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Hebrews 8:1-6

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IV. Christ Saves to the Uttermost

- Hebrews 7:25 is one of the greatest declarations of assurance in Scripture: **‘Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him.’**
- The phrase ‘to the uttermost’ means completely, perfectly, and eternally.
- **Jesus saves:** Completely from sin; Completely from condemnation; Completely from wrath; Completely from guilt; Completely forever

IV. Christ Saves to the Uttermost

- **Our salvation is secure because it rests upon:** The eternal life of Christ; The eternal priesthood of Christ; The eternal intercession of Christ
- Unlike earthly priests who died, Christ continually ministers for His people.

V. Christ's Continual Intercession

- **The text says:** 'Seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.'
- Jesus is alive right now interceding for believers before the Father.
- This points forward to the heavenly ministry of Christ that Hebrews later develops
- Just as the high priest entered the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement, Jesus entered the true heavenly sanctuary.

V. Christ's Continual Intercession

- **However:** Christ entered once for all; Christ offered Himself; Christ's sacrifice never needs repetition; Christ's ministry is eternal
- **His intercession means:** Believers are continually represented before God; Christ continually applies the benefits of His sacrifice
- **This is why believers can approach God with confidence.**

VI. Transition to Christ as High Priest

- Verse 26 introduces the title 'High Priest' (ἀρχιερεὺς) for the first major time in Hebrews.
- The argument is transitioning: From Melchizedek To the fulfillment of the Aaronic priesthood; To Christ's heavenly ministry
- Melchizedek showed: The superiority of Christ's order

VI. Transition to Christ as High Priest

- Aaron's priesthood foreshadowed:
- The sacrificial ministry of Christ. Yet Jesus fulfills every shadow and type of the Old Covenant system.
- The ceremonies of the Law pointed forward to Him. The sacrifices pointed forward to Him. The Day of Atonement pointed forward to Him. Christ is the true and eternal High Priest.

VII. Applications and Spiritual Lessons

- **Because Jesus lives forever:**
- Grace continues forever; Intercession continues forever; Salvation continues forever; Access to God continues forever;
- The believer's confidence is not in self, but in the eternal Priest who never dies.

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- 1 Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,
- 2 a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.
- 3 For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer.

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- 4 For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law;
- 5 who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, “See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.”

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- 6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

Christ Seated in Majesty

- Hebrews 8:1 declares that Christ sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.
- The Levitical priests stood daily ministering because their work was never finished.
- Jesus sat down because His sacrificial work was completed once for all.
- Cross References: Hebrews 1:3; Hebrews 10:11–12; Psalm 110:1.

The Significance of Sitting Down

- Christ's position at the right hand of God demonstrates authority, completion, and exaltation.
- The earthly priests never sat in the Holy Place because their ministry continued endlessly.
- Jesus reigns as Priest and King simultaneously.
- His ministry is eternal and effective forever.

Hebrews 8:2

- Jesus is called “a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle.”
- The word λειτουργός (leitourgos) refers to a public servant or priestly minister.
- Christ ministers in the heavenly sanctuary, not merely an earthly structure.
- The true tabernacle was established by God and not by human hands.

The True Tabernacle

- The earthly tabernacle was symbolic and temporary.
- The heavenly reality is eternal and perfect.
- The tabernacle of Moses pointed toward heavenly truths.
- The earthly sanctuary was never the final reality.

Old Testament Heavenly Temple Imagery

- Psalm 11:4 — “The LORD is in His holy temple.”
- Isaiah 6 presents the Lord enthroned in heavenly glory.
- Ezekiel’s visions expand the imagery of God’s heavenly presence.
- Revelation presents heavenly worship centered upon the Lamb.

Hebrews 8:3–4

- Every high priest was appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices.
- A priest without a sacrifice could not fulfill priestly ministry.
- Christ offered Himself as the once-for-all sacrifice for sins.
- His offering was infinitely superior to animal sacrifices.

Christ's Heavenly Ministry

- Christ's earthly sacrifice was completed at Calvary.
- His heavenly ministry applies the benefits of His atonement continually.
- The blood of Christ speaks eternally before the Father.
- Jesus fulfills the symbolism of the Day of Atonement perfectly.

The Day of Atonement Fulfilled

- The high priest first sacrificed outside the Holy Place.
- Then he carried the blood into the Most Holy Place.
- Jesus died outside Jerusalem and entered heaven itself with His own blood.
- Cross References: Leviticus 16; Hebrews 9:11–14.

Hebrews 8:5

- The earthly priests served “the copy and shadow of heavenly things.”
- The earthly tabernacle was never the substance.
- It functioned as a shadow pointing toward Christ.
- Colossians 2:17 teaches that the substance belongs to Christ.

Shadow Versus Reality

- A shadow reflects the existence of something greater.
- The Old Covenant system pointed beyond itself.
- The sacrifices, priesthood, and tabernacle all anticipated Christ.
- Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament types and symbols.

Moses and the Pattern

- Heb 8:5 - Who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things....
- God commanded Moses to build according to the heavenly pattern.
- Exodus 25:40 emphasizes divine precision.
- The tabernacle represented heavenly realities symbolically.
- God intentionally designed the Old Covenant system to point to Christ.

Hebrews 8:6

- Heb 8:6 - He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.
- Christ obtained a more excellent ministry.
- He is the Mediator of a better covenant.
- The New Covenant is established upon better promises.
- **Christ surpasses both Aaron and Moses.**

Mediator of a Better Covenant

- Moses mediated the Old Covenant at Sinai.
- Jesus mediates the New Covenant through His blood.
- The Old Covenant revealed sin but could not perfect the conscience.
- The New Covenant transforms the heart through the Spirit of God.