



INTRO FOR NEXT WEEK

JESUS, GREATER THAN.. THE HIGH PRIESTS

PASSAGE OVERVIEW:

The writer of Hebrews has taught us that Jesus is greater than angels. In fact, He is the final and complete Word of God (Chapters 1-2). He is greater than Moses, who communicated the Law and led the people out of slavery, yet neither Moses nor Joshua, who followed him, could provide true rest. Jesus is the One who delivers us from slavery and is our true rest.

Now the Spirit declares that Jesus is greater than the high priests. Jesus is High Priest of a completely different order. Melchizedek's role as high priest prefigured the even higher and eternal role of Jesus as High Priest. His work is complete. His once for all sacrifice is absolutely sufficient. His high priesthood endures forever.

As our High Priest, Jesus provides us with an eternal salvation. In Jesus, we have a hope that is grounded, sure, and eternal. And as High Priest, he continually intercedes for us.

What confidence! We have complete rest from our labors, as we trust in the completed, sufficient work of Jesus on our behalf. Yet He continues to intercede for us even now. He saves to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him.

Have you trusted Jesus alone? Have you drawn near to God only through Him? Are you resting in the stunning and all sufficient work of Jesus on your behalf as your High Priest?

READING FOR NEXT WEEK:

Hebrews 4:14 - 7:28

I. The Son is greater than the servant. (3:1-6)

II. Jesus goes beyond deliverance to rest. (3:7 - 4:13)

- A. Moses delivered from slavery in Egypt, but couldn't provide rest.
- B. But a rest remains for God's people, provided only by Jesus. (4:8-9)

Jesus gives freedom and rest to those who believe.

III. So what can we do? Only believe. (3:19: 4:3)

3:7-18 is a warning against unbelief.

(The example of Numbers 14 and Psalm 95)

4:1-13 offers hope: believe and rest.

A. How do we enter this rest? Believe!

B. Belief holds fast. (3:6; 14)

Believe and Rest

How does this apply to me?



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