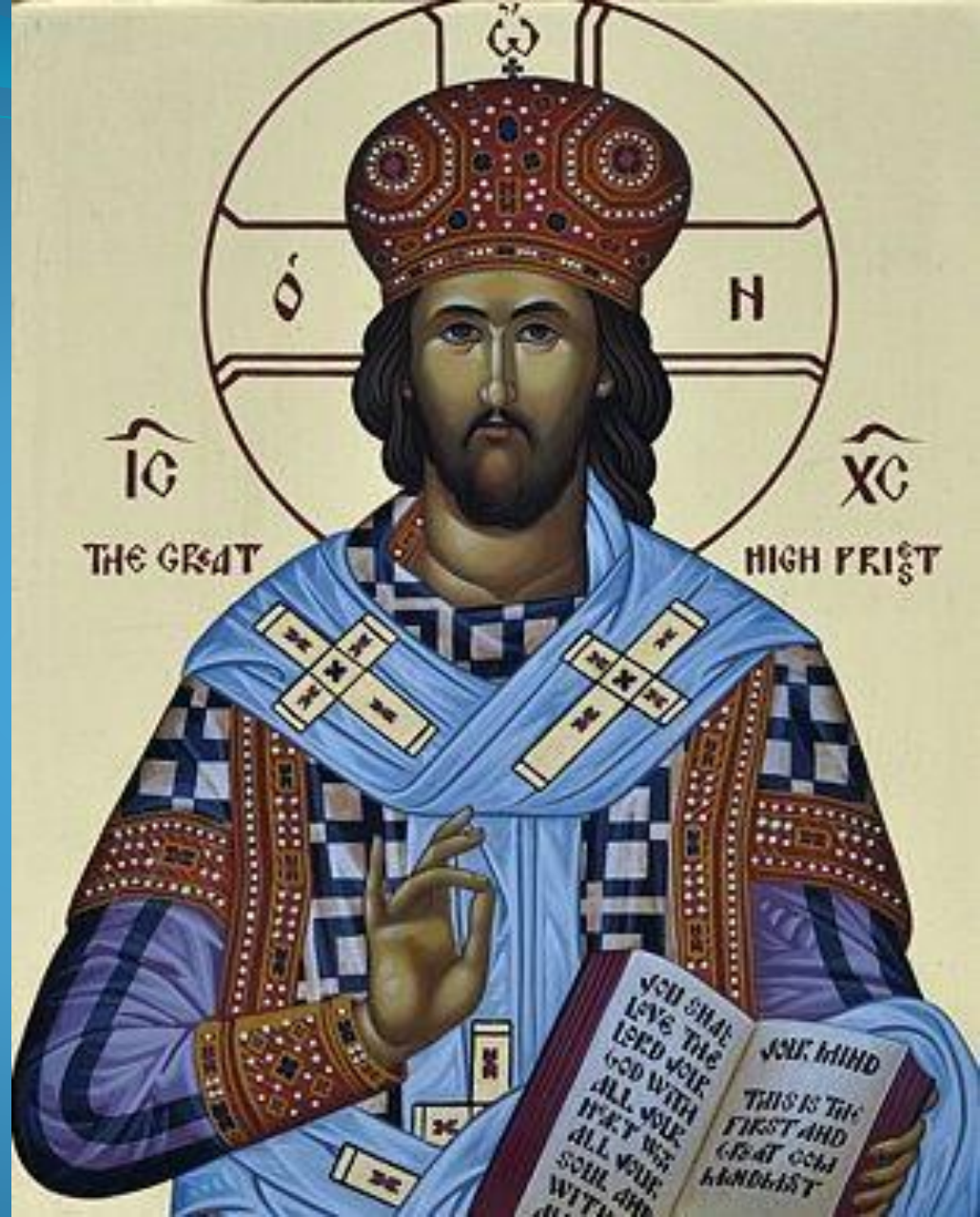


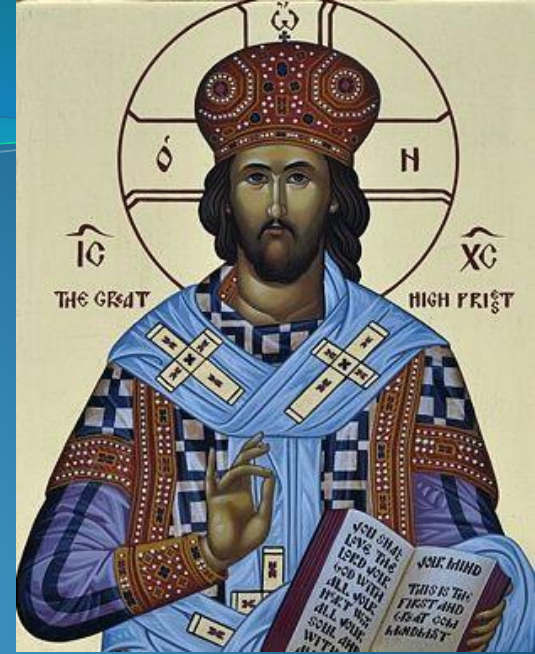
The Eternal High Priest and Intercessor



HEBREWS 7:11-28

Let's begin with Ps. 110:4

“The LORD has sworn and
will not change his mind,
‘You are a priest forever
after the order of
Melchizedek.’”

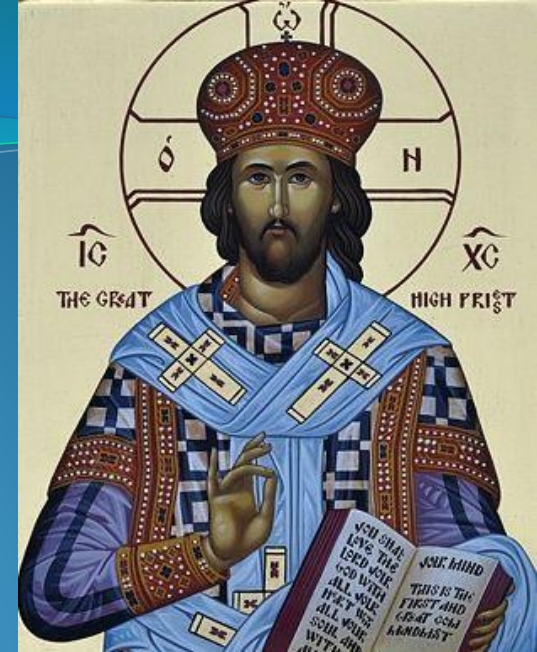


There's a need for a new Priestly Order

