

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for July 12, 2015

Melchizedek's Priesthood Trumped Aaron's Priesthood
Hebrews 7:23-25

The author in Hebrews 7:11-28 explained why it was necessary for Aaron's priesthood to be replaced by Christ's priesthood which was according to the order of Melchizedek.

It was necessary because Aaron's priesthood could not bring about "perfection" Hebrews 7:11-14.

It was necessary because the replacement of Aaron's priesthood with Christ's priesthood brought about a "better hope" (Hebrews 7:15-19).

It was necessary because of God's oath to Christ (Hebrews 7:20-22).

It was necessary because Aaron's priesthood, unlike Christ's priesthood, could never provide a permanent priest (Hebrews 7:23-25).

The author in Hebrews 7:23-24 sought to highlight the sharp contrast between the temporal nature of the Levitical priesthood and the eternal nature of Christ's priesthood.

The author in Hebrews 7:23 highlighted the temporal nature of the Levitical priesthood by pointing out to his readers that the greater number of Levitical priests was because death kept them from continuing.

The author in Hebrews 7:24 established the eternal nature of Christ's priesthood by pointing out that because Christ "continues forever" He holds His priesthood "permanently."

Because Christ "continues forever" and therefore holds his priesthood "permanently," Christ is able to save "forever" those who draw near to God through Him (Hebrews 7:25).

The word translated "forever" in the NASV can also be translated "completely" or "to the uttermost" "as it is translated in the ESV and KJV.

Until we are saved "completely" or "to the uttermost," Christ, our great forever high priest, will be always living to make intercession for us (Hebrews 7:25).

May God give us the grace to understand that because Christ now lives to make intercession for us, we can be confident no matter what is happening that we will be saved to the uttermost.