

Hebrews

8:1-6

The Messiah's role as priest was, announced by God, sworn by God, and based upon God's immutability, has come to pass.

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What is the point that the author has been building trying to get to for the last 7 chapters?

We have such a high priest!

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What does a High Priest do?

He is appointed by God to represent sinners to God.

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Hebrews 1:1-3

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How do we know if Jesus really did make purification for our sins?

Because He rose from the dead, ascended into Heaven, and is now seated at the right hand of God the father and is seated.

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Hebrews 6:19-20

We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

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He goes where we could not go, and does what we could not do, on our behalf.

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Hebrews 10:11-14

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What Levitical Priest ever sat down next to the throne of God?

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What Levitical Priest could say,
"It is finished."?

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Leviticus 16:1-5

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Our High Priest is now seated,
because His priestly work is complete.

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The people had to choose to trust in the
earthly priests sacrificing continuously in
a temple on earth, or to trust in the
Heavenly Priest who sacrificed once and
for all in the heavenly temple.

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Hebrews 9:11-12

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Hebrews 9:23-24

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We can trust in our High Priest because of the location of His sacrifice.

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If every priest has to offer a sacrifice to God, then what did Jesus offer?

Himself. Jesus was the Priest and the Sacrifice thus ending the entire sacrificial system.

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Hebrews 7:27

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Hebrews 9:25-26

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Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

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Colossians 2:16-17

Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

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Hebrews 10:1

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How did the Israelites know how to build a structure for the worship of God?

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Exodus 25:8-9, 40; 26:30; 27:8

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Why was it so important that the tabernacle be built exactly as God had shown Moses?

Because the tabernacle taught valuable truths about God. You could say that the tabernacle was visual theology.

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1. The ministry of Jesus is better.

2. The Covenant that Jesus mediates is better.

3. The promises are also better.

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Hebrews 7:22

This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

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If your faith is in Jesus Christ, you can rest in knowing that He as perfectly ministered the perfect sacrifice in the perfect place on your behalf.

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1. How does a better understanding of the duties of the Levitical Priests help us to better appreciate the priestly ministry of Jesus Christ?
2. In Hebrews, there is a great emphasis on the Jesus Christ being the perfect Priest, offering the perfect Sacrifice, in the perfect Place (heaven). These theological truths are wonderful to comprehend. However, the author also wants to make sure that his readers understand what this means for them personally. They “have such a high priest” (Hebrews 8:1) What about you, do you rest in the work of your High Priest as much as you should? Is this an aspect of Christ’s ministry that we would benefit from by thinking about it more often?
3. There is a lot of information in the Bible, if you were recommending a place for a person to just start learning about the Bible, would you recommend the book of Hebrews? Why or why not? Another book in the bible?
4. Had you ever thought much about the tabernacle that the Moses and the Israelites built being a copy of the true temple in and means of salvation that is in heaven? Some theologians believe that the heavenly temple is also what Isaiah caught a glimpse of in Isaiah 6. What do you think?
5. The Apostle John records a vision of the final Heaven in the book of Revelation. Read Revelation 21:1-6, 22-26. Can you find some similarities and parallels to Hebrews?
6. Here are two encounters of humans with the presence of God that are quite different. Read Exodus 19:9-25 and Revelation 22:1-5. What has made the difference?
7. Some Christians have a skewed reality of their future in the presence of God. Perhaps they think about their sin, their personal worthiness, God’s holiness, etc. and picture being with God for eternity more like Exodus 19 than Revelation 22. Is this healthy? Why or why not?