**SERMON SHEET 3/17/24**

**Study of Hebrews #32**

**“The Superior Priesthood of Jesus Christ Our Lord, part 3”**

**Text: Hebrews 8:1-7**

I. Introduction & review

1. The eternal intercession of Christ’s permanent priesthood
2. The holy exaltation of Christ the perfect priest

II. The main point of the letter (v. 1)

III. Our continued pondering of Christ’s superior priesthood

1. He occupies the highest and most exalted seat (v. 1).
2. He ministers in the true and most holy sanctuary (v. 2).
3. He performs a new and more excellent ministry (v. 3-6).

IV. Conclusion – a final word

**QUOTES**

1. Al Mohler:

* *For the last seven chapters, he’s told us what we’ve needed. Now he tells us we have exactly what we need. We need Jesus as a great high priest who mediates a new and better covenant.*
* *Hebrews tells us Christ fulfills his ministry in a tabernacle that the Lord set up. It’s not a tabernacle on earth; it’s a superior tabernacle in heaven. The tabernacle on earth was real, but it wasn’t the place where full salvation was won. Full salvation takes place in the true tabernacle in heaven. Man does not make it. Only the Lord does.*

2. Charles Spurgeon:

*We have all the privileges of the once-favored race. Are they the seed of Abraham? So are we, for He was the Father of the faithful, and we, having believed, have become His spiritual children. Had they an altar? We have an altar whereof they have no right to eat who serve the tabernacle. Had they any high priest? We have a high priest—we have one who has entered into the heavenly. Had they a sacrifice and paschal supper? We have Christ Jesus, who, by His one offering, has forever put away our sin, and who is today the spiritual meat on which we feed. All that they had we have, only we have it in a fuller and clearer sense.*

3. Simon Kistemaker:

*Christ’s divine kingship differs from that of earthly kings. His kingship is one of service: he intercedes for his people; that is, he presents the prayers and praises of his people before the throne of God. He guarantees a place for his people in his Father’s house. Christ is the king-priest who rules and serves his people.*

4. John MacArthur:

*None of us can praise God, or thank Him, or commit or dedicate himself in worship, obedience, and service to him, apart from Jesus Christ. Just as no Israelite could offer either a gift or sacrifice to God except through a priest, so Christians cannot do so except through their High Priest. We cannot confess sin or seek forgiveness apart from Christ any more than we could have come to God apart from Christ. Anything of any value or consequence we do as believers must be done through our Lord.*

5. Kent Hughes:

*To possess the benefits of a perfect sacrifice, administered by a perfect priest serving in perfect session, in the perfect substantiality of the ultimate real sanctuary built not by man but by God, was, and is, a grace that came for the first time through the New Covenant in Christ. It is no mere shadow. It is the real thing—“the true tabernacle set up by the Lord” (v. 2)—eternally substantial. And it is ours!*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE**

* **1 Jn. 2:1-2; Heb. 13:10; Phil 2:5-11; John 13:12-17; Heb. 10:4**
* **Acts 7:54-55; Col. 3:17; John 15:5**