

'Right Mouse Click' on the word **audio** (below) and select 'Open Link in New Tab' to listen to audio while viewing Study Notes

Doctrinal Studies Bible Church
PT: Ron Adema
Series: Melchizedek

www.doctrinalstudies.com

[audio](#)

Date: 1/28/15
Heb.7:20-28
File: D150128

SWORN OATH OF PRIESTHOOD

In today's lesson text, the writer of Hebrews makes an important declaration regarding God swearing by oath that Jesus Christ is High Priest after the order of Melchizedek.

(Heb.7:21) "For they indeed became priests without an oath, but He with an oath through the One who said to Him, "The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind, "Thou art a priest forever.""
(Ps.110:4) [Verbatim]

This lesson will study four aspects of God's Sworn Oath of Priesthood of Jesus Christ.

1. The spiritually advancing believer is aware that the writer of Hebrews has devoted chapters 5-10 on the subject of the superiority of the high priesthood of Jesus Christ in the Church.

Ryrie in his study Bible (NASB) has a homiletical outline of the **superiority of priesthood** of Jesus Christ of Heb.5-10.

In **Heb.5:10-14**, a warning is issued regarding failure to advance in spiritual growth with meat doctrines and mentioned this subject.

Problem for some Church Age Believers (CABs): "For when the priesthood is changed, of **necessity** there takes place a change in law also." (Heb.7:12)

Do you understand that this verse means that a change of Levitical priesthood will automatically bring a change in Mosaics Law? (Heb.8:6-13)

Ryrie's footnote on Heb.7:12: "A change in the priesthood from the Levitical to Christ as Melchizedek requires an end to Mosaic Law (Rom.7:1-6; 2 Cor.3:7-11; Gal.3:19-25)."

2. The Greek word for Oath is horkomosia (affirmation of oath/ horkos), It is used four times in NASB (Heb.7:20/ 1x); (Heb.7:21/ 2x) and (Heb.7:28/ 1x). God never did it for Levitical priesthood.

This discussion began in Heb.6:13-20.

(Heb.6:16) "For men swear by one greater than themselves, and with them an oath given as confirmation is an end of every dispute."

(Heb.6:18) "So that by two unchangeable things in which it is **impossible for God to lie**, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us."

Ryrie footnote: "The promise made to Abraham and the oath that rest on the very being of God." (Heb.6:13-15, 16-20)

(Heb.6:20) "Where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek."

3. The sworn oath given by God affirmed once and for all any dispute regarding the high priesthood of Jesus Christ according to the order of Melchizedek.

Our lesson text gives four ways it settles this dispute.

- (Heb.7:20-21) Levitical priesthood was never given a sworn oath by God
- (Heb.7:21b) Lord will never change His mind (metamelomai/ regret) regarding His promise of Ps.110:4.
- (Heb.7:21c) Resurrected Jesus Christ holds the office of high priest FORVER. (Heb.8:1-2)
- (Heb.7:28) High priesthood of resurrected Lord Jesus Christ was made perfect (teleioo/perf.p.ptc.asm) and eternal (Heb.5:5-10; 6:20; 7:16-17, 22-28).

(Heb.7:21) “For they indeed became priests **without an oath**, but **He with an oath** through the One who said to Him, ‘The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind (metamelomai/ f.m.ind.3ps/ LXX), Thou art a priest forever.’” (Ps.110:4)

4. The assurance of fulfillment of the sworn oath of the word of God is based on confidence in the essence of God (Ps.110:4; Heb.5:6, 10; 6:20; 7:11, 17, 21, 28).

(Heb.7:18-20) “So that by two **unchangeable** things in which it is **impossible for God to lie**, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil.”

Omniscience
Omnipotence
Omnipresence
Immutable
Veracity

Sovereignty
Righteousness
Love
Eternal Life
Holiness

Unger on Holiness – “Holiness is one of the essential attributes of the divine nature.” (Bible Dict. pg.494).

As a son of God, the Church Age Believer (CAB) has a relationship with God as his Father-Daddy and has access into the dynamics of God’s essence (Rom.8:14-17; Gal.4:4-7; Heb.12:7).

(Heb.4:14-16) “**Therefore**, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, **let us** hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. **Therefore let us** draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”