The Order of Aaron has not delivered the needed perfection.

Why did the priesthood of Aaron not deliver perfection?

Hebrews 7:11



The Order of Aaron

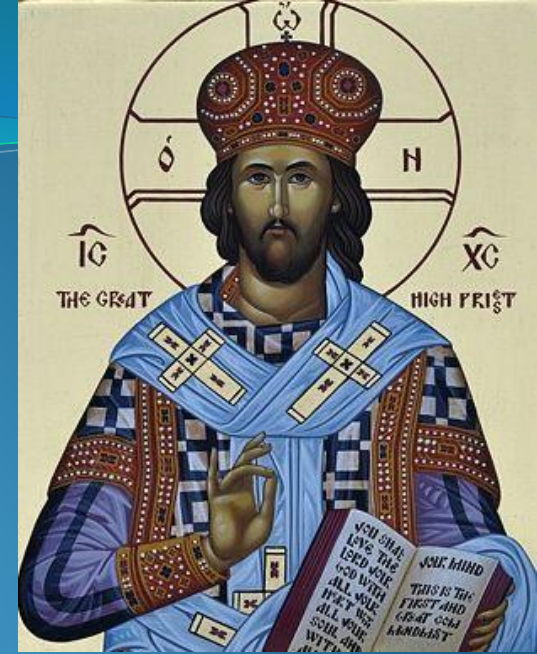
+ Est. @ Mt. Sinai

- Exodus 28:1 – 30:10

- Israel's Benefit

- No Priesthood...no atonement of sins
- No atonement...no access to God!

