

JESUS' PRIESTHOOD IS SUPERIOR, PART 1:
THE MEDIATOR OF A BETTER HOPE
(Hebrews 7:11-19)

- I. The WEAKNESS of the OT Priesthood (Heb. 7:11)
 - A. The PURPOSE of the PRIESTHOOD
 - 1. To give men ACCESS to GOD
 - 2. To provide CLEANSING from SIN
 - B. The relationship of the PRIESTHOOD to the LAW
 - 1. The BASIS on which the Law was RECEIVED
 - 2. Became the ADMINISTRATORS of the Law for the PEOPLE
 - C. The IMPERFECTION of the Levitical system
 - 1. Merely DEPICTED actual RECONCILIATION with God
 - 2. Merely DEPICTED actual REMOVAL of sin
 - D. The NECESSITY of a NEW priesthood
- II. The REPLACEMENT of the OT LAW (Heb. 7:12-14)
 - A. REQUIRED by replacing the PRIESTHOOD
 - 1. CEREMONIAL law ABROGATED/SET ASIDE in the NT
 - a. Revokes the need to DESCEND from AARON
 - b. Replaces the entire SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM

- 2. MORAL law AFFIRMED/RETAINED in the NT
 - B. Necessary for the KING to be HIGH PRIEST
 - 1. Not a REVISION of the Levitical system
 - 2. But its REPLACEMENT by a SUPERIOR Priest
- III. The PERFECTION of the Melchizedekian Priesthood (Heb. 7:15-17)
- A. INITIATED by HIMSELF
 - 1. Without priestly ANCESTRY/HERITAGE
 - 2. Without physical QUALIFICATIONS
 - B. ESTABLISHED on “the POWER of an INDESTRUCTIBLE LIFE”
 - 1. Evidenced in His VIRGIN BIRTH
 - 2. Displayed by His RESURRECTION
 - C. ACCOMPLISHED what Aaron COULD NOT
 - 1. Gives men DIRECT ACCESS to GOD
 - 2. Provides COMPLETE CLEANSING from SIN
- IV. The ADVANTAGES of the Melchizedekian Priesthood (Heb. 7:18-19)
- A. ANNULS the “FORMER commandment”
 - 1. Which was FEEBLE
 - 2. Which was INEFFECTIVE
 - B. INTRODUCES a “BETTER hope”
 - 1. Not just a PROMISE of our FUTURE APPROACH to God
 - 2. But having ESTABLISHED our PERMANENT INTIMACY with God