

Jesus Is Our Eternal High Priest!

Hebrews 8:1-6

“As the writer has already discoursed at some length about Christ as high priest, it might be wondered what is still left to be expounded. But so far he has not explained how our high priest carries out his duties. This really forms the theme of the next two and a half chapters (to 10:18)...”

Donald Guthrie

A. The Declaration of Christ’s Priesthood

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B. The Description
of Christ's Priesthood
8:1b-2

1. His Priesthood Is Permanent (v.1b)

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Heb.10:11-12
"And every priest standeth daily
ministering and offering oftentimes the
same sacrifices, which can never take
away sins: But this Man, after He had
offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat
down on the right hand of God."

Heb.1:3
“...when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

1. His Priesthood Is Permanent (v.1b)
2. His Priesthood Is Preeminent (vs.1c-2)
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Heb.1:13
“But to which of the angels said He at any time, ‘Sit on My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool?’”

C. The Designation
of Christ's Priesthood
8:3-6

1. He Must Offer a Sacrifice (v.3)

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"God designated the high priest, and only him,
to that human destiny. A priest without a
sacrifice would be like a fish without water."

Robert Gromacki

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2. He Must Be Qualified (vs.4-5)

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Ex.25:40
"And look that thou make them after
their pattern, which was showed thee in
the mount."

Rev.8:3-5
"And another angel came and stood at
the altar, having a golden censer; and
there was given unto him much incense,
that he should offer it with the prayers of
all saints upon the golden altar which
was before the throne..."

And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake."

"The contrast developed is not simply between an earthly copy and a heavenly archetype but between a historical situation in the past and one that succeeded it in time. During the former situation, marked by the ministry of the Levitical priests, there was no entrance into the real, heavenly presence of God. Full entrance into the eternal presence of God was made possible only with the life and redemptive accomplishment of Jesus."

William L. Lane

Acts 7:44

"Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as He had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen."

“Moses probably saw a visible reproduction of the invisible heavenly temple and recorded the construction details under divine inspiration.”

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