 16:2

 *…an odour of a* ***S****weet* ***S****mell, a* ***S****acrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.* Phil. 4:18

Note: **S**acrifice of **S**elf before **S**ubstance – *And this they did…first gave their own selves to the Lord…*II Cor. 8:5

1. We are His Royal Priests. I Pet, 2:9
2. Our **P**osition: *ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people.*
3. Our **P**roclamation: *…shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness*

 *into His marvellous light*: cf. Mt. 5:16

1. Our **P**rospect: *Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection…*

 *they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him….* Rev. 20:6

Con. *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.* Heb. 10:21f

*Great High Priest, we see Thee stooping, With our names upon Thy breast,
In the garden groaning, drooping, To the ground with sorrows pressed.
Weeping angels stand confounded, To behold their Maker thus,*

 *And shall we remain unwounded, When we know ’twas all for us?* Joseph Hart,

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 858**

1. Jesus is our Great High Priest in Heaven: Heb. 4:14

*Seeing then that we have* ***a great high priest****, that is passed into the heavens,*

*Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession:*

We are God’s Holy Priests on Earth: I Pet. 2:5, NKJV

*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.*

With Jesus as the Mediator between God and Man: I Tim. 2:5-6

*For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus;*

*Who gave Himself a ransom for all…*

*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.* Heb. *7:25*

Do we need a human mediator to intercede for us with God, or for all that matters,

a so-called mediatrix, who can better understand us to speak on our behalf to God?

Consider the above Bible texts and… **REFLECT**

1. **All Believers** **in Christ…**
2. Including all new-**B**orn **B**abes in Him – *As newborn babes*… I Pet. 2:2
3. And all **B**rethren of Christ: Matt. 12:48, 49
*He answered…Who is My mother? and who are My brethren?*

*He stretched forth His hand toward His disciples…Behold My mother and My brethren!*

*For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one:*

*for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren…* Heb. 2:11

1. That is, all **S**anctified **S**aints in Christ – I Cor. 1:2
*Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called* [*to be*] *saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours…*

**…Are ALL *Holy* Priests and *Royal* Priest unto the Lord.** I Pet. 2:5, 9, NKJV

*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….*

*ye are a chosen generation,* ***a royal priesthood****,*

*an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him*

*who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

If all are constituted priests in the Church of God, why then is there a need of a hierarchy of high priests or priests or a special “breed” or class of people to be above other Christians to be revered and respected as such, and to “ordain” them to represent us in things and matters pertaining to us to God as if we cannot approach God directly and immediately?

 Consider this exhortation from the writer to the Hebrew Christians: Heb. 10:19-20

*Having therefore,* ***b****rethren,* ***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;*

 *For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.* Eph. 2:18

 *In Whom we have* ***boldness*** *and access with confidence by the faith of Him.* Eph. 3:12

All Born-again Believers are Sanctified Saints and Brethren of the Lord Himself for us to have Boldness to enter into the Presence of God because Jesus, our High Priest, has already gone in into the Holy of Holies having consecrated a new and living way for us. We need no other intermediary. **REFLECT**

 **Points To Ponder:** ***W****ith A High Priest Who is our* ***A****dvocate* (I Jn. 2:1) *in Heaven,*

***W****hy need we to fear the* ***A****ccuser of our Brethren (*Rev. 12:10)?