

## SERMON NOTES & QUOTES

The total message of Hebrews is not to shake our confidence but to secure our confidence.

### What's the big deal about priests?

In the Old Testament, the priests came from one distinct Jewish family, the family line of Levi. They are called Levitical priests.

A priest would follow detailed procedures outlined in the Old Testament. The process?

- Bringing an animal.
- Laying on of hands.
- Killing the animal.
- Collecting and sprinkling the blood.
- Burning the sacrifice.

Guarantor – engyos – a bondsman. One version says Jesus is a certain guarantee of a better covenant (AMP). Another version calls Him the surety of a better covenant (RSV). The word “guarantor” points to a legal transaction, like “bail.”

<b>Humans as priests</b>	<b>References</b>	<b>Christ as Priest</b>
many are needed	7:23-24	only One is needed
temporary because they always die	7:23-25	permanent because He always lives
sinful and stained	7:26	holy and innocent
offered sacrifices for their own sins	7:27	offers a sacrifice for others' sin
sacrificed daily	7:27	sacrificed once for all
offered animals as sacrifices	7:27	offered Himself as a sacrifice
appointed by the law in weakness	7:28	appointed by the Father as perfect

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This word "Intercession" is a compound Latin word. "Inter" means "between." "Cedere" means "to go." An intercessor is a go-between who intervenes on behalf of another person.

What is the resurrected Christ doing – right now? He is interceding at the Father's right hand. Even now, He is thinking of us, bringing our needs to the Father's attention. John Frame, Systematic Theology, p. 908

When you dare not pray for yourselves Christ is still praying for you: when under a sense of sin you dare not lift so much as your eyes towards heaven, when you think "Surely it would be in vain for me to seek my heavenly Father's face," He is pleading for you. CH Spurgeon, Jesus Interceding for Transgressors

### **As our Great High Priest, Jesus guarantees...**

P – Proximity (4:14-16, 6:19, 10:19-21)

R – Rest (4:11, 14)

I – Intercession (7:25b)

E – Eternity (9:11-12)

S – Salvation (2:17, 7:25a, 9:24-26, 10:21-23)

T – Transformation (10:11-14)

Long increasingly to see Jesus. Meditation and contemplation are often like windows of gold and gates of silver through which we behold the Redeemer. Meditation puts the telescope to the eye and enables us to see Jesus in a better fashion than we could have seen Him if we had lived in the days of His earthly sojourn. C. H. Spurgeon

Dear LORD, I agree with You that my sins that have separated me from You, a holy God. I admit that religion and rule-keeping cannot save me. So, You sent Jesus as the Great High Priest who not only makes a sacrifice for my sin but became the sacrifice for my sin. He lived the life I could not live, died the death I should have died, and rose to give me new life. Whenever I feel insecure, afraid, lonely, or ashamed, help me to look to Jesus as my all-sufficient High Priest so I will live with a sure and steadfast anchor for my soul. Amen.

## NOVEMBER MEMORY VERSE

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Hebrews 4:16