

WHO'S THE GREATEST?
(Letter to the Hebrews)

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**CHRIST GREATER THAN
LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD**
(Hebrews 7:11-28)

Seven Superiorities of Christ's Priesthood

1. Christ's priesthood is not based upon human ancestry (as was the case of every Levitical priest); His priesthood was according to the power of an endless, indestructible life (15-17).
2. Jesus Christ was appointed High Priest by an oath of God; such was not the case for any Levitical priest (20-21).
3. Christ is the Guarantor of a new (superior, everlasting) covenant that makes us perfect in the sight of God and brings us near to Him, unlike the old covenant (11,19,22; 13:20).
4. Jesus is a unique, immortal, unchanging High Priest, unlike that of the Levitical priesthood that consisted of many men, all of whom were subject to death (23-24).
5. Christ is able to save us from the wrath of God; no Levitical priest could do this (25).
6. Jesus Christ, unlike any Levitical priest, is without sin and holy. He did not need to make offerings for His own sin, as did they (26-27).
7. Christ did not need to make multiple sacrifices and offerings to God; He offered Himself once for all (27-28).

Application

God wants the very best for us and has given us just that in His Son, Jesus Christ. Many think that there is an equivalent or better way to have a relationship with God, but Jesus is the only way (John 14:6). Some think that they can win forgiveness from God by outweighing their sins with good works or obedience to Old Testament commandments, but Jesus is the only way (Romans 3:21,22). Some Christians fall into a pattern of thinking that they can better themselves and please God through adherence to the Ten Commandments or man-made religious observances; but, in order to grow spiritually and serve God, we must put no confidence in ourselves, but in Christ (Romans 7:15-25; Philippians 3:3).

At times, we may become discouraged and think that there must be a better way than the path of faith in Christ that is prescribed by the Scriptures. During these times, we may be prone to turning back to our old way of living – the way we lived before we came to know Christ as Saviour. As Christians, there is no turning back, no better way than Christ. Faith in Him is the only way. Yes, this path is characterized by trial and struggle – all used by God to accomplish His purpose in us – to be like Christ (Romans 8:28,29). The only way to bear fruit unto God is via an on-going dependence upon Jesus Christ, abiding in His “Command of Love” (John 15: 4,5,12). When we trust in Him, not ourselves, God’s Spirit produces the character fruits of Christ in us – such things are far above human effort and Old Testament legalism.