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Hebrews 7:23-28

23. Many, indeed, have been made priests, because they are hindered from continuing by death. 24. But he, because he lives forever, has his priesthood unchangeable. 25. Therefore he is also able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, seeing that he lives forever to make intercession for them.

“Many, indeed, have been made priests, because they are hindered from continuing by death”

The priests of the order of Aaron came and went—lived and died— many of them—both priests and high priests.

“But he, because he lives forever, has his priesthood unchangeable”

But Christ is eternal, having no beginning and no ending. Here are some other New Testament passages support the idea that Jesus was eternal:

John 1:2-3; Colossians 1:16-17; Philippians 2:8-11

No need for high priests to replace Jesus when he dies.

This is one of the ways that Jesus the high priest is superior to Aaron the high priest.

“Therefore he is also able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him”

John captured this same thought in John 3:16.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

I think John’s writing is verses 17-18 are also worthy of study.

“For God didn’t send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through him. He who believes in him is not judged. He who doesn’t believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the one and only Son of God” (John 3:17-18).

Your thoughts on these verses?

“seeing that he lives forever to make intercession for them”

See the comments on verse 24 above.

What is your definition of an Intercession Prayer?

Jesus interceded for people when he was on this earth. What are some examples you recall from NT.

Before Jesus died, he said the High Priestly Prayer. Read it again in (John 17:9, 11, 15-17, 20-21, 24).

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He prayed for Lazarus (John 11:41-42).

He prayed for a deaf man (Mark 7:34).

Paul said that Christ intercedes for us (Romans 8:34).

The author of Hebrews says that Christ has entered heaven “to appear in the presence of God for us” (Hebrews 9:24).

John says, “If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous” (1 John 2:1).

Hebrews 7:26-28

26. For such a high priest was fitting for us: holy, guiltless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; 27. who doesn't need, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices daily, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. For he did this once for all, when he offered up himself. 28. For the law appoints men as high priests who have weakness, but the word of the oath which came after the law appoints a Son forever who has been perfected.

“For such a high priest was fitting for us: holy, guiltless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and made higher than the heavens:”

Is the salvation that Christ made possible the solution to our problem of sin, guilt, and spiritual death.

Can you defend this statement as it relates to Jesus as high priest who makes us.....

Jesus is not like Aaron and Aaron's descendants

How is He different?

Do you know how helpful it can be to have friends in high places—examples?

The Christ helps us day in and day out—always ready to listen to our prayers—always willing to share our burdens—always able to bring us the peace that passes understanding (Philippians 4:7).

“who doesn't need, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices daily”

The word “daily” presents a problem. The law prescribed daily burnt offerings (Exodus 29:38-42 and Numbers 28:1-8).

As nearly as I can determine, these were not for atonement, but were instead gifts presented to God as a pleasant aroma (Exodus 29:41; Numbers 28:6).

Your thoughts?

Will someone read (Exodus 29:34 – 39).

Most important day for the high priests was and is the Day of Atonement but, Jesus is the difference maker. His sacrifice on the cross was once-for-all-time...Not daily.

Once-for-all time. Does this verse also mean Once-for-all people???

“first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people”



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Leviticus says: please read Leviticus 16:11, 17, 24, 33.

It is clear that God considered the high priest and the other priests to be sinners in need of atonement—just as was true of the rest of the people.

“For he did this once for all, when he offered up himself”

Death on the cross was a once-for-all-time sacrifice that needs no repetition.
What is your opinion of this statement?

“For the law appoints men as high priests who have weakness, but the word of the oath which came after the law appoints a Son forever who has been perfected”

The author closes this section by contrasting the appointing by law of “high priests who have weaknesses” with “the word of the oath” appointing a Son forever who has been perfected.

“The word of the oath” is apparently a word from God appointing the Son.

The Hebrews author contrasts “A Son forever who has been perfected” with “high priests who have weakness.”

The Son’s perfection took place on the cross, where he offered himself in perfect compliance with the Father’s will—and with the Father’s plan of salvation.

What are your thoughts and observations on these verses in Hebrews?