

Hebrews Lesson 34

Chapter 8

31 March 2025

Vs 1 The writer sums up all the things that have been said in Hebrews up to this point: **“this is the sum.”**

“We have such an high priest...”

Many good things have been said about the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

- It is high (3:1)
- It is great (4:14)
- It is holy (7:26)
- It is merciful and faithful (2:17)
- It is sympathetic (4:15)
- It is enthroned (8:1)

Vs 2 Our high priest is **“A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.”**

Sanctuary: a place of safety.

- The safety of the sanctuary is not in the strength of the materials it is made from.
- The safety and protection come from God’s presence in the sanctuary.
 - Believers are in Christ. They are safe in Him.
 - Safe from sins and temptations of the past. Safe from besetting sins.
 - Safe from future dangers and possible threats.

Vs 3 **“For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices.”**

- **Sacrifices:** brought in debt to God because of something the sinner had done.
- **Gifts:** brought in gratitude to God because of something He had done.
 - Thanksgiving offerings (such as first fruits).
 - Peace offerings

As Christians, we don’t give to appease God.

- Jesus accomplished that on the cross.
- We give to say thanks to the Lord. (Not grudgingly or of necessity) (2 Cor. 9:6-7)

“...wherefore *it is of necessity that this man* (Jesus Christ) **have somewhat also to offer.”**

Vs 4 **“⁴ For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest...”**

- The earthly priests belong to the tribe of Levi.
 - Levite priests no longer have access to God to bring an offering.
- Jesus sprang from Judah. His priesthood is after the order of Melchisedek. He is our priest in heaven.
 - He offered one gift according to grace.

Vs 5 Earthly priests served **“unto the example and shadow of heavenly things...”**

- God showed Moses how to make the tabernacle and all the things inside (Exod 25:8-40).
 - Those things were a **“shadow of heavenly things”** (Heb 6:5). They were things that pointed to Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is:
 - Our tabernacle: He is the place where we meet with God.

- Our daily bread (Jesus is the true bread from heaven, John 6:32)
- Our Mercy Seat over the Law. (Jesus is the source of all mercy)
- Aaron's rod that budded (resurrection)
- The golden candlestick (Jesus is the light of the world, John 8:12)

Vs 6 Jesus Christ is “**the mediator of a better covenant...**”

- Hebrews is clearly not written to people who are under the old covenant and living under the law.

“**...better covenant...better promises.**”

- The tabernacle and everything in it are gone. They were temporary.
- Jesus Christ is our permanent, unshakeable, unmovable, better tabernacle.