

A close-up photograph of an open Bible. A magnifying glass is positioned over the word 'Hebrews' in the title of a chapter. The text is slightly out of focus, but the word 'Hebrews' is prominent. Below it, some verses are visible, including 'The Son Superior to Angels' and 'and the heavens are the work of your hands'.

Hebrews

Word on Wednesday - Study on the book of Hebrews

OVERVIEW OF HEBREW

HEBREWS – THE SUPREMACY OF JESUS CHRIST

SUPREMACY OVER OT OFFICES C1-7

OT OFFICES

C 1

Messenger;

from God to man
such as angel & prophets

C 3-4

Deliverer;

of God for man
such as Moses & Joshua

C 5

Mediator;

between God & man such as Priesthood;

SUPREMACY OVER OT ORDERS C8-10

OT ORDER

C 8 Covenant

C 9 Tabernacle

C 10 Sacrifice

SUPREMACY IN THE SAINTS C11-13

THROUGH FAITH

C11

Faith defined

C12

Faith demonstrated

C13

Faith developed

Talk to One Another

What **Observations** did you make for C6?

5mins conversation with one another via zoom and onsite.

Hebrews 6

Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. 3 And this we will do, if God permits 4 For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, **6 and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame. 7** For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God; 8 but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned.

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Will I loose my salvation?

No – No sins can limit God's saving grace.

Yes – When you deny God completely.

Mark 3:28 “Truly I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter; 29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— 30 because they were saying, “He has an **unclean spirit**.”

*I don't believe in Jesus anymore. In fact I think I was wrong in believing in Jesus. I am a free thinker now.
= No more salvation!*

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Blessing	Curse & Being burned

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9 But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way. 10 For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints. 11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, 12 so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Why convinced of better things?

1. Because God will not forget your work & love

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13 For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, 14 saying, “I will surely bless you and I will surely multiply you.” 15 And so, having patiently waited, he obtained the promise. 16 For men swear by one greater than themselves, and with them an oath given as confirmation is an end of every dispute. 17 In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath, 18 so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.

Why convinced of better things?
2. Because God will not lie.

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18 so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us. 19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, 20 where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

What about this hope?

Anchor of our soul – Holds us in “water”

Sure and steadfast – Holds us well

Enter the veil – Holds us closely

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Outline of C6:

V1-3 = Press on to maturity.

V4-8 = Person who fallen away

V9-18 = Promise of better things

- God will not forget

- God will not lie

V18-20 = Persevere in Hope

Read Hebrews 7

Highlight repeated words

Key ideas

But there is SOMEONE who can **best** mediate for us!

SOMEONE who can **represent** us in all situations!

SOMEONE who can best **resolve** the issues for us!

SOMEONE who can even mediate for us before **God**!

(mediator = priest)

His Name is!

**This is the very message in Hebrew Chapter 7.
We have a better mediator, priest, in Jesus!**

We have a better mediator in Jesus

- Because He is the **First** of the kind.
 - Particularity of His Priesthood
- Because He is the **Finest** of the kind.
 - Preeminence of His Priesthood
- Because He is the **Forever** kind.
 - Permanence of His Priesthood

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 - Context: v1-11 = Jesus is BEFORE the Aaronic Priesthood (Law of Precedence)

7 For this **Melchizedek**, king of Salem, **priest of the Most High God**, who met Abraham as he was returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2 to whom also **Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all the spoils**, was first of all, by the translation of his name, **king of righteousness**, and then also **king of Salem, which is king of peace**. 3 Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made **like the Son of God**, he remains a priest perpetually. 4 Now observe **how great** this man was to whom Abraham, the patriarch, **gave a tenth of the choicest spoils**.

- He is both Priest and King
- He is without beginning and ending
- He is like (TYPE) the Son of God

= He is above Abraham and before Abraham

5 And those indeed of the sons of Levi who receive the priest's office have commandment in the Law to collect a tenth from the people, that is, from their brethren, although these are descended from Abraham. 6 But the one whose genealogy is not traced from them collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed the one who had the promises. **7 But without any dispute the lesser is blessed by the greater.** 8 In this case mortal men receive tithes, but in that case one receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives on. 9 And, so to speak, **through Abraham even Levi, who received tithes, paid tithes, 10 for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.**

- Melchizedek is before Levi
 - He received tithes from Abraham/Levi
- = He is FIRST before Aaron's priesthood**

