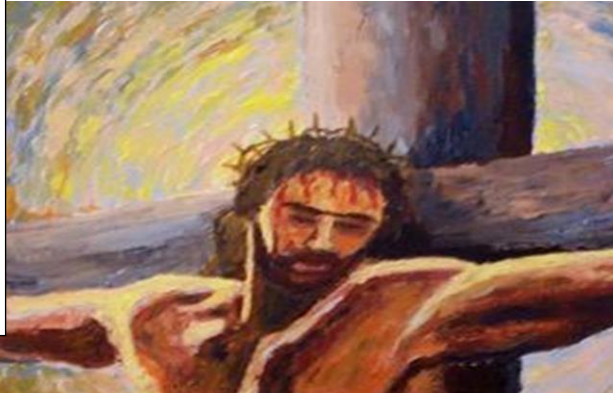


The Kind of
**HIGH
PRIEST
WE NEED**



***Superior Covenant –
A NEW ORDER OF PRIESTHOOD – SUPERIOR TO THE OLD
HEBREWS 7:11-25***

MAIN PRINCIPLE OF TODAY'S SERMON:

-A shift in Biblical regulations (Old Testament to New Testament) has taken place in order to secure a BETTER COVENANT RELATIONSHIP between us and God.

PIECES OF THE PUZZLE LEADING US INTO UNDERSTANDING:

*- BELIEVERS MUST GO ON TO MATURITY and GOD HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO DO SO.
(HEB. 5:11 - 6:3)*

*- THE PROCESS OF MATURITY DOES NOT AFFECT SALVATION. BUT IT DOES AFFECT THE WAY WE
LIVE IN THE INTENDED BLESSINGS OF GOD.*

*- IF WE START TO DRIFT FROM THE WORD (HEB. 2:1-4), THEN WE START TO DOUBT THE WORD
(HEB. 3:7-4:13).*

*-BEFORE LONG, WE WILL GET DULL TOWARD THE WORD (HEB. 5:11-6:20) AND BECOME LAZY
BELIEVERS.*

*-A FRUITFUL LIFE IS A BLESSED LIFE AND A LIFE THAT DECLARES ALOUD THE GREATNESS OF GOD'S
SALVATION WITHIN US. LIKEWISE, THE GREATER THE FRUIT, THE GREATER THE AWARENESS WE
HAVE OF OUR SECURITY IN CHRIST.*

- THE BEST WAY TO AVOID DRIFTING IS - TO LAY HOLD OF THE ANCHOR.

*-WHEN WE ARE ANCHORED HEAVENWARD, HOW MUCH MORE SECURE CAN YOU BE IN YOUR
SALVATION.*

*- JESUS HAS INITIATED A NEW ETERNAL PRIESTHOOD WHICH IS SUPERIOR TO THE OLD
TESTAMENT LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD IN AARON'S LINE. THIS DOES NOT DISCREDIT OR LESSEN THE
FORMER COVENANT - IT COMPLETES IT BY FULFILLING ITS INTENDED GOALS.*

THE SAVIOR WE NEED – BRINGING US TO GOD

I. His Work – a Superior Hope vv. 11-19

- v. 11 - Perfection – Coming to The Kind of End Desired
 - man's relationship with God
- v. 11-15 - That end was not accomplished by Law
- v. 18 - Weakness of the Law – Rom. 8
- vv. 23-25 - Perpetual basis for drawing near to God

II. His Attentions and Purposes – unchangeable and secure

- 20, 21 - An unchanging mind– Psa. 110:4 (sworn oath)
- Guarantee = “Guarantor” – unalterable position
- Permanence – Jesus, able to save completely those who would come to God through Him. Rom.8:31-4
- An Attention to Relationship

III. My Responses

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. What does a change in priesthood mean to your spiritual life?
 2. How does the difference between incomplete and perfected encourage you in your spiritual development?
 3. Does the reality that the Old Testament Law was never intended to be permanent change your perspective?
 4. How does your understanding about intercession of Jesus being more about representation than pleading affect your perspective of God the Father?
 5. What can separate you from the Love of God? Who can bring a charge against you?
 6. In what ways do you find the priesthood of Christ more valuable than the old priesthood? Is it clear to you why God arranged it historically the way He did?
 7. How are you responding to the great kindnesses of God? How has His priesthood altered your course of life or your affections towards God?
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