

# GUARANTEE A BETTER COVENANT – HEBREWS 7

## **SURETY OF A BETTER COVENANT**    *“surety of a better testament”*    **v.20-22**

<sup>20</sup>And inasmuch as He was not made priest without an oath <sup>21</sup>(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' "), <sup>22</sup>by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant. (He.7:20-22)

- God never swore an oath to Aaron that his priesthood would be forever.
- The Old Testament priesthood was based upon God’s word but it never had an eternal quality by God.
- The covenant is between God and man, and Christ is the guarantee of it.
- Every time we bring a debt to bear, Jesus pays it.

## **SAVIOR TO THE UTTERMOST**    *“able to save to the uttermost”*    **v.23-25**

<sup>23</sup>Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. <sup>24</sup>But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. <sup>25</sup>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. (He.7:23-25)

- From our standpoint, we are able to have access to God.
- From God’s standpoint, He is able to save us to the uttermost.
- God wanted everybody in Israel to see that priests of the Levitical order would die (Nu.20).
- To “come” (v.25) is to place your confidence completely on God by faith in Jesus Christ. There is no other way.
- “Father, he just sinned; put it on my account.”
- Can you lose your salvation? Not as long as Jesus is the surety.

## **SEPARATE FROM SINNERS**    *“separate from sinners”*    **v.26-28**

<sup>26</sup>For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>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. (He.7:26-28)

- He not only feels what we feel, but He knows the way of escape.
- “Holiness” points toward God. “Harmless” points toward men.