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7:15-19 CHRIST'S PRIESTHOOD SUPERIOR

“And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest

{16} who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life.

{17} For He testifies:

‘You are a priest forever

According to the order of Melchizedek.’

{18} For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness,

{19} for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.”

7:20-22 CHRIST'S PRIESTHOOD SUPERIOR BECAUSE OF A DIVINE OATH

“And inasmuch as He was not made priest without an oath

{21} (for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him:

‘The Lord has sworn

And will not relent,

“You are a priest forever

According to the order of Melchizedek””),

{22} by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.”

7:23-25 CHRIST'S PRIESTHOOD SUPERIOR BECAUSE IT IS ETERNAL

“Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing.

{24} But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood.

{25} Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”

7:26-28 CHRIST'S PRIESTHOOD SUPERIOR BECAUSE OF HIS SINLESS PERFECTION

“For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;

{27} who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

{28} For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.”

8:1-5 CHRIST – HIGH PRIEST SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD

“Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

{2} a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

{3} For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer.

{4} For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law;

{5} who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, ‘See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.’”