

God's Oath

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Hebrews 6:17-20 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

- I. We begin to get into the “strong meat” that the writer had spoken of in the last chapter.
 - A. It is a broader understanding of what God has been doing through the ages to redeem lost men.
 - B. Babies focus only on what is before their eyes right now.
 - C. As they develop in their reasoning and understanding their consciousness broadens to more than what they are seeing and hearing right now.
 - D. They gather up and bank knowledge and understanding about things which develops by degrees into some kind of wisdom, or overall view of things.
 - E. It works that way in the Christian life, also.
 - F. The rest of the book of Hebrews is taking us on a tour of what God has done since the beginning and how it developed.
 - G. It helps us to see that God had a plan and all this is not just patchwork and scrambling on God’s part to salvage a wrecked creation.

- II. God has been abundantly willing to assure his people through the ages and to make sure that they have an anchor for their faith.
 - A. By two immutable things (unchangeable; undeniable) He guarantees us that what we are trusting in is true and will not fail us.
 1. He swore to Abraham about his seed, and through him all the nations of the earth would be blessed.

Galatians 3:6-9 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

Micah 7:20 Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

2. He swore that there would be another high priest, after the order of Melchisedec, that would bring to an end the earthly priesthood.

Psalm 110:4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 7:21 (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)

- B. So it has been possible all through the ages since Abraham to know that God didn't intend for the Levitical priesthood to continue but for a certain period of time.
 - 1. It was a parenthetical thing that was part of God's revelation of himself to mankind and his plan for redeeming sinful men.
 - C. There was a Melchisedec before Abraham, Moses, and the law, and there will be a Melchisedec AFTER the priesthood and the carnal ordinances are fulfilled.
 - D. Christ was revealed before the law of carnal ordinances and after they were finished.
 - E. This knowledge is greatly edifying to our faith.
 - F. With our broader and longer view we are assured that we are not putting our faith and hope in some contemporary, man-made scheme or religion, but in the eternal God who has eternal purposes.
- III. Melchisedec was a type of Christ and a reminder of God's un-interrupted working in man since the beginning.

Hebrews 7:1-4 For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually. Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.

- A. Now consider how great this man was:
- B. He was a priest of the most high God.
- C. He was the King of Salem (Jerusalem), which is the King of peace.
- D. He was the King of righteousness.
- E. Without father, without mother, without descent.
- F. He had neither beginning of days or end of life.
- G. He was made like unto the Son of God.
- H. He blessed Abraham.
- I. He received tithes of Abraham.
- J. He abides as a priest continually and forever.

John 8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.

1 Peter 1:10-12 Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.