

sermon notes

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Feb 19, 2023 | "Guarantor of a Better Covenant" | **Hebrews 7:20-28**

Jesus's priesthood is better because it is...

1) _____ by an oath
(7:20-22)

2) _____ for eternity
(7:23-25)

3) _____ from sinners
(7:26-28)

Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Hebrews 7:20-22. The author of Hebrews calls Jesus "the guarantor of a better covenant" (7:22). What does the term guarantor mean? What does the term covenant mean? What makes the new covenant through Jesus better than other covenants? For more on the meaning of "covenant" see the following video:

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/covenants/>

Also see the following introduction to covenants by D.A. Carson:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/a-little-introduction-to-covenants>

Read Hebrews 7:23-25. The author of Hebrews says that Jesus "holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever" (7:24). What is that a reference to? How does Jesus continue forever, and how is that different than other priests? Also what does it mean that Jesus "always lives to make intercession for them" (7:25). Who are the "them" in that sentence? What does it mean that Jesus makes intercession for them?

Read Hebrews 7:26-28. Why does Jesus not need to offer up sacrifices daily? What does it mean that he "offered up himself" (7:27)? Why is Jesus described as "holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners" (7:26)? What evidence do we have that this is the case? Why is it important that Christ be holy, innocent, and sinless? Why did Christ need to be both divine and human for his sacrifice to be effective?

GET PERSONAL

What kind of response is the author of Hebrews attempting to elicit in his readers in this passage? Worship? Faith? Confidence in Christ? What do these verses (7:20-28) elicit in you? Do they give you a better understanding and appreciation of Christ? Describe your eternal destiny and your situation without Christ.

Should Christians intercede for one another? Why is that intercession necessary if Jesus "always lives to make intercession" for us? Does it stimulate (or stifle) your prayer life to know that Jesus is always interceding for us? Why or why not?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Take a moment to detail your sins this past week. Now confess those in prayer before the Lord. What evidence do you have that you are not holy, innocent, and separated from sinners? Now thank Jesus for his holiness, innocence, and separation from sin. Ask the Lord for help in becoming daily more like Jesus.

ADVANCED QUESTION

The author of Hebrews says in 7:28 that the Son "has been made perfect forever." What does that mean? Does this mean that there was a time when Jesus wasn't perfect? Also the author says that the word of the oath came later than the law. Explain that. When did that oath come? And how was that oath chronologically later than the giving of the law?