

Hebrews 7:20-28 Jesus Saves to the Uttermost!

**Have you ever had this thought about someone:
THAT IS THE LAST PERSON I COULD EVER
SEE GETTING SAVED!**

A) Perhaps a friend/ family member/ Maybe like Pete, you were that person.

B) Your life is a testimony to the fact that Jesus is able to Save to the **UTTERMOST!**

25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

C) The word **save** here is **SOZO** = to deliver from perishing / to deliver from sin!

D) **Uttermost** = to save completely or perfectly.

E) Today we want to consider the all encompassing and powerful saving work of **JESUS**.

Rd v.20-28

Intro: In our current section of the book of Hebrews the writer has been discussing the Superiority of Christ's Priesthood over the Levitical Priest

A) He Began this discussion in chapter 5 we noted Jesus is a High Priest after the order of Melchizedek.

B) Two significant aspects to this:

His priesthood is forever.
AND He is a King & a Priest.

C) Those are key elements in the writer's argument of the Superiority of Christ's Priesthood.

1) In our text today – Four more reasons why Jesus has a superior priestly ministry!

1.) Jesus was sworn in not born in. V.20-22

20 And inasmuch as He was not made priest without an oath 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'"),**

22 by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.

In the Levitical system, there was no swearing-in ceremony.

A) One became a priest by being born into the tribe of Levi and a high priest by being born into the direct line of Aaron.

B) Unlike the Levitical priesthood, Jesus had a "swearing-in ceremony," {see shaded above}

C)The only other place we know of God swearing an oath was in confirming his covenant to Abraham,

1)Make of him a great nation – from him – A Savior

D)Remember that study – Jason – Covenant – Carcass – God didn't show – Abe a asleep

1)What was saying: ALL ME ABE – YOU REST AND BELIEVE! God gave an Oath! -

Dd)The reason God did this was clearly stated by our writer: “Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath” (6:17).

The result of God's self-imposed eternally binding oath here: about Jesus' Priesthood is that “Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant” (v. 22).

A)You can take that to the bank – never going to change –

B)Same thing is true – You just believe it and rest in it.

C)Jesus established a new covenant that cannot be broken – binding and like the Covenant God made with Abe – DONE!

D)We are called to believe and receive it!

So #1.) Jesus was sworn in not born in. V.20-22

The 2nd mark of the Jesus' superior priesthood mentioned in our text is

2.) Jesus' priesthood doesn't end because Jesus is alive! V23-24

23 Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. 24 But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood.

Because every priest died, the Levitical priesthood was constantly changing.

A)According to the Talmud, there were eighteen high priests before the destruction of the first temple and three hundred-plus before the destruction of the second.

B)In the Levitical system, there was a bunch of priests. In the Melchizedekian order, there was only One.

C)The Levitical priests had what might be called the ultimate disqualification for permanent ministry: death.

1)You just start to get used to the new guy and he kicks the bucket – always changing!

D)Jesus' Priesthood remains – He lives / His priestly ministry is Unchanging!

1)He is the Same Yesterday today & forever

THIS IS WHAT THAT MEANS: Jesus your HP never has **bad Mood –never has **bad days****

A)Jesus is never sick / never unavailable or busy – His ministry is Unchanging –

B)His grace doesn't run out / His patience doesn't run thin / His affection for me doesn't change.

1)He is never fickle

C) I find this so encouraging because My affection for Him can Change:

Some days I am so in love w/ the Lord / He is all I can think about. Worship is easy/ life is a Joy!

A)Other days my heart is distant / I am distracted / Frustrated.

B) But His affections for you & me never Change / His Love never Changes, His goal & Plan for our lives is Constant

C)It is not predicated on my love level any certain day

D)His continuing Priestly ministry is the Key to our Christian walks.

So Reason # 2.) Jesus' priesthood doesn't end because Jesus is alive! V23-24

Now I want to skip v.25 and come back to it as our forth reason. – skip to v.26-28 reason #3

3.) Jesus offered a more sufficient sacrifice. V.26-28

26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; 27 who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. 28 For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.

Jesus is the perfect H.P. – His life wasn't tainted by sin. – He lived a perfect sinless life.

A)Because the levitical priests were mere men – subject to human weakness – they sinned.

B)Because they sinned – before they could offer sacrifices for the sins of the pp – they had to offer a sacrifice for themselves.

C)And the sacrifices that they offered really didn't remove pp's sin – more like a covering – until they sinned again.

D)So in the Levitical priesthood – Tab/ Temple – the Altar was always burning – always a Sacrifice.

But Jesus comes along – He is not just the Priest but He becomes the Sacrifice. –

A) Because He lived a perfect sinless life – perfectly obeying the law of God –

B) He was eligible to be the Sacrificial lamb – So He offered up Himself – ONCE AND FOR ALL.

C) No longer a need for another Sacrifice { One sacrifice – covers sins past present & future.

Do we still sin? – Yes – Need to sacrifice? – No!

A) His sacrifice is sufficient all time – So we believe it / embrace it / Confess our sin.

