

“ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK - PART II”

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INTRO: Let’s continue working our way through the spiritual meat of Hebrews. Today we’ll be covering Heb. 7:11-28.

I. There’s a New High Priest in the World (Heb. 7:11-19)!

A. The Levitical priesthood couldn’t transform lives (v. 11).

1. Therefore another priesthood was needed – one according to the order of Melchizedek, not Aaron.

B. A change in the priesthood would also require a change in the law, being the law addressed priesthood (v. 12).

C. Jesus came from the tribe of Judah, not Levi (vv. 13-14).

1. Moses spoke of priests coming from Levi, not Judah.

D. Jesus didn’t come according to any O.T. law, but according to the power of His eternal divine nature and existence (vv. 15-17; Ps. 110:4).

E. The Old Testament law has been replaced by the New Covenant (vv. 18-19; chapter 8).

1. The O.T. law couldn’t transform human hearts.
2. The New Testament brings us a better hope, including being drawn close to God.

II. The Superiority of the New High Priest (Heb. 7:20-28).

A. The Priesthood and Oaths (vv. 20-21).

1. Jesus was made priest with God’s oath of Ps. 110:4.
2. Aaron was made priest without an oath.
3. This signifies the superiority of Jesus’ priesthood.

B. Jesus is guarantor of a better covenant (v. 22; chap. 8).

C. The O.T. priests all eventually died, but the eternal Jesus serves as our great High Priest forever (vv. 23-24).

D. Jesus our eternal mediator [intercessor] is able to save us completely (v. 25; 1Tim. 2:5). This doesn’t mean praying!

E. Characteristics of Jesus our High Priest (v. 26; Phil. 2:9-11).

F. Unlike the O.T. priests, Jesus doesn’t need to offer daily sacrifices first for His own sins being He has none (v. 27a).

1. He offered up Himself as a once for all sacrifice (v. 27b).

G. The law appointed fallible priests, but God’s oath appointed the infallible eternal Jesus (v. 28).

CONCLUSION: Jesus our High Priest is far superior to Aaron!