

# Temporary Give Way to the Permeant

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<div>RECAP:</div>	<p>So last week we had John Boitel as our guess speaker and he preached on the triumphal entry of Christ.</p> <p>— It was amazing to see how God works in putting things together because many of the points that John message made were things that we had talked about in Hebrews.</p> <p>— — Two weeks ago Marc preached on the tithe of Abraham to Melchizedek.</p> <p>— — — He pointed out that the inferior is to bring a tithe to the superior. In Hebrews 7:1-10 we see that Abraham was inferior to Melchizedek who was the superior in this moment.</p> <p>— — — — We to must understand that we are vastly inferior to God and so we need to bring a tithe of our lives to Him. Not just a piece of wealth, not just part of ourselves, but our whole selves need to be brought before God.</p> <p>— — — — — Why? Because it will work us to heaven? No! We offer ourselves as living sacrifices because we love God enough and are in a relationship with Him; it is what we want to do.</p>
<div>INTRODUCTION:</div>	<p>Today we kick off a series in Hebrews 7:11-21.</p> <p>— We will look more closely at the Levitical priesthood today.</p> <p>— We will see the inferiority of the Levitical priesthood to the superior High Priest Christ Jesus.</p> <p>— — We will also see why the Levitical Priesthood was temporary and was always going to be replaced.</p> <p>— — — We will also see that Jesus Melchizedekian priesthood encompasses the Levitical priesthood but fulfills it as well.</p>
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<p><b>Hebrews 7:11–21 (NASB95): 11 Now if perfection was through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the people received the Law), what further need was there for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be designated according to the order of Aaron?</b></p> <p><b>12 For when the priesthood is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also.</b></p> <p><b>13 For the one concerning whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no one has officiated at the altar.</b></p> <p><b>14 For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, a tribe with reference to which Moses spoke nothing concerning priests.</b></p> <p><b>15 And this is clearer still, if another priest arises according to the likeness of Melchizedek,</b></p> <p><b>16 who has become such not on the basis of a law of physical requirement, but according to the power of an indestructible life.</b></p> <p><b>17 For it is attested of Him,</b> <b>“You are a priest forever</b> <b>According to the order of Melchizedek.”</b></p> <p><b>18 For, on the one hand, there is a setting aside of a former commandment because of its weakness and uselessness</b></p> <p><b>19 (for the Law made nothing perfect), and on the other hand there is a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.</b></p> <p><b>20 And inasmuch as it was not without an oath</b></p> <p><b>21 (for they indeed became priests without an oath, but He with an oath through the One who said to Him,</b> <b>“The Lord has sworn</b> <b>And will not change His mind,</b> <b>‘You are a priest forever’ ”);</b></p>	<p>So, today we pick up where Marc left off with the idea of inferiority and superiority.</p> <p>—Who is under the microscope here in verse 11? It is the Levitical priesthood.</p> <p>— —We already know that they are inferior to the Melchizedekian priesthood based on what Marc spoke on last week.</p> <p>— — —But verse 11 points it out even more; when the author points out that if perfection was capable through the Levitical priesthood there would be no need for another priesthood.</p> <p>— — — —But because the Levitical priesthood was not capable of providing perfection, there needed to be a different priesthood.</p> <p>— — — — —Of course because I am who I am, I asked the question, “why was the Levitical priesthood incapable of providing perfection?”</p>

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	<p>Well, this is a very interesting question and this is where we will begin in the passage.</p> <p>—The Levitical priesthood was based on the law. Verse 11 tells us that but so does....</p> <p>— — <b><u>READ: Deuteronomy 18:1–5 (NASB95):</u></b> 1 “The Levitical priests, the whole tribe of Levi, shall have no portion or inheritance with Israel; they shall eat the Lord’s offerings by fire and His portion. 2 “They shall have no inheritance among their countrymen; the Lord is their inheritance, as He promised them. 3 “Now this shall be the priests’ due from the people, from those who offer a sacrifice, either an ox or a sheep, of which they shall give to the priest the shoulder and the two cheeks and the stomach. 4 “You shall give him the first fruits of your grain, your new wine, and your oil, and the first shearing of your sheep. 5 “For the Lord your God has chosen him and his sons from all your tribes, to stand and serve in the name of the Lord forever.</p> <p>—Albert Mohler wrote, “Yet even though the Levitical priests were central to the Mosaic system, they were not capable of truly accomplishing the task of mediating between God and man. Israel would not had been waiting for a great high priest if the Levitical priesthood had been sufficient.....If the Levitical priesthood itself could obtain perfection, there would have been no need for another one to come....More importantly there would have been no need for the Messiah to come and serve as mediator between God and his people.”</p>