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 - Jesus is Priest/Mediator in the order of Melchizedek = before Aaron
 - First = Earlier than the Aaronic Priesthood
 - First = Better than the Aaronic Priesthood
 - First = Sovereign ie even before you accept Him as Lord *eg Sec 4@OBS, called out to Jesus*

We have a better mediator in Jesus

- Because He is the **First** of the kind.
 - First in Position (earlier), Quality (better) and Timing (Sovereign)
 - He has reached out to us even when we are not willing to make Him Lord eg
 - Even when you are rebellious
 - Even when you don't care
 - Even when you THINK you know better
 - Application: Appreciate Him for saving you

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- Because He is the **Finest** of the kind.
 - Preeminence of His Priesthood
 - He is the BEST Mediator/Priest
 - What is the use of having a lawyer but he cannot defend you?
 - What is the use of having a counsellor but cannot help others to see your need?
 - What is the use of having a “protector” but cannot protect you or shield you?
 - He will not fail you!

We have a better mediator in Jesus

- Because He is the **Finest** of the kind.
 - Preeminence of His Priesthood
 - Context: v12-22 = Jesus came to satisfy the Law thereby offering us a better hope and covenant. He is the Finest you can ask for.

11 Now **if perfection** was through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the **people received the Law**), what further need was there for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be designated according to the order of Aaron?

NO NEED!

15 And this is clearer still, if another priest arises according to the likeness of Melchizedek, 16 who has become such not on the basis of a law of physical requirement, but according to **the power of an indestructible life**. 17 For it is attested of Him, “You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.”

- Aaronic Priesthood does not make man perfect.
- Law only tells us we are sinners. We broke His law. Eg Only 1 drop of poison..
- We are TOTALLY hopeless without God.

= Melchizedek Priesthood is better because it could make man perfect before God.

18 For, on the one hand, there is a setting aside of a former commandment because of its weakness and uselessness 19 **(for the Law made nothing perfect)**, and on the other hand there is a bringing in of **a better hope**, through which we **draw near to God**. 20 And inasmuch as it was not without an oath 21 (for they indeed became priests without an oath, but He with an oath through the One who said to Him, “The Lord has sworn And will not change His mind, ‘You are a priest forever’”); 22 so much the more also Jesus has become the **guarantee of a better covenant**.

- Jesus came and helped man to draw near to God.
 - He came and offered us a better hope and better covenant.
- = Jesus offered us the best mediation ie we could draw near to God!**

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- Because He is the **Finest** of the kind.
 - Preeminence of His Priesthood
 - Context: v12-22
 - Jesus could achieve much more than all human mediators. He is the FINEST mediator.
 - Christianity is a relationship of love and not religion of works, make possible by Jesus.
 - Application: Accept Him as the Lover of your soul.

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 - Not only is Jesus First and Finest, He is Priest FOREVER for us.
 - Context: v 23-25 = Human mediator can die but not Jesus. He will not fail you!

23 The former **priests**, on the one hand, existed in **greater numbers** because they were prevented by **death** from continuing,

24 but **Jesus**, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds **His** priesthood **permanently**.

25 Therefore He is able also to **save forever** those who draw near to God through Him, since He **always lives** to **make intercession** for them.

- Jesus' Priesthood is Permanent/Forever!
 - Jesus saves forever.
 - Jesus always make intercession for us
- = Jesus' mediation is FOREVER!**

Jesus is Forever!

- 17 For it is attested of Him, “You are a **priest forever** According to the order of Melchizedek.”
- 21 (for they indeed became priests without an oath, but He with an oath through the One who said to Him, “The Lord has sworn And will not change His mind, ‘You are a **priest forever**’”);
- 24 but Jesus, on the other hand, because He **continues forever**, holds His priesthood permanently.
- 25 Therefore He is able also to **save forever** those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.
- 28 For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son, **made perfect forever**.

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 - Application: Abide in Him! Don't run away from God!

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Imagine one day you stand before the Lord.

How do you defend yourself?

Maybe you are tongue-tied.

Maybe you are too scared to speak.

Maybe you are blurred ie don't know what to say.

Then came Jesus.

He is the FIRST of all mediator. He could defend you.

And He is also the FINEST. He paid for all you sins.

And finally He is the FOREVER priest – He outlived you.

And He connected you back to God. How do you feel?

Thankful? Grateful? Sorry?

Appreciate, Accept and Abide in Jesus TODAY!