

Hebrews 7.24

He Endures Forever

The heart of Christianity is Jesus Christ. It sounds strange to say that, I'm sure, but it must be stated nonetheless. For we are always being attacked from the ground of inclusion to allow others to share in what He alone has accomplished. From Mary to Mohamed, all others are nothing. Salvation comes from Jesus Christ alone; for He alone has conquered the grave and He alone has ascended into heaven from whence He will return again to take us unto Himself. Jesus Christ endures forever. His office is a solitary one and will never be shared nor vacated; and this key truth cannot be allowed to be violated on any ground.

I. CHRIST ENDURES FOREVER

- A. As Priest
- B. As Prophet
- C. As King
- D. He is the same yesterday, today and forever -

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

(Hebrews 13:8, NKJV)

E. None can ever supplant, replace or overcome Him

F. He has triumphed over all foes and vanquished each in the power of His righteousness and by the worth and glory of His blood.

II. A SON ABIDES FOREVER

A. It is part of His nature as a son

“And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever.” (John 8:35, NKJV),

B. But it was important as an attribute of Messiah, and even his foes knew this was true...

“The people answered Him, “We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this Son of Man?”” (John 12:34, NKJV)

C. And so we must deal with the truth that Jesus actually died. There are implications to this reality that must be worked out.

1. why does His death not "prevent him from serving"?
2. How is his death different from the deaths of all the other priests?
3. How should we think about the death of the One who was to be our entry into heaven?

III. A PASSING NECESSITY

A. The Death of Christ had some very particular attributes that make it unique in all history.

B. Voluntary - He laid down His life so that He could take it back up again

“No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”” (John 10:18, NKJV)

C. Testimony - in this death and subsequent resurrection, the truth of who Jesus actually was is pronounced with utter clarity. The death becomes absolutely required, for how can one have a resurrection without first having a true death?

Romans 1:3–4

D. Temporary - He was in the grave only 3 days

“Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”” (John 2:19, NKJV)

E. Intentional - He came to this earth to do this one thing, to save a people chosen by the Father.

John 6:37–39

F. Vocational - Dying was a part of what He came to do, therefore it did not interfere with His remaining a priest

1. for death never had a true hold on Him.

Acts 2:25–28

2. Further it was a part of the will of the Father that He should die, and Jesus came to do the will of the Father in all things.

G. Triumphant and Protective

“knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.” (Romans 6:9, NKJV)

““A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.” (John 14:19, NKJV)

H. Encouraging

1. He passed through it and has overcome it
2. He promises us that His life is ours
3. He is able to fulfill that promise by the power of His own Eternal Divine nature.
4. we know that our redeemer lives!

Job 19:25–27

IV. CHANGELESS PRIESTHOOD

A. The priesthood He has been given will abide unchanged forever.

1. Endless
2. Changeless
3. Non-transferable - the role of priest is Jesus's alone...

a. The word “unchangeable” is the translation of **aparabation** <ἀπαρβατιον> it is a double compound word which literally means “not stepping across.” Thus, the word describes that which cannot be violated, or that which does not pass over to another. Notice that it describes the priesthood itself; the priestly ministry of Jesus is in view here, a ministry such that no other person can step into it, a ministry that cannot be transferred to another.

b. With this non-transferable nature of the priesthood itself is also the non-transferable nature of its particular duties and responsibilities. Just as it was death for any but the High Priest to enter the Holy of Holies, so also it is eternal death for any to rely upon any other than Jesus to do so on

their behalf. Each must cast themselves upon Christ as the only

- i. Intercessor
- ii. Redeemer
- iii. Mediator
- iv. Savior...

c. Mormons believe that several of the highest offices of their cult are roles inherited from Melchizedek. It is false and just one example of the lies that are spread by demonic forces all over the world.

B. He alone possesses that which can fulfill His role...

1. Divine power
2. The eternal and perpetual efficacy of His sacrifice

“so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.” (Hebrews 9:28, NKJV)

3. His eternal place at the right hand of the Father

*“But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,”
(Hebrews 10:12, NKJV)*

- a. Note: one sacrifice forever standing
 - b. He sat down at the right hand of the Almighty.
 - c. All of this occurs AFTER He died and was raised.
- A. He alone is qualified to complete this work
- 1. All others are impotent when compared to him...
 - 2. All others are unworthy to even begin the work
 - 3. All others will die...
 - 4. Therefore there is none that can ever even aid him in His appointed and earned position.
 - 5. Just as all roads lead to Rome, so also all truth points to Christ.
 - a. And anything that does not point to the eternal King of Glory is not true.
 - b. He has written His name in the blood of the Lamb across all time and eternity and no one is truer, greater more glorious.

c. In point of fact, there is no one else to even come be compared. Period.