The Sanctuary- Christ, Our Priest #8

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Hebrews 8:1–2 (NKJV) Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, ² a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

A priest is a person authorized, ordained, or set apart to perform the sacred rituals of a religion, especially as a mediatory agent between humans and a deity. To represent said deity. The priests duties may include preaching, teaching, blessing and judging between parties.

Our High Priest

Our High Priest Not just "A priest' but our priest, our Father in heaven. Not Just our priest but the "highest priest".

A high priest have other priests under them

Revelation 1:6 (NKJV) and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. **Revelation 5:10** (NKJV) And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

*Revelation 20:6 (NKJV) Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

Jesus and Melchizedek

Genesis 14:18–20 (NKJV) Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. ¹⁹ And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; ²⁰ And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all. *Psalm 110:4 (NKJV) The Lord has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." Hebrews 5:9–11 (NKJV) And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, ¹⁰ called by God as High Priest "according to the order of Melchizedek," ¹¹ of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

Hebrews 7:1–4 (NKJV) For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, ² to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils. This event happened in 1855 BC, Shem lived till about 1796 BC Hebrews 2:17–18 (NKJV) Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted. A Priest Who Can Relate

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How long will Jesus be our High Priest? offering His blood forever? Hebrews 6:19–20 (NKJV) This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Advocate and Intercessor

Romans 8:31–34 (NKJV) What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

*1 John 2:1–2 (NKJV) My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

Esther 5:2–3 (NKJV) ² So it was, when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, that she found favor in his sight, and the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther went near and touched the top of the scepter. ³ And the king said to her, "What do you wish, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given to you—up to half the kingdom!"

Mediator

Mediator - Somebody who works with both sides in a dispute in an attempt to help them to reach an agreement. A go between.

An Ambassador

Hebrews 8:6 (NKJV) But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

Hebrews 9:15 (NKJV) And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

*1 Timothy 2:3–5 (NKJV) For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

Deuteronomy 5:23–27 (NKJV) "So it was, when you heard the voice from the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, that you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders. ²⁴ And you said: 'Surely the Lord our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire. We have seen this day that God speaks with man; yet he still lives. ²⁵ Now therefore, why should we die? For this great fire will consume us; if we hear the voice of the Lord our God anymore, then we shall die. ²⁶ For who is there of all flesh who has heard the voice of the living God speaking from the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived? ²⁷ You go near and hear all that the Lord our God may say, and tell us all that the Lord our God says to you, and we will hear and do it.'

The Great High Priest

Hebrews 10:19–21 (NKJV) Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and having a High Priest over the house of God,

The One Sacrifice

Hebrews 10:8–10 (NKJV) Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the law), ⁹ then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second. ¹⁰ By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 6:6 (NKJV) if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

2 Cor 5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, ...

Ambassador

- **1.** A diplomatic official of the highest rank appointed and accredited as representative in residence by one government or sovereign to another, usually for a specific length of time.
- **2.** A diplomatic official heading his or her country's permanent mission to certain international organizations, such as the United Nations.
- **3.** An authorized messenger or representative.
- **4.** An unofficial representative: *ambassadors of good will*. [Middle English *ambassadour*, from Old French *ambassadeur*, from Medieval Latin *ambactia*, mission, from Latin *ambactus*, servant, ultimately of Celtic origin.]

Embassy - Inflected forms: pl. em·bas·sies

1. A building containing the offices of an ambassador and staff. **2.** The position, function, or assignment of an ambassador. **3.** A mission to a foreign government headed by an ambassador. **4.** A staff of diplomatic representatives headed by an ambassador.

Eph 6:20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Jesus came to show us who the Father was and what He is like. This is why Jesus said:

John 14:9 ...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father;

Then before He ascended to heaven Jesus told us;

John 20:21 ... as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

Ambassador is a person sent from one sovereign power to another; and is supposed to represent the person of the sovereign by whom he is deputed. Christ while on earth represented the person of the Sovereign of the world; his apostles and their successors represent the person of Christ. - A Clarke **Ambassadors Are Peacemakers**

Luke 14:31, 32 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.