**SERMON SHEET 3/10/24**

**Study of Hebrews #31**

**“The Superior Priesthood of Jesus Christ Our Lord, part 2”**

**Text: Hebrews 7:23-28**

I. Introduction & review

1. Christ’s priesthood is perfect, royal, eternal, and guaranteed.
2. Christ’s superior priesthood gives us a better hope in God, constant access to God, and a better covenant with God.

II. The eternal intercession of Christ’s permanent priesthood (vs. 23-25)

III. The holy exaltation of Christ our perfect priest (vs. 26-28)

IV. The high priestly prayer of Christ our priest (John 17)

1. For whom is Jesus praying?
2. For what is Jesus praying?

V. The high priestly clothing of the Levitical priest (Exodus 28)

VI. Conclusion – a final word

**QUOTES**

1. Kent Hughes:

*Think of it—you and I will never have another high priest. No young, inexperienced priest just out of seminary will succeed him! Think of all the prayers he has heard from us. And he remembers them all! He has answered every single one. Think how he knows us! Jesus is superior by virtue of his permanence.*

2. Al Mohler:

* *In Hebrews 7:28 the author stresses the difference between the lesser and the greater, a common theme in Hebrews. Christ is a superior great high priest because his priesthood came through an oath. This oath came later than the law, so it is superior to the law. In this new covenant, God “appoints a Son, who has been perfected forever.” The sacrifice of an animal was not perfect even though it might appear so perfect. It was not fitting because it did not fulfill what was needed.*
* *The Abrahamic covenant did not save, even though it bestowed many blessings. It created a covenant people who survived through God’s providential care. They enjoyed the blessings of a sacrificial system, experienced the forbearance of sin, and tasted the forgiveness of sins. Nonetheless, that covenant could not save. Jesus is God’s absolute assurance of the new covenant, and he functions in this new covenant as our great high priest.*

3. Simon Kistemaker:

*Jesus occupies the highest position imaginable.*

4. John MacArthur:

*Our High Priest has no such weakness. He carries our names on His heart & on His shoulders. But He needs no ephod or breastplate as symbols, for He has true affection & true salvation. He perfectly loves us & He is able to perfectly save us*.

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE**

* **Heb. 10:4**
* **Rom. 3:23**
* **Jn. 19:30**
* **1 Pet. 5:6-11**