

Hebrews: a Bible Study

Lesson Nine

Liberty Towers Church
Men's Bible Study
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Review

- Chapter 5 - The better High Priest
 - Jesus functions as humanity's ultimate, perfect High Priest
 - Includes a reference to Melchizedek in context of Abraham
- Chapter 6 - The better way
 - Interruption of the discourse of Melchizedek
 - Warnings against about faithlessness and apostacy
 - Last verse brings up Melchizedek again
- NOW Chapter 7 - Time for a deep dive into this mystic character

Our focus for tonight Hebrews 7:1-28

Focus

- Good questions are better than bad answers.
- Question for tonight that must be answered for ourselves.
 - Does the priesthood of Jesus change the Law?
- The big picture of Hebrews
 - Where does a Hebrew Christian fit into the dispensation of God?
 - Is there a place for a Hebrew Christian in the Church?

Plight of the Hebrew Christians

Idea
#1

- The church was moving away from Mother Judaism
- Paul's theology
 - Today we see these special Hebrew Christians as an anomaly.
 - We take Galatians and Romans as a mandate to throw out the baby with the bathwater.
 - Paul's theology is a turning point in understanding the work and ministry of Jesus.
 - The Hebrew church was just a phase. Supersessionism, the new covenant replaced the old.

Melchezedek

Idea #2

- Two main points from Chapter 7 (GENESIS 14)
 - Melchizedek is greater than Abraham
 - Given tithes from the battle v1
 - He was a man v2
 - Example of eternality of the Priesthood v3
 - Resembles the Son of God v3
 - Remains a priest forever v3
 - Melchizedek priesthood is greater than Aarons priesthood
 - Levi was preceded by Melchizedek v10
 - There was a need for another priesthood v11
 - The priesthood and the associated law were imperfect v11
 - There needed a change v12
 - Based on regulation v15
 - Melchizedek by an oath Psalm 110:4

Sanhedrin Discussion

Idea #3

- How can the promised Messiah be a priest if he is not of the tribe of priests?
- Another answer to, “Who is Jesus?”
- He is a priest of a different order.
 - Not of the Levitical hierarchy
 - No earthly tabernacle

New Covenant over the Old Covenant

- It is not about which is best or even better
- It is about God reaching out to save
- God still is in the reconciliation business

Therefore...V25

Idea
#5

- Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them

***Christianity emphasis on correct belief
(orthodoxy)
Judaism emphasis is on correct conduct
(orthopraxy)***

Revelation and Reconciliation

- Revealed in the Life of Jesus
 - Sinless life as a requirement of the eternal priesthood
 - The Levitical order was just a road sign not a solution
 - They pointed toward the Torah
 - They implemented a methodology that was handed down but was still inadequate to meet the needs of Reconciliation
 - Jesus changed, transferred, the sacrificial system, the ceremonies of the temple upon Himself.

All the sabbaths, feasts, dietary laws, instructions of righteousness are **NOT** annulled. They are transferred.

Special word to Change

Idea
#5

- The priesthood of Aaron, the Levitical priesthood was an interlude
- A place in the middle, a layer in the middle
- It is not about getting rid of one and acceptance of the other.
- The plan is still the same
 - Father to the family
 - An eternal priesthood
 - A perfect priesthood

Change:
To transpose, transfer, to
passover to another

Time to restore the original intent

Idea #6

- The Priesthood of Aaron did not work
 - Could not bestow righteousness
 - Could not reconcile Man to God
 - Not working
- All the sabbaths, feasts, dietary laws, instructions for righteousness are not annulled, kicked out.

The original intent of the Priesthood was to be sign post, a pointer to God. REVELATION

Seven Laws of Noah (for all mankind)

1. No worship of Idols
2. No cursing of God
3. There will be courts of justice
4. No murder
5. No sexual immorality, adultery or bestiality
6. No stealing
7. No eating of flesh from a strangled animal.

Acts 15:5, 10, 11, 13, 19, 20

Key verses: Hebrews 7:24, 25

Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.

Therefore, He is able to save completely

Those who come to God through Him

Because he always lives to intercede for them

Scripture reading

- Hebrews 7:18, 19 For, on the one hand, there is a setting aside of a former commandment because of its weakness and uselessness. For the Law made nothing perfect, and on the other hand there is a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

Application: What is our responsibility today as Christians?

- Should we evangelize Jews?
- Is there a requirement for us to follow the law?
- There is no plan B in God's will, it has always been revelation and reconciliation.

