

HEBREWS 7:23-28: THE FINALITY & LASTING VALUE OF CHRIST'S HIGH PRIESTLY MINISTRY

When reading the Book of Hebrews, one should think as would an early first century Jewish-Christian. The Old Covenant under which Jews functioned required a designated priest to whom believers brought sacrifices for sins.

The sacrificial death of Messiah ended that system. MOREOVER: PRIESTHOOD AND SACRIFICE MERGE IN MESSIAH! He is both sacrifice and priest! Indeed: He is the final sacrifice and final high priest; He needs no successor in either area. THIS IS THE CRUX OF THE BOOK OF HEBREWS.

Our author first develops the significance of Messiah as High Priest in Chapters 7 & 8; then Messiah as sacrifice in Chapters 9 & 10.

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Due to time restraints, we will simply focus on 7:23-28, "The Finality & Lasting Value of Christ's High Priestly Ministry."

v 23 O.T. High Priests needed _____ due to _____.

v 24 Messiah, in contrast, continues _____; He needs no successor.

v 25 Conclusion: "He is able to save to the _____"

.... both in _____

.... and in _____

"to save whom?" = "all approaching God _____"

"Why is He able?" = because He ever lives to _____ for them

v 26-28 The author supports the argument of Messiah's sufficiency to save every believer to the uttermost.

Doctrine

1. **Messiah's Ascension ministry as final High Priest assures/insures the believer's eternal security, 7:25 (memorize).**
2. **Messiah's High Priestly ministry is enduring: it will not end until sin ends.**
3. **Messiah's High Priestly ministry is based upon the efficiency/efficaciousness of His self-sacrifice, 7:26-27.**
4. **Messiah's High Priestly ministry is foreseen and prophesied by God's oath stated in Psa. 110:4.**
5. **Romans 8:27 & 34 state that 2 members of the Godhead intercede for believers. HOW THEN COULD A BELIEVER DOUBT HIS/HER SECURITY IN CHRIST?**

HEBREWS 7:25

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

1. “He is able” =

δυναται / dunatai	{	<p>Pres. T. Active V. Indic. M.</p>
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2. “to save” =

σωζειν / sozein	{	<p>Pres. T. Active V. Infinitive</p>
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3. “to the uttermost” =

εις το παντελες / = lit. “unto the entirely”
eis to panteles

4. WHO? “ALL,”“EVERYONE COMING TO GOD BY HIM”

5. WHY? “BECAUSE HE EVER LIVES TO MAKE
INTERCESSION FOR THEM”