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	<p>With Jesus the Messiah coming to earth to offer salvation we see that priests could not offer the perfection that God requires of those that are Him.</p> <p>— So, what does the word perfection mean here? It means: “arrived at a desired end, or reaching a goal.”</p> <p>— — The Levitical priest could not lead people to the desired end that they needed.</p> <p>— — — What is the desired end that people need? A relationship with God that is right and that produces perfection.</p> <p>— — — — Since one of God’s goals is to be in a peaceful relationship with humanity, that is right in His sight and produces perfection; there is need of a different priesthood.</p> <p>— — — — — This does not mean that the Levitical priesthood was completely ineffective, but more was needed.</p>
	<p>The Levitical priesthood pointed to the work Christ would do and the work that imperfect priests could not do.</p> <p>— Andrew Murray wrote, “Aaron’s work was the shadow of Christ’s work upon earth, of sacrifice and blood-shedding, of atonement and reconciliation with God. Aaron entered indeed within the veil with the blood, in token of God’s acceptance of father atonement and the people. But he might not tarry there; he had to come out again at once. His entering only once a year—and that only for a few moments—served mostly, as we see in Hebrews 9:7-8, to teach the people that the way into the Holiest was not yet opened; that, for this, they would have to wait until another dispensation came.”</p> <p>— — Jesus of the order of Melchizedek entered the veil for us and instead of leaving He sits at God’s right hand being able to bring us into the presence of God, imparts the Holy Spirit on us, guide us through this life, and give us eternal life.</p>

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	<p>The Levitical priesthood could only bring us so far much like the law can bring us only so far.</p> <p>—But Christ not only does what the Levitical priesthood did but He is able to “arrived at a desired end,” for all who would believe.</p> <p>— — <b>READ: Hebrews 1:1–3 (NASB95):</b> 1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. 3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,</p> <p>— — — Jesus, made purification of sins, this was the Levitical priest’s job. But when Jesus brought purification it was not for a time but for all time.</p> <p>— — — — But Jesus sat down at the right hand of the Father which is not a Levitical priest job but after the order of Melchizedek.</p> <p>— — — — — <b>READ: Psalm 110:4 (NASB95):</b> 4 The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind, “You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.”</p>

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	<p>Believers in Christ, we must never lose sight of Jesus' full acts as High Priest.</p> <p>—A lot of Christians treat Christ as a Levitical priest; they only come to Him when they are in need of Him.</p> <p>— — These people have little peace in their lives, they have little joy, they wonder why God doesn't give them the power to fight or do something for Him, and they wonder why they can't stop persistent sin in their lives.</p> <p>— — — The reality is that they don't connect to Christ in their daily lives. Their spirituality only arrives when they are around other Christians, when they are struggling (and they are mostly just mad at God), and in those slight moments when the Spirit convicts them.</p> <p>— — — — These people do not seek out the moment by moment working of Christ in their lives and the unbelievable reality that we have access to God the Father, and He had taken care of our eternity for us.</p> <p>— — — — — Murray wrote this, "The Cross proclaims the pardon of sin; the throne give the power over sin.....With Aaron (Levitical priesthood) there is nothing beyond atonement and acceptance, nothing of kingly rule and power; it is with Melchizedek that the fullness of power and blessing comes, the blessing that abides continually."</p>
	<p>Perfection is not attainable in any name but Christ.</p> <p>—The more we seek Him out, the more we put our confidence in Him, the more we embrace our dependency on Him; we will see His divine power and fruit in our daily lives.</p> <p>— — Verse 12 tells us that there is to be a change in the priesthood.</p> <p>— — — The Levitical priesthood was provisional not permanent.</p> <p>— — — — The Levitical priesthood held the place until Christ, the great final for all time, High Priest established His priesthood.</p> <p>— — — — — With a change in priesthood there also needed to be a change in the Law.</p>

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	<p>What? The law can't change, that is not right.</p> <p>— Under the Levitical priest the law was not only moral law, but judicial law, and ceremonial law as well.</p> <p>— — The problem is that the emphasis of the law was not on the one who it was meant to point to and more on morality.</p> <p>— — — So, ceremonial and moral law were heightened and perverted.</p> <p>— — — — So much so, that God's representatives were being put to death for supposedly violating them.</p> <p>— — — — — And ultimately put Christ, the Messiah, to death because He supposedly broke the law.</p>
	<p>So many of you may be thinking like a Jewish person in the first century.</p> <p>— In the eyes of the first century Jew, the law of God was as William Hendriksen wrote, "valid eternally and could not be terminated."</p> <p>— — Well, Jesus in a certain sense shared this thought: <b><u>READ: Matthew 5:18 (NASB95): 18 "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.</u></b></p> <p>— — — Jesus fulfilled the law not to do away with it but to change it: <b><u>READ: Matthew 5:17 (NASB95): 17 "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.</u></b></p> <p>— — — — If the law was to change, God would have to be the one that changed the law.</p> <p>— — — — — That is exactly what God the Father did by appointing God the Son as High Priest: <b><u>READ: Hebrews 7:28 (NASB95): 28 For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son, made perfect forever.</u></b></p>

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	<p>So, what is our take away? What is our practical application?</p> <p>— Humanity will not be enough to save anyone. No matter the title, the job, the claim, and so on. Don't put your trust in humanity to save or provide perfection.</p> <p>— — We need to seek out Christ, the only way to perfection and salvation. He is the only way that we arrive at our desired end. A true meaningful right relationship with Jesus Christ.</p> <p>— — — Are you seeking out moment by moment the working of Christ in your life and the unbelievable reality that we have access to God the Father and He has taken care of our eternity for us? Or are you seeking out anything else?</p> <p>— — — — Lastly, are you being legalistic and perverting the law of God so that you are unrighteously prosecuting the servants of God?</p> <p>— — — — — Or are you seeing the law for what it is supposed to be; something that reveals our desperate need for God?</p>
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