

JESUS CHRIST – THE GREAT HIGH PRIEST

Deut. 18:1-14; Hebrews 2:17; 3:1; 4:14; 5:1-10;
6:20; 7:11, 21, 26; 8:1, 3; 9:7, 11, 25; 9:21

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INTRODUCTION:

- A. Israel's Leaders:
 - 1. Prophets spoke for God to men
 - 2. Priests ministered for men before God
 - 3. Kings ruled Israel for God

- B. Israel's Priesthood Revealed:
 - 1. A priest's portion (Deut. 18:1-2)
 - 2. A priest's due (18:3-4)
 - 3. A priest's ministry (18:5)
 - a. Chosen from among the tribes
 - b. To minister in the Name of the LORD
 - 4. A priest's calling (18:6-8)
 - a. Internally – “with all the desire of his mind”
 - b. Externally – “before the LORD”
 - 5. A priest's separation (18:9-14)
 - a. From spiritism's abominations (18:9-12)
 - b. Unto perfection (= “uprightness and sincerity”)
 - c. Different from surrounding nations

- C. Israel's Priesthood Distinguished:
 - 1. Individuals – Adam, Abel, Seth, Noah
 - 2. Father for his family – Job, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
 - 3. City of Salem – Melchizedek (Genesis 14)
 - 4. Israel – Offered universal priesthood (Ex. 19:3-6)
 - Failed due to sin
 - Tribe of Levi; Aaron and descendants
 - 5. Two High Priests – MELCHIZEDEK; Typical of Jesus' PERSON
 - AARON; Typical of Jesus' WORK
 - I Sam. 2:35

I. THE PORTION OF JESUS OUR HIGH PRIEST:

- A. His Portion NOT In Earthly Goods: (Matt. 8:20; Luke 12:15b)
 - 1. He possessed neither wealth nor influence
 - 2. Relatives were inconspicuous
 - 3. No record Jesus owned anything

- B. His Portion Is In The Father:
 - 1. Not building an earthly kingdom (John 18:36)
 - 2. Rather, to do His will (Heb. 10:7; John 8:29)

II. THE MINISTRIES OF JESUS, OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST:

- A. IN PAST – Making Atonement For Sin:
 - 1. In perspective
 - a. The OFFERER of sacrifice
 - b. The OFFERING for sin
 - c. Isa. 53:10; John 1:29; Lev. 17:11; Heb. 10:10-12; John 19:30
 - 2. In particulars
 - a. REDEMPTION (Rom. 3:24)
 - b. PROPITIATION (Rom. 3:25)
 - c. RECONCILIATION (Col. 1:21)

- B. IN PRESENT – “Seated.” But Ceaselessly Active:
 - 1. Ministry of INTERCEDING FOR TEMPTED SAINTS
 - a. To keep believers from sinning.
 - b. Luke 22:31-32