

--The High priest we have is superior to Aaron and the Levitical Order in His person, position, and work. This may become a little tedious but the emphasis of the book of Hebrews is built on it. There is no good in turning to any other source than the Lord Jesus.

7:1-28

--After the order of Melchizadek, Christ is:

- king of righteousness and peace 7:2
- not of natural delineation and appointment 7:3
- not limited in "life" 7:3
- a priest forever 7:3 (continuing office)
- superior to Levi 7:4-9
 - Melchizadek and Abraham 7:4-6
 - Levi's tithes 7:9-10
 - character of blessing: who blesses whom, why and what does it mean?
- superior to the Levitical law 7:10-19
 - the need of more priests 7:11
 - the new "priestly law" 7:12
 - the power of "endless life" 7:16
 - He gives a better hope 7:19
 - And by Him we draw near to God Himself 7:19
- and superior to Levitical priests 7:20-28
 - appointed by Divine oath 7:21
 - an unchangeable priesthood 7:24
 - untransferable office 7:24
 - undefiled 7:26
 - unlimited 7:25
 - impeccable 7:27
 - effective 7:28

I always feel a bit limp to just pile the data together but it is necessary to see what sort of priest Christ is...that we might trust Him, rely on Him and never, under any circumstances, consider not following Him.

(3) Phase 3...Hebrews 8

8:1-13

In this section the emphasis is on the place of Christ at the throne of God and the administration of truth that is His.

- He is a perfect mediator
 - set on the right hand of God 8:1
 - a minister of the heavenly setting 8:2
 - offering a perfect gift 8:3-4 (9:14)
 - and granting a better covenant 8:6
- Giving a new covenant of the heart 8:8
 - superior to the former covenant 8:13
 - resulting in blessings of life 8:12

(4) Summary:

The argument begins with the need of priests, the reality of their service, the role of men in that position and the appointment of Christ in perfection after a spirit-directed line.