

## THE SUPERIORITY OF CHRIST'S PRIESTHOOD

(Hebrews 7:1-25)

### I. The Superiority of Melchizedek (7:1-10)

#### A. Who is Melchizedek? (7:1-3)

#### B. The Superiority of Melchizedek over that of Aaron (7:4-10)

### II. The Superiority of Christ's Priesthood Over That of the Levites (7:11-24)

#### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of The Levitical System Called For A \_\_\_\_\_ of Priest (7:11-19)

\*What is meant by the term "*perfection*"?

**The Point:** Both the Levitical priesthood & the Mosaic law of the OT were inseparably \_\_\_\_\_. A change in \_\_\_\_\_ meant a change in the \_\_\_\_\_. Cf 7:12

- Who can change laws that rule, except the maker of the law!
  1. That having to do with the \_\_\_\_\_ Priesthood (7:11-19)
    - a. The author states the old priesthood was \_\_\_\_\_, as it came on the scene of Israel's history for a \_\_\_\_\_ (7:11-14)
      - 1) The problem with the Levitical priesthood was that it could not make sinners \_\_\_\_\_ before God (7:11a)
      - 2) The law cannot \_\_\_\_\_ a sinner, nor \_\_\_\_\_ the saint! (Galatians 3:1-4; 2:16; 3:10-14, 21-22)
- What then was the purpose of the law? (Gal. 3:19-20, 23-26)
  - 3) Because of the Levites \_\_\_\_\_ to perfect sinners, God sought \_\_\_\_\_ according to the order of Melchizedek! (7:11b)
  - 4) A change in \_\_\_\_\_ from Levitical to Melchizedekian required also a change in the \_\_\_\_\_ itself (7:12)
- Why was this change necessary?

5) Verse 13 tells us that this new priest would come from a \_\_\_\_\_ tribe than that of Levi!

6) This change was further evidenced as our \_\_\_\_\_, came from the tribe of \_\_\_\_\_, not Levi!

b. Not only was the OT priesthood transitory (changeable), but it was \_\_\_\_\_ was well! (7:15-19)

1) The evidence pointed to the fact that \_\_\_\_\_ priest arose after the order of Melchizedek. This indicated the Aaronic priesthood & the dispensation of Law was \_\_\_\_\_!

- How was the new priesthood different?

a) Christ's priesthood was not according to the law of a \_\_\_\_\_, like that of Aaron! (7:16a)

- What does that mean?

b) Christ's priesthood was according to His \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_, as evidenced by the power of an \_\_\_\_\_! (7:16b)

2) God's inspired \_\_\_\_\_ stands behind His prediction (Psalm 110:4)

- This prophecy emphasized two things:

a) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ's priesthood ... "*you are a priest* \_\_\_\_\_"!

b) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ's priesthood ... it would be ... "*according to the order of* \_\_\_\_\_"!

c) On the one hand, there was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the law or commandment.

- Why was this needful?

1) Because of the law's \_\_\_\_\_....

2) Because of its \_\_\_\_\_....

d) This is further evidenced by what vs 19a states... "*for the law* \_\_\_\_\_..."

e) On the other hand, there is the bringing in of a \_\_\_\_\_!

- What does all this mean to you?