

Bible Study for October 18-24, 2021

Read: Hebrews 7:23-28

Notes:

Though the Old Testament Levitical priesthood could not bring the fullness of God's salvation, Jesus, the sinless and perfect Priest serves eternally as the one who brings our needs to the Father. In him we have access to God's blessings. His perfect work reminds us that death will always cut short even the best effort that anyone makes to serve God. However, Jesus freely brings us God's eternal blessing through His sacrificial death.

Human priests of old offered sacrifice for their own sins and served only until their death. IN contrast, Jesus is God's Son, the holy, sinless, resurrected high priest. Death did not terminate his priestly service, but through his death he has interceded for our sins.

Questions to Ponder:

How often do you think about how many times you may have sinned in the past day? The past week?

The author was showing Jesus' superiority over the priest to Jews who were tempted to go back to their old ways. What are some of the "old ways" that tempt you to turn from Jesus?

In what ways is Jesus a better priest than those under the Jewish system?

What difference does Jesus' once-for-all sacrifice make to you in terms of your security with God? How does this affect your self image?