Hebrews 7:11



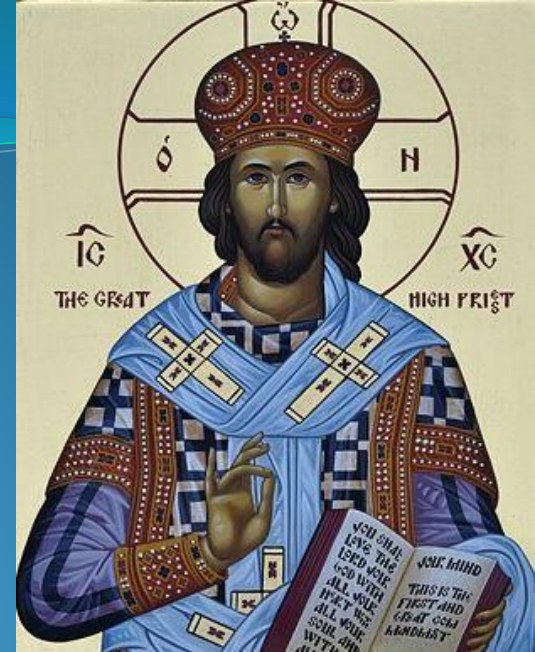
The Order of Aaron

+ “Why was there still need for another priest to come, one in the Order of Melchizedek, not in the Order of Aaron?”

- Who can cleanse the conscience?

- Only a Different Priest
- One who will “arise!”

Hebrews 7:11



AARON

CHRIST

THE

THE

EARTHLY

HEAVENLY

LEVITICAL

MELCHIZEDEK

PRIESTHOOD

PRIESTHOOD

IMPERFECT

PERFECT

Hebrews 7:11

God's Five Reasons for the Order of Melchizedek

1. (v.12): Different Priest; Different legal basis;
2. (v.13): Address to a different person who's not a Levite;
3. (vv.14-16): Origin of Jesus & origin of His appointment;
4. (v.17): God's oath (Ps. 110:4);
5. (vv.18, 19): God's abolition of the Levitical Priesthood & replacement with a perfect Order

The Priesthood: From Law to Grace

¹² “For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law.”

Hebrews 7:12

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Aaron → **Melchizedek**
Mosaic → **Grace**



Hebrews 7:12

The Priesthood: From Levi to Judah!

¹³“For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar.”

The priesthood is given to One who isn't a Levite!

- + David calls Him, “...my Lord...” (Ps. 110:1);**
- + He's David's “Son and Lord” (Mt. 22:41-45);**
- + V.14...He's from the Tribe of Judah!**

Hebrews 7:13

Origin of Jesus and His Appointment as High Priest

¹⁴“For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.”

Notice the Preacher uses OT imagery from Numbers 24:17 and Isaiah 11:1.

The congregation also knows that Moses has never said anything about a priest coming from the Tribe of Judah (cf. Gen. 49:8-12)!

Hebrews 7:14-16

Origin of Jesus and His Appointment as High Priest

¹⁵“And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest...”

Since the new High Priest is in the Order of Melchizedek, He is also like Melchizedek; just as any human priest who descended from Aaron had the same authority and status as Aaron.

