

"A Perfect Priest that Brings Perfection"

Hebrews 7:11-28

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I. Christ is a better priest because He is not a priest of the imperfect Law.

- A. "The Law" = the Mosaic system imposed uniquely on the Israelites, specifically the sacrificial and priestly commands.
 - 1. The Law made nothing *perfect*.
 - 2. The Law and its appointed priests could not provide true forgiveness of sin nor eternal access to God's presence.
- B. Jesus, who was not appointed by the Law, brings believers into a state of perfection.

II. Christ is a better priest because He was confirmed with an eternal and divine oath.

- A. Jesus' appointment did not come through a changeable command.
- B. Jesus' priesthood came from the prophetic divine oath of Psalm 110.

III. Christ is a better priest because He lives forever.

- A. Priests appointed by the Law were subject to death.
- B. Jesus lives forever to intercede and ensure our ongoing perfect status.

1 John 2:1 - My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Rom. 8:33-24 - ³³Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; ³⁴who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

IV. Christ is a better priest because of His own perfections.