

1. The completion of the plan of salvation could not take place through the Levitical priesthood because it was incomplete.

7:11a

2. Because the order of Aaron was insufficient another order of priest was necessary.

7:11b

3. The order of priesthood was tied to a particular covenant, the Mosaic Covenant.

4. A change in priesthood therefore necessitates a change of Covenant.

5. The Levitical priesthood was based on physical factors, not spiritual factors. These included genetic relationship to Levi and to Aaron.

6. Jesus was not of the tribe of Levi so another order of priesthood was necessary. Under the Mosaic Code Jesus would have no right to be high priest.

7. The Mosaic Code said nothing of another kind of priesthood.

8. Therefore the Lord as a Melchizedekian HP is manifestly superior.

9. Christ's High Priesthood is not based on a temporal law code, but on the power of an endless life. 7:15–16

Corrected translation

7:15

It [this principle of a change in priesthood and Jesus' higher status] is even made exceedingly more evident since another priest according to the order of Melchizedek is arisen.

10. At this point, Melchizedek is left behind and the superiority of Christ is established as the High Priest of a better covenant.

Hebrews 7:20, “And inasmuch as *He* was not
made priest without an oath.”

11. This High Priesthood is based on a legal oath with the result that His life is an eternal surety [security deposit] of our salvation.

Hebrews 7:21, “(for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him: ‘The LORD has sworn and will not relent, “You *are* a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek”’),

Hebrews 7:22, “by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.”

ἑγγυος “surety, a person who takes responsibility for the payment of another’s debt; a pledge deposited as a security against loss or damage.”

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ἀόρατος *aparátatos*; not able to go beyond, unsurpassable, final.

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pantel h; *panteles*; to save utterly, to save completely

Matthew 11:28, “Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

The Doctrine of Eternal Security

1. Definition:

the work of God toward the believer at the instant of faith alone in Christ alone

which guarantees that God's free gift of salvation is eternal and cannot be lost, terminated, abrogated, nullified, or reversed

by any thought, act, or change of belief in the person saved.

When a person trusts in Christ

for salvation

God permanently justifies and regenerates and gives eternal life,

and this can not be lost, no matter what that person does or does not do from that instant on until the day he dies.

“They whom God hath accepted in his Beloved, effectually called and sanctified by his Spirit can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere therein to the end and be eternally saved.”

The Westminster Confession of Faith

“The doctrine of perseverance requires careful statement, especially in view of the fact that the term ‘perseverance of the saints’ is liable to misunderstanding... We should guard against the possible misunderstanding that this perseverance is regarded as an inherent property of the believer or as a continuous activity of man, by means of which he perseveres in the way of salvation.”

Louis Berkhof, *Systematic Theology*

“...this devoted apostle considered himself as engaged in a life struggle of his salvation.”

Charles Hodge, on 1 Cor 9:27

“Perseverance in holiness, therefore, in opposition to all weakness and temptations, is the only sure evidence of the genuineness of past experience, of the validity of our confidence as to our future salvation.”

A. A. Hodge

“There is no saving faith apart from obedience... There is no valid assurance of election and final salvation for any man, apart from deliberate perseverance in faith.”

Arminian Robert Shank

A Misconceived Theological Spectrum



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