Hebrews 7:14-16

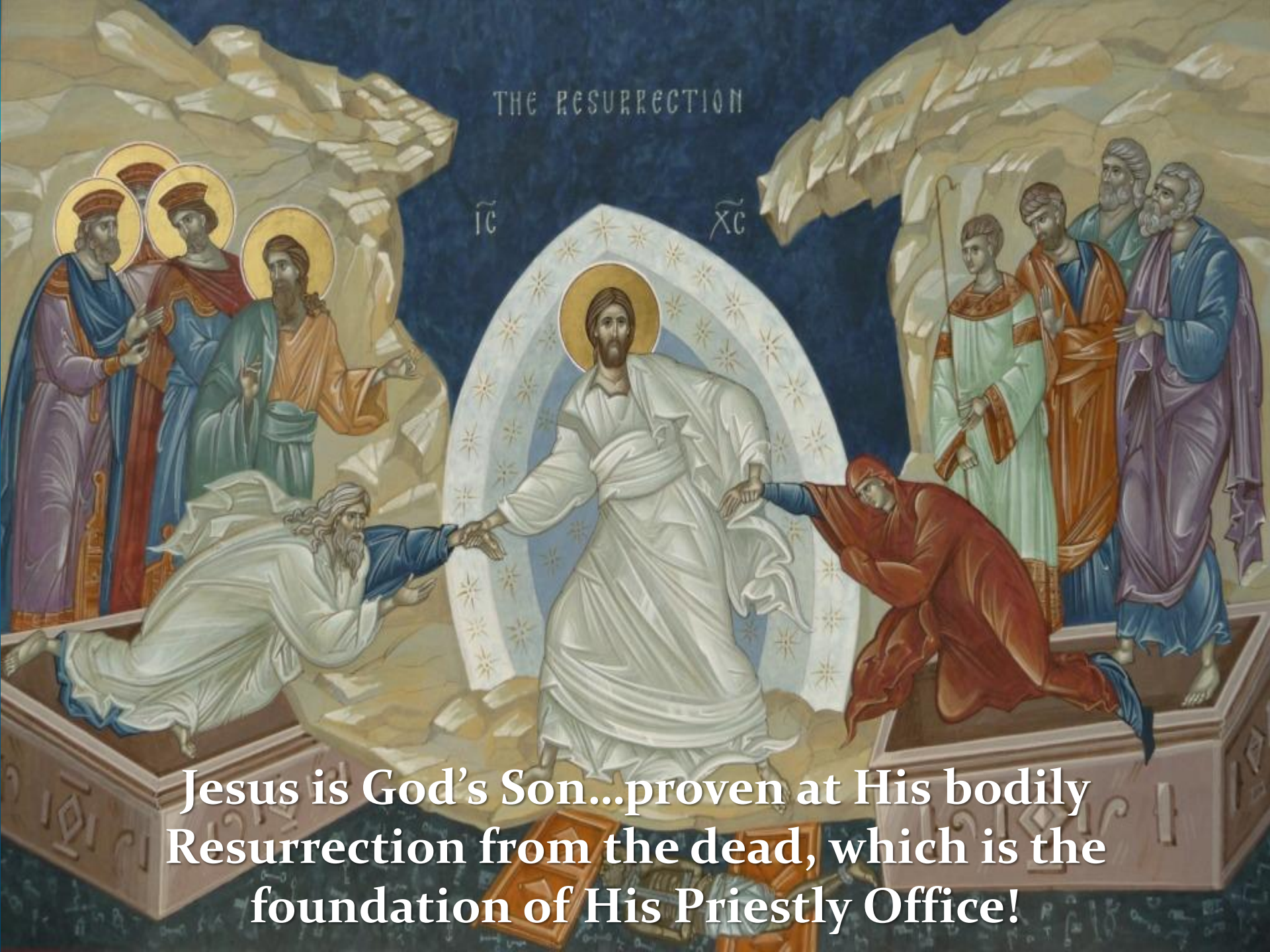
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¹⁶“...who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless [indestructible] life.”

The New High Priest isn't according to “fleshly commandment,” but by the power of an eternal, omnipotent life.

What's the Power of His Priesthood?

Hebrews 7:14-16



Jesus is God's Son...proven at His bodily Resurrection from the dead, which is the foundation of His Priestly Office!

God the Father's Oath

God said to Jesus: ***"You are a Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek"*** (Ps. 110:4).

With this oath, God abrogates the earthly priesthood of Levi and pronounces Jesus as His New High Priest in this New Order!

+ John 5:31-37a

Hebrews 7:17

Levi Out...Jesus Forever!

The Negative!

The Levitical Priesthood was abrogated because of its lack of power. The Law could not benefit sinners by providing for them perfection.

Hebrews 7:18, 19

Levi Out...Jesus Forever!

The Law orders a clean
conscience but can not deliver
what it commands!

Hebrews 7:18, 19

Levi Out...Jesus Forever!

The Positive!

**So God now offers to you that
which is far greater...free and
open access to Him through His
Son, Jesus Christ!**

Hebrews 7:18, 19

Levi Out...Jesus Forever!



ROMANS 8:3

Jesus, Your Intercessor!

*The Preacher now
begins to use Ps 110:4 to
show you that Jesus is
your intercessor!*

Hebrews 7:20-28

Jesus, Your Intercessor!

God's Oath, which establishes Jesus as a Priest forever, makes Him the guarantor of an even better covenant (vv.20-22).

Hebrews 7:20-22

God's Oath of Guarantee



*It was the Father
who appointed
Jesus as the Great
High Priest by an
“oath of
installation!”*

Hebrews 7:20-22

God's Oath of Guarantee



To obtain such faith God instituted the office of the ministry, that is, provided the Gospel and the sacraments... (Augsburg Confession, V)

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Certificate of Ordination

Greetings and the peace of God!

THIS CERTIFIES that _____
a graduate of _____ Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN
in the year 1998 having been duly called by _____
at _____
was ordained on the 21st day of the month of June in the year of
our Lord 1998 in accordance with the rites of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and is
authorized, under the rules of the Church, to perform all the functions of the ministerial office.



