

SESSION 13

HEBREWS 7.11-19

Context: The Melchizidekian revelation of the Christ in the life of Abraham, the patriarch of the nation Israel

Learning Targets For Enduring Understanding From This Session:

The great high priesthood of Jesus Christ, based upon His indestructible life, endures forever, finishing completely the work of the salvation of man, superceding all that was in place for approaching God through the Levitical priesthood.

V 11 What do you think the Author means by perfection?

Perfection = free access to God and full and complete personal salvation

1. Written upon the soul of man is the truth that the experience of this life is not perfect, that there is a higher plane of life intended for him.
2. Humanity is essentially wired to worship someone or something, and across the pages of history we see worship of God among many and myriad monstrous substitutions for Him. The essence of our need to worship is a yearning for a perfection we have a knowledge of but do not possess.
3. Pride is an attempt of man to present himself perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. The agonizing truth of his fallenness gives rise to self justification in the event of bad outcomes. Denial of responsibility is inherent in the heart of man.

What is the Author proclaiming in this verse?

V 12 What is the essential purpose of the Law?

What is the essential purpose of the priesthood?

What then is the Author's point in this verse?

V 13-14 What kind of evidence is the Author now marshalling to support his argument?

V 15-16 What distinctions is the Author drawing between the natures of the Melchizidekian and Levitical priesthoods?

Christ's necessary qualifications to be Priest and complete His priestly work are essentially spiritual and internal. His qualifications depend upon the personal possession of a sinless life which cannot be destroyed and on His consequent ability to complete to its finish and full perfection His work of saving man. A.B. Stibbs

V 17 This is now the fourth time this statement is made in Scripture. What do you think is the purpose of such repetition?

V 18-19 What is the real time consequence of Christ's eternal priesthood for every believer this side of heaven?

Heb 4.16