

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: PERFECT ORDER

Main Text: Heb 7:11-25

Sermon Description: Our text today draws distinctions between the old order of the Levitical priesthood and the new order of Christ's High Priesthood. The superiority of Christ is reinforced as the general theme of Hebrews by particular examples here, especially as they relate to the Old Covenant ceremonial order eclipsed and transcended in the office and work of Christ. The unique aspects of Jesus' priesthood would have been surprising, perhaps shocking, to culturally conditioned Jews. In light of the experience of his readers – the author of Hebrews does not merely aim to convince, he goes further to use this occasion to demonstrate surpassing glory even in the technical details of the office and role of Christ as priest. These highlights of Jesus' divinity and sufficiency are couched in proclamation of abrogated law. Certain sections of legal code are rendered obsolete in our Lord. They have served their usefulness in preparing the way and provisionally governing temple worship until Christ, but now they bow to Him, similar to John the Baptist pointing to the Messiah: “Behold the Lamb” – once the perfect has come, the predecessor must decrease that Christ may increase!

Heading: CHANGES PERFECTION DEMANDS....

1. INDESTRUCTIBLE LIFE vs. BODILY DESCENT (Heb 7:11-17)

- a. Attaining perfection
- b. Change in law
- c. Priest forever (II Kings 21:19)

2. BETTER HOPE vs. FORMER COMMANDMENT (Heb 7:18-22)

- a. Draw near (Ex 19:21-25, Heb 12:18-24, Ex 34:29-33, Lev 10:1-3)
- b. Oath (6:13-18)
- c. Guarantor

3. CONTINUE FOREVER vs. MANY IN NUMBER (Heb 7:23-25)

- a. Death makes all the difference
- b. Utterly save
- c. Lives to intercede (Ex 28:6-12, 39:8-15)

Close: Communion reminds us that the mediatory work of Christ was not merely symbolic but substantial – as He offered His own blood for His people. The better hope of His indestructible life continues forever.

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme: Perfection attained	Theme: Drawing near	Theme: Better hope	Theme: Oath	Theme: Intercede	Theme: Continue forever
Verses: Heb 7:11-17	Verses: Heb 12:18-24	Verses: Heb 7:18-22	Verses: Heb 6:13-18	Verses: Ex 28:6-12	Verses: Heb 7:23-25

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: Psalm 56 ...*In God we trust...*