D.D.
President of the _____ District
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

LOCATION OF ORDINATION

D.D.
OFFICIANT

*This is the
reverse of the
“normal” order.
Then, as today,
the candidate
takes the oath.*

Hebrews 7:20-22

God's Oath of Guarantee

Psalm 110

⁴The **LORD** has sworn
and will not change **his** mind,
“**You** are a priest forever
after the order of Melchizedek.”

*Why is this so
important for
you?*

*Not so with
Jesus, it's His
Father, Who, in
Ps. 110:4, takes
the oath.*

Hebrews 7:20-22

God's Oath of Guarantee

1. *Jesus serves for eternity!*
2. *Jesus' Priesthood is based on God's irrevocable commitment!*
3. *Depends on God's provision; not the Law!*

Hebrews 7:20-22

God's Oath of Guarantee

*Jesus differs from
ALL other priest*

- + A divine oath of installation;*
- + Only Jesus is our divine anchor;*
- + Through Jesus, we have access to the Father!*



Hebrews 7:20-22

The Contrast: Mortal v. Eternal

Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood.



Hebrews 7:23-24

CHANGES in the PRIESTHOOD

PRE CROSS

LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD

Imperfect Priesthood
Temporary Priesthood
Old Order of Priesthood
Insufficient Priesthood
Deficient Priesthood
Earthly Priesthood
Imperfect Mediator
This Priest is a sinner
Under sentence of Death
Descendent of Levi priestly tribe
Cannot reconcile man to God
Cannot represent God to man
Cannot remove the sin barrier
Cannot bring man to perfection
Under condemnation of the Law



POST CROSS

MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD

Perfect Priesthood
Eternal Priesthood
New Order of Priesthood
Sufficient Priesthood
Model Priesthood
Royal, heavenly Priesthood
Perfect Mediator
This Priest is Sinless
Broke the power of death
Descendent of Judah kingly tribe
CAN reconcile man to God
CAN represent God to man
CAN remove the sin barrier
CAN bring man to perfection
Fulfilled the requirements of the Law

Hebrews 7:11

This is the Divine Conclusion!

“Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.”

- (Hebrews 7:25 ESV)

**“For there is one God,
and there is one
mediator between God
and men, the man,
Christ Jesus, ⁶who
gave himself as a
ransom for all, which
is the testimony given
at the proper time”**

(1 Timothy 2:5, 6; ESV)▪

**Yes, the pouring
out of His Blood
was necessary!**



You who once
were far off
have been
brought near
by the blood
of Christ.



Ephesians 2:13

Why Jesus is the ONLY Suitable Mediator!

Explained by Five Qualities of Jesus (v.26):

- 1. ὁσῖος = Godly, devout, holy
+ Jesus is completely reliant on
His Father's grace and utterly
devoted to Him...we are not!**

Why Jesus is the ONLY Suitable Mediator!

- 2. ἄκακος = innocent; blameless**
+ Jesus is without evil; there's nothing that alienates Him from the Father...unlike us!
- 3. ἀμίαντος = pure/undefiled by sin**
+ Jesus is without evil; there's nothing that alienates Him from the Father...unlike us!

Why Jesus is the ONLY Suitable Mediator!

- 4. κεχωρισμένος = separated**
+ Jesus is completely
separated from sinners; He
never participated in
sin...unlike us!

Why Jesus is the **ONLY** Suitable Mediator!

5. ὑψηλότερος = higher/exalted
+ Jesus is the **ONLY** man who is
higher than heaven (at the
Father's Right Hand). He
controls the Heavenly order.
He **IS** the **LORD**...unlike us!

Why Jesus is the ONLY Suitable Mediator!

Jesus, the Perfect Sacrifice

How He differs from Aaron:

- + He offered Himself as a
SINGLE, COMPLETE, and
PERFECT sacrifice “...once
for all.”**

Hebrews 7:27

Why Jesus is the ONLY Suitable Mediator!

Jesus, the Perfect Sacrifice

How He differs from Aaron:

- + Jesus is the only One who is fit to be your High Priest because of His character and unique self-sacrifice!**
- + He has been given all authority and power!**

Hebrews 7:28

NEXT WEEK

**WE WILL STUDY AND LEARN
THAT JESUS IS OUR:**

HEAVENLY LITURGIST!

Hebrews 8:1-5