

The Ascension; The Crown Jewel Of Christology

Part One

Hebrews 8:1–5

Introduction: The writer of Hebrews is ready to make a transition from speaking about the superiority of Christ to speaking about the superiority of the New Covenant. This is a major new topic. Something that is going to be entirely new to his Jewish audience. Before he makes this transition he wants to be sure that His audience is absolutely perfectly clear about what he has been saying concerning the superiority of Christ. So, in the first five verses of chapter eight he shares what is the pinnacle of all that has been said. This truth is the crown jewel of all the previous truths he has shared about Christ. The truth, that is the crown jewel of truth, is the truth that deals with Jesus' position of ministry, seated at the right hand of the majesty on high. And, the truth, that is the crown jewel of all truth concerning Jesus, deals with Jesus' place of ministry, the heavenly tabernacle.

The position of Jesus ministry and the place of Jesus ministry both deal with the high priestly nature of the ministry of Jesus. Both the position of Jesus ministry and the place of Jesus' ministry are the result of the ascension of Jesus. Without the ascension of Jesus none of these truths would be true because without the ascension of Jesus He would not even be a priest.

Superior Revelation. Hebrews 1:1–3

Superior to Angels. Hebrews 1:5–14

EXHORTATION TO BELIEVE. Hebrews 2:1–4

Superior humanity. Hebrews 2:5–18

Superior to Moses. Hebrews 3:1–6

EXHORTATION TO NOT BECOME HARDEN IN UNBELIEF 3:7–4:16

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Superior order of Christ's priesthood. Hebrews 5:1–10

Preaching to the tares and wheat. 5:11–6:20

The Order of the Melchizedek Priesthood. Hebrews 7:1–10

Characteristics of the order of Melchizedek.

The Superiority of the order of the Melchizedek priesthood.

The inferiority of the Order of the Aaronic Priesthood 7:11–19

The Perpetual Superiority of the Priesthood of Jesus. 7:20–28

The writer of Hebrews has spent seven chapters dwelling on the superior nature of Jesus Christ and calling upon his readers to respond accordingly. Now he is ready to talk about the superior covenant, the new covenant, but before he does, he wants to mention one last word about Jesus. He wants to speak about the high priestly ministry of Jesus and more specifically the position from which Jesus ministers and the place from which Jesus ministers. And, he tells us that these truths concerning Jesus make up the main point that you must know about Jesus. He is saying, "Here is the crown jewel of truth concerning Jesus."