

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why was it necessary for God to establish a new priesthood?
2. How is it better than the Levitical Priesthood?
3. What things were, and are, involved in the office of the High Priest?

SUMMARY:

Writing to the Jewish believers, the Apostle went to great lengths to impress on them the reasoning for accepting Jesus as a great High Priest. He had to prove to them that the first reference to a priest was before the time of Levi whose family became the ones who served in the priesthood. Then too, he had to remind them that God promised a new Priest who would be like the first (Psalm 110:4). He took much pains, too, to point out the failure of the Levitical Priests and the perfection of the Priesthood of Christ.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #7

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Third Quarter

CHRIST, THE UNCHANGING SAVIOR

LESSON TEXT: *Hebrews 7:1-28*

LESSON SETTING: Probably written from Italy by Paul to the Christian Jews.

TIME: Approximately 64 A.D.

I. AN UNENDING PRIESTHOOD. Hebrews 7:1-13

- A. Levitical Priesthood.
 1. Specific Ancestry (vs. 5) Numbers 3:6-13
 2. Terminated by Death. Numbers 20:24-28; Hebrews 7:23
- B. Christ's Priesthood
 1. After Order of Melchisedec (vs. 11) Hebrews 5:10
 2. Unending (vs. 11) Hebrews 1:8; 5:6; I John 2:1, 2

II. AN UNFAILING PRIESTHOOD. Hebrews 7:14-22

- A. Eternal (vs. 16) John 8:58 Revelation 22:13
- B. Superior (vs. 19) Hebrews 8:6; 9:23; 11:40

III. AN UNCHANGEABLE PRIESTHOOD. Hebrews 7:23-28

- A. Never Changes (vs. 24) Isaiah 9:7
- B. An Intercessor (vs. 25) Isaiah 53:12; John 17:9; Romans 8:34
- C. A Savior (vs. 25) John 3:17; Acts 5:31
- D. A Perfect High Priest (vs. 26-28) Hebrews 2:10, 17; 5:9

GOLDEN TEXT: *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.*

Hebrews 7:25

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Hebrews 8:1-13

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Exodus 19:1-25; 20:1-26;
Jeremiah 31:31-37

QUARTERLY THEME: BOOK OF HEBREWS

TOPIC: A BETTER COVENANT

INTRODUCTION:

A study of the history of God's chosen people, Israel, will certainly lead one to be amazed at their experiences. How many times were they wondrously blessed when they followed not the dictates of their own minds but the precepts that God furnished them. How many times were they severely chastised when they refused to follow the laws He furnished. In unusual and unlikely ways their enemies were destroyed often by the enemies' own hands and almost always by inferior numbers. Surely a wonderful relationship was Israel's for the asking when they asked for, and yielded their lives to, His governorship.

One has only to examine the old covenant and compare it with the new, however, to realize how much more wonderful the new covenant is. We can come directly to God without any other mediator other than Jesus Christ who shed His blood that God might look upon us and see the righteousness of Christ and Christ alone. It seems a shame that anyone would turn his back on the Son and ignore the wonderful gift that He has made available. Is it any wonder God says, "*Let us reason together ... ?*"

CENTRAL TRUTH: When the Word is written in our hearts, it enables us to fulfill God's will.

GOLDEN TEXT: ... *I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MIND, AND WRITE THEM IN THEIR HEARTS* ...

Hebrews 8:10

Someone has said "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery". It does often make us feel good when someone chooses to do something because they have seen us do it. That is, if we are not ashamed of the act which is copied. As we see our children copy our actions we are pleased to see they want to be just like us.

It must also be thus with God... especially so since He only does those things which are right and proper. He would like to have His children copy Him. He wants us to seek to establish just how He wants us to act and to act accordingly. It is this desire that caused Him, through His Word, to say, "*I will put my laws into their minds.*"

To act as God wants us to act can be accomplished only if we allow His Spirit's full reign in our hearts and lives. The rewards are truly great, though what greater reward should we seek than to make the heart of God glad?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 19 – 25

M. *A Better Covenant. Hebrews 8:1-13
T. Redemption. 1 Peter 1:13-23
W. Justification. Romans 5:1-11
T. Reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:11-19
F. Identification. Romans 7:1-13
S. Mortification. Colossians 3:5-11
S. Admonition. 2 Timothy 2:3-13

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