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HEBREWS

JESUS IS GREATER

The Superiority of Christ's Priesthood
Hebrews 7:2-28

I. HIS DIVINE APPOINTMENT vs.20-22

Hebrews 7:20-22 (NIV) ^[20] And it was not without an oath! Others became priests without any oath, ^[21] but he became a priest with an oath when God said to him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: 'You are a priest forever.'" ^[22] Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.

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A. LEVITICAL PRIESTS WERE APPOINTED BY A "COMMAND" ...

Exodus 28:1-2 (NIV) ^[1] "Have Aaron your brother brought to you from among the Israelites, along with his sons Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, so they may serve me as priests.

^[2] Make sacred garments for your brother Aaron, to give him dignity and honor.

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B. JESUS WAS MADE A PRIEST WITH AN "OATH"...

Psalm 110:4 (NIV) ^[4] The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."

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B. JESUS WAS MADE A PRIEST WITH AN "OATH"...

Hebrews 6:17 (NIV) ^[17] Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath.

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Hebrews 7:23-25 (NIV)

[23] Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office;

[24] but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.

[25] Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

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A. LEVITICAL PRIESTS WERE LIMITED IN SERVICE BY "DEATH"...

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B. JESUS "LIVES FOREVER" TO MAKE INTERCESSION FOR US...

Hebrews 7:16 (NIV) ^[16] one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life.

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II. HIS ETERNAL INTERCESSION vs.23-25

B. JESUS "LIVES FOREVER" TO MAKE INTERCESSION FOR US...

Hebrews 12:2 (NIV) ^[2] Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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III. HIS PERFECT CHARACTER vs.26-27

Hebrews 7:26-27 (NIV) ^[26] Such a high priest meets our need--one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

^[27] Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

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A. LEVITICAL PRIESTS WERE "SINNERS" ...

He washed his hands and his feet; he put off his gorgeous robes; he clothed himself in spotless white linen. There was brought to him a bullock which he had purchased with his own money. He laid both hands on the bullock's head to transfer his sin to it; and thus he made confession: "Ah, Lord God, I have committed iniquity; I have transgressed; I have sinned, I and my house. O Lord, I beseech thee, cover over the sins and transgressions which I have committed, transgressed and sinned before thee, I and my house."

Barclay's Daily Study Bible (NT).

III. HIS PERFECT CHARACTER vs.26-27

B. JESUS IS "SEPARATE FROM SINNERS" ...

“holy” - the goodness which is pure in the sight of God
“blameless” - is so cleansed that his presence is like an antiseptic and in his heart there is nothing but the loving kindness of God.

“Pure” - the man who is absolutely free from any of the blemishes which might make it impossible for him to draw near to God.

“set apart from sinners” - although he underwent all a man's temptations, he conquered them all and emerged without sin. He was manhood at its highest and its best.

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IV. HIS PERMANENT SACRIFICE v.27

A. THE LEVITICAL PRIESTS SACRIFICED

"DAILY" ...

Hebrews 7:11 (NIV) ^[11] If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the law was given to the people), why was there still need for another priest to come--one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron?

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IV. HIS PERMANENT SACRIFICE v.27

A. THE LEVITICAL PRIESTS SACRIFICED

"DAILY" ...

Hebrews 10:1-4 (NIV) ^[1] The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming--not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. ^[2] If it could, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. ^[3] But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins, ^[4] because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

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B. JESUS OFFERED HIMSELF "ONCE FOR ALL" ...

Hebrews 10:11-14 (NIV) ^[11] Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ^[12] But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. ^[13] Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, ^[14] because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

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Hebrews 7:19 (NIV) ^[19] (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.

Hebrews 7:28 (NIV) ^[28] For the law appoints as high priests men who are weak; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

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B. JESUS OFFERED HIMSELF "ONCE FOR ALL" ...

Colossians 1:21-22 (NIV) ^[21] Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ^[22] But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation--

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