

THE KIND OF HIGH PRIEST WE NEEDED

Hebrews 7:26-28

INTRODUCTION:

A. We know what man is

- 1) He is sinful, mortal, and helpless
- 2) He must have grace

B. We know what God is

- 1) He is sinless, immortal and all powerful
- 2) He is full of grace

C. Man must have a go between

- 1) To the Jews a High Priest
- 2) To the Gentiles a mediator
- 3) What kind of go between must we have?

I. Jesus Is The High Priest We Need

A. *"For such an high priest became us,..."* vs 26

- 1) *"became us"* = *πρεπω* = "to be suited"
- 2) *"Such a High Priest does indeed fit exactly our need..."*

B. *"...who is holy, harmless, undefiled..."*

- 1) *"holy"* = *οσιος* = "pious", "saintly", "godly"
- 2) *"harmless"* = *ακακος* = "without evil, the absence of all that is bad or evil, therefore harmless as a result of being among men"
- 3) *"undefiled"* = *αβιαντος* = "stainless", "untainted"

C. *"...separate from sinners..."*

- 1) *χωριζω* = "to separate" He is separated in that He is in a class by Himself from them.
- 2) *"In a different category from sinners"*

D. "...and made higher than the heavens;..."

- 1) "higher" = υψηλος = "elevated", "towering"
- 2) "And exalted above the highest heaven"

II. Jesus And The Sin Question

A. "...who needeth not daily, as those high priests to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the peoples..." vs 27

- 1) The High Priest of the Levitical system has to offer sacrifice for their own sins and then for the sins of the people.
- 2) This was a result of their Adamic nature

B. "...for this he did once, when he offered up Himself."

- 1) "For his sacrifice was made once for all..."
- 2) "When he brought Himself as an offering"

III. He Is Our Priest By An Oath

A. "For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity..." vs 28

- 1) ασθενεια = "weakness", "inability"
- 2) This statement indicates that the law was still appointing priests, at the time of Paul's writing.

B. "...but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore."

- 1) "but the words of God's oath, which was later than the law" Psalm 110:4
- 2) "consecrated" = τελειω = "to bring to the goal", "perfect"
- 3) "Appoints a son, full qualified to be high priest forever"

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