

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

7:12-22

- I. Having explained clearly that the priesthood of the OT was _____ capable of bring about a perfect salvation, the writer presents the conclusion found in Vs 11 (Ron's paraphrase-rp) "**So if the priesthood of Levi, on which the law was based, could have achieved the perfection God intended, why did God need to establish a different priesthood, with a priest in the order of Melchizedek instead of the order of Levi and Aaron?**"
- A. The Mosaic economy was temporary, inadequate, and ineffective in the fulfilling of God's way of salvation because of the sinfulness of man.
- B. If the OT Law had been _____ and able to produce salvation by obedience to it, David would not have made mention of Melchisedec in the Psalms.
- II. A _____ in the order of the priesthood also made necessary a change in the OT Law concerning where the perfect Priest was to come from Vs 12-15
- A. Christ came from the tribe of _____, of which Moses never made mention of priests coming from that tribe. Vs 14 **What I mean is, our Lord came from the tribe of Judah, and Moses never mentioned priests coming from that tribe.** (NLT)
- B. It is also made very obvious by the fact that David referenced One arising after the order of Melchisedec, and not after _____ Vs 15 **This change has been made very clear since a different priest, who is like Melchizedek, has appeared.** (rp)
Cf. Ps 110:4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.
- III. The writer of Hebrews focused on Christ as the _____ of the Psalm 110 reference Vs 16-19
- A. Christ did not become the perfect high priest through the OT Law requirements, but by the power of an eternal life through the _____ from the dead Vs 16 **Jesus became a priest, not by meeting the physical requirement of belonging to the tribe of Levi, but by the power of a life that cannot be destroyed.** (rp)
- B. The writer references the OT reference so as they will be clear on what he is saying Vs 17
- C. This OT prophecy's fulfillment brought about the _____ of the OT priesthood because of it's inability to produce salvation Vs 18 **Yes, the old requirement about the priesthood was set aside because it was weak and useless.** (NLT)
- D. The OT Law only showed man how _____ he really is and his inability to keep the law completely all the time Vs 19a **For the law never made anything perfect** (NLT)
- E. But now that Christ has come we have confidence in Some one other that ourselves to bring about our eternal deliverance. Vs 19b **But now we have confidence in a better hope, through which we draw near to God.** (rp)
- IV. Further evidence given by the writer to assure the reader's mind that he is _____ on his conclusions concerning Christ being the true Messiah Vs 20-22
- A. This new arrangement made by God was established with a solemn _____, while the Aaronic priesthood was not established with such an oath. Vs 20-21 **God took an oath that Christ would always be a priest, but he never did this for any other priest. 21 Only to Jesus did he say, "The Lord has taken an oath and will not break his vow: 'You are a priest forever.'"** (NLT)
- B. On the _____ of this oath made by God, the conclusion can clearly be drawn that Christ is God's _____ of the better covenant. Vs 22 **Because of this oath, Jesus is the one who guarantees this better covenant with God.** (NLT)