

## Exodus 69 – Jesus Christ High Priest of Everyone

Exodus (Names) – Changing the World  
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### Moses Consecrates Priests

- Ties back to earlier Scripture describing the induction of the Aaronic priesthood Ex. 28:29
- Aaronic priesthood limited to earthly Tabernacle and Temple with animal sacrificial system – awaiting Christ
- Once Christ offered as Himself the sacrifice for sin Aaronic priesthood mission completed

### Tabernacle Completed

- Now that the Priesthood ready – the Tabernacle done
- Moses looks everything over to insure that all conforms to the images God showed him on Mount Horeb
- No one else has seen these and no reproductions made
- There is one final step: Actually put everything together and consecrate it with blood sacrifices

## Aaronic Priesthood as Teacher

- Aaronic priesthood pointed toward coming intercessor between God and men - Greater High Priest: Christ
- Aaronic priesthood limited to Israel but coming High Priest would administer to all who would be saved
- Aaronic priesthood would cease but coming High Priest would administer forever

## Differences Between High Priests

**Aaronic High Priest – Israel**



**Christ High Priest – All Believers**



## Christ Foretold Ministry to All Believers

- Once Gentile believers became separated from Hebraic roots confusion arose how to read the Old Testament
  - Mosaic Law became known as The Way (*Halakha*)
  - Christ used this idiom in His teachings
  - This was continued by Jewish believers (*O Odas*)
  - Early believers were known as followers of "The Way"
  - Refers to all God's truth, not just New Testament gospel

## There are No Heavenly Mansions (Jo 14:1-7)

- When Christ refers to preparing a place in His Father's house, He was not speaking of buildings
  - Creation made in seven days
  - Physical dwellings becomes an *reductio ad absurdum*
- Doctrine of eternity in Heaven living in heavenly mansions misses the truth of His ministry

## Look at Hebraic Idioms

- Father's House (Extended family)
  - Adam's House includes all peoples
  - Abraham's House includes all who exhibit Abraham's faith (Jo 8:39-47, Ro 4:4-6, Ga 3:29)
  - David's House includes all Jews
- God's House composed of all He saved (Review Ro 9-11)

## Rooms Mean - Various Believers

- Christ taught there are various sets (*rooms*) of believers in God's House
  - Pre-Mosaic Law believers (No Jews at this time)
  - Mosaic Law believers (True Jews and Gentiles)
  - New Covenant believers (*First Fruits*) (id.)
  - Great Tribulation/Millennial Kingdom believers (id.)
- These all become the Bride of Christ - New Jerusalem

## Prepare a *Place* – This is ‘O *Odos* (Jn 14:36)

- Christ goes to *prepare* Himself as High Priest for all:
  - To the *Stauros* (He 9:1-11; Co 2:20-21)
  - To present Himself to the Father (Jn 20:11-18; 4:4:14)
- He will come again for His various believers (*rooms*) who are of His Father’s *House*
- High Priest of final Tabernacle – Eternity future

## How Can Christ be High Priest? (He 7:10)

- Priests before Aaron (pre-Mosaic Law) – Melchizedek
  - Name – King of Peace [Foreshadows Christ’s ministry]
  - Recognized as legitimate by Abraham via tithe tribute
  - Lineage unknown but not of Abraham (Poss. via Shem)
- God in Hebrews says Christ a priest *like* Melchizedek
  - Christ worked through earthly positions for legitimacy
  - He did not usurp: Kingship – Came in lineage of David

## Qualifications of Melchizedek

- Melchizedek priesthood based on obedient faith (He 7:15-21; 10:5-7)
  - Thus preserves God’s truth from Shem to Moses
  - Priest for all who believe regardless of culture
  - Balaam such a priest but *sold* himself for gain (Jz 2:15-30)
- Christ, by sinless obedience to death, became a priest *like* Melchizedek, but *forever*; Aaron and Moses failed (He 20:12)

## Better Priest – Better Covenant

### Aaronic Priesthood

- Priests: sinful and died
- Offered animals sacrifices
- Limited atonement
- Old covenant no salvation sealed by animal blood  
(Ps 51:16)

### Melchizedek Priesthood

- Christ sinless, lives forever
- Offered Himself once  
(He 9:11-14)
- Unlimited atonement
- New covenant saved, sealed by the Spirit (Eph 1:13-16)

## Difference in Priesthoods

### Aaronic Priesthood

- No chairs in Tabernacle
- Priests did not sit, their work never completed
- Limited atonement needed continual sacrifices for ongoing sinfulness

### Melchizedek Priesthood

- Throne for Christ
- Christ sits, His work completed for all
- Unlimited atonement saves completely, utterly; all sins under His blood

## Differences in Penalties

### Aaronic Priesthood

- Deliberate violations of the law, verified by 2-3 witnesses punishable by physical death – stoning
- Did not save the soul; only showed *outward* obedience to the Law

### Melchizedek Priesthood

- Rejection of Christ shows the soul not redeemed, to be cast into the Lake of Fire for eternity
- Cherubim conduct an eternal search for true righteousness (1 Cor 13:1-3)

## When Christ Comes Again

- He will come as High Priest and King to administer the New Covenant to all who are saved:
  - Pre-Mosaic/Mosaic who died *without* the new covenant
  - First Fruits who died *with* the new covenant
  - Tribulation saints who will die *with* the new covenant
- His High Priesthood based on Abrahamic Covenant predates (supersedes) Mosaic Covenant (Gn 1:15-20)

## Aaronic Priesthood Essential

- We must not consider the Aaronic priesthood useless
  - God instituted this priesthood as a visible symbol of intercession between holy God and sinful man
  - Each sacrifice, each ceremony pointed toward Christ
  - Each article of high priest's clothing looked to Christ
  - Each sacrifice presaged the sacrifice of Christ for sin
- Aaronic priesthood to teach men until Christ came (He 5:29)

## Aaronic Priesthood a Problem

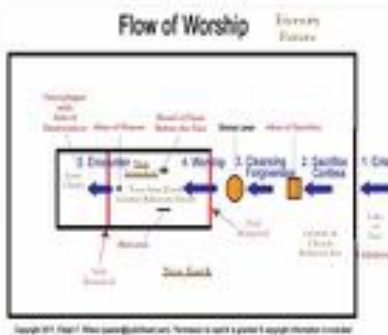
- False Jews had co-opted the faith almost from the start
  - Strange fire resulted in death of two of Aaron's sons (Le 10:1-3)
  - Priesthood corrupt during Judges period (Jd 17)
  - Priesthood involved in palace politics (1Kg 1:5-30; 2:26-27)
  - Priesthood compromised in returned Judah (2K 1:6-18)
- Corrupt Aaronic priesthood condemned Christ to die (Mt 26:57-68; Jn 11:45-53; 18:12-18)

## Our Understanding Limited

- Without the practical lessons taught by the Tabernacle and priesthood, our knowledge of God and salvation would be woefully limited
- This developed the framework to educate man about personal sin, accountability, God, atonement and the only means by which one could satisfy God's holiness: covering one's sinful self with Christ's righteousness

## Christ Is Our Worship

- 1. Christ brings us into His new creation (1Co 1:11-21)
- 2. Blood of Christ cleansed us all sin (1Jo 1:7)
- 3. We are washed with the water of His word (1Pe 3:21-22)



## Christ Removes Our Veil

- 4. Christ removed veil of sin; we behold His glory (2Co 5:15-18, Ro 21:22-26)
  - Both Christ and Holy Spirit at work in us
  - He is High Priest and Temple of God (1Jo 2:18-22)
- 5. We are in Him forever, Amen (Ro 22:14, 17)