B) No need to get saved over and over again.

1) Rebellion – Yes recommit

C) Bad week – sin giving into your flesh –

1) Confess it – turn from it – enjoy forgiveness

1 John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

So # 3.) Jesus offered a more sufficient sacrifice. V.26-28

**4.) Jesus is able to save to the Uttermost! V25
25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.**

A) Jesus’ priesthood not only is eternal and unalterable, but is also unlimited in its scope!

B) He is able..... lets consider for a moment the Lord’s Ability

C) The Bible declares that worlds were created w/ a word – Jesus spoke the world into existence!
John 1:3 Hebrews 1:2

Colossians 1:16

“All things were created through Him and for Him.”

I love watching the space shuttle blast off on T.V. to hear the roar of those powerful Rocket engines /

A) See the Flame / Fire coming out the bottom

B) See the Thrust of that space craft – traveling at a speed of 17,500 mph.

1) In order to break earths gravitational pull- Amazing

C) Think about the tremendous thrust of power it takes to get that Machine into orbit .

What about the sun?– The sun is 865,000 miles in diameter – traveling at a speed of 19 miles per second

A)who knows how many billions of tons that thing weighs - what kind of thrust do you think it took to get it into orbit?

B) What type of thrust did it take to get that sun moving at that speed?

Psalm 8:3

“When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained.....”

C)Just a snap of His fingers & it all came into being

The Bible tells us in Isaiah 40:12 that The Lord measures the oceans in the palm of His hand.

A)Amazing when you think that $\frac{3}{4}$ of earths surface is water /

B)Isaiah 40:12 continues – he measures the heavens in a span.

C) Astronomers tell us that the heavens are some 12 Billion light yrs in Radius / Held in the Span of God’s hand

How big is Jesus – He is Huge & He is able to save to the uttermost

A)Save people of all nations – Jews & Gentiles

B)Creation is impressive – spoke the world into existence from His throne in Heaven–

1)but Redemption is His Masterpiece.

C)For that He left the glory of Heaven, came to earth lived as a man – Perfectly – Went to the cross.

D)Save all of Humanity!

The objects of His Salvation

A)The objects of Christ’s eternal salvation, of course, are those who come to Him to be saved, those who draw near to God through Him.

B)There are no restrictions but this, no other qualification but faith in God’s Son. **“The one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out”** John 6:37

Revelation 22:17

“And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.”

Matt 11:28-30 “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

C)Not DO just come! Believe Jesus did what you could not!

Jesus offers rest; the law demands work. Jesus is gentle; the law is harsh. The yoke of Jesus is easy. The yoke of the law is complicated and difficult. Jesus says, "My burden is light." The law says, "My burden is heavy."

Chose Jesus – Come – John 14:6 – Only way!

Broad road that leads to destruction – “ Many ways to God.” No where

Narrow road that leads to life.

V. 25 Also reminds us of the Security of our Salvation.

A)He lives to make intercession for us!

B)Now often when we read that verse we picture a court room – Jesus defense attorney – pleading with the Father for mercy – One more time.

C)That is not the case: Romans 8:34

34 Who is he who condemns? Satan - Accuser – But It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

D)He sits at the right hand –Attorneys don't sit

E)He intercedes not with His words but with His wounds - John Rev – Saw lamb ... slain.

F)Paul continues Rom 8 therefore Nothing can separate us

Jesus saves to the Uttermost – Jesus saves Perfectly Jesus saves Completely!

A)You today – lost – You can be saved – Just come Opportunity in a minute.

B)But I want us to consider once more the def of that word Sozo – Save

To keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction

a) one (from injury or peril)

To save a suffering one i.e. one suffering from disease, to make well, heal, restore to health.

Uttermost = Continually

A)To me this is so profound as it relates to those who are already saved from sin. –

B)I don't need to be born again again – Saved from my sin.

C)But I often still need to be saved: Saved from my self – Own worst enemy. My mind –

1)Doubt – dwell on negative things – distracted

D)Jesus my perfect unchanging H.P. is able to save me – the remedy is the same –COME!

1)Bring my thoughts to him – Captive unto Christ

I still need to be saved from my Flesh!

A) My flesh often gets the best of me –

**B) Jesus my H.P. is able to save me – Spirit is willing
flesh is weak – He says Pray – come to Him**

1) Admit where I am weak.

**C) Instead of falling into that trap – I will do this/
change this – another promise –**

1) Bring my flesh to Jesus – Help me – Lord

I still need to be saved from situations/ storms

A) Lord – I am freaking out – Save me – Help me

**B) Jesus my H.P. is either going to deliver me from or
He is going to Save me through.**

I still need to be saved from sickness – Come to me

**See this Phrase Jesus is able to save to the uttermost
is broader than Salvation –**

A) Our lives are in constant need of saving

**B) Broken Marriage/ Bring it to Jesus – Submit to
Jesus – His roles – He will Reconcile it**

C) Broken friendships – Jesus – submit to Jesus!