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### **PERFECT PRIESTHOOD**

Our lesson text opens and closes with the word **perfect** (Heb.7:11) (teleiosis/ noun) and (Heb.7:19) (teleioo/ verb).

In Hebrew, **perfect** means perfection, fulfillment, completion, an end accomplished as the effect of a process.

**Doctrinal Point:** The Levitical priesthood could not bring the divine standard of perfection to the worshipper because it was based on the Mosaic Law – “For the **Law made nothing perfect.**” (Heb.7:19a)

(Heb.10:1) “For **the Law**, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come **and not** the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near.”

<p><b>This lesson will study <u>four aspects</u> of the Perfect Priesthood of Jesus Christ.</b></p>
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This study is important because every Church Age Believer (CAB) is a **Royal Priest in Christ** (1 Pet.2:5, 9; Rev.1:6). Our Royal Priesthood is 1 of 20 status privileges gained at the moment of salvation. (Positional Truth IN Christ. [50 Things FREE](#))

#### **1. The writer of Hebrews opened our lesson text up with a Greek 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Condition (2CC) “if” [Not true].**

This is a Greek debater’s technique with a rhetorical question in the apodosis that demands a negative answer from the (**then**) clause.

It was used to show the fallacies and dangers to the Christian Church of such an argument.

- **Protasis:** “Now if (2cc) (contrary to fact) perfection was through the Levitical priesthood (for on basis of it the people received the Law)”
  - [contrary to fact] (But it wasn’t!)
- **Apodosis:** “What further need was there for another priest to rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be designed according to the order of Aaron?”
  - [contrary to fact] (But there was!)

**Doctrinal Point:** The Divine standard of perfection was NOT attainable under the Levitical priesthood and by following the Mosaic Law. If Divine perfection was attainable by them, then there would have been no need for priesthood after the order of Melchizedek.

This is the theology behind the Superiority of the priesthood of Jesus Christ in Heb.5-10.

- Then the question is, “why the Levitical priesthood and Mosaic Law?”

#### **2. Paul addressed this question in Books of Romans and Galatians. (Gal.3:10-14).**

(Gal.3:19) “**Why the Law then?** It was added because of the transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, **until the seed would come** to whom the promise had been made.” (Gal.3: 16)

(Gal.3:21-22) “Is the Law then contrary to the promise of God? May it never be! For if (2cc) a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law. **But** the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by **faith in Jesus Christ** might be given **to those who believe.**” (Rom.5:12; 1 Cor.15:22)

(Gal.3:24-25) “Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be **justified by faith.** But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.”

### 3. Both the Mosaic Law and the Levitical priesthood were designed by the divine standard of perfect.

It was based on the perfect character of God.

(Matt.5:48) “Therefore **you are to be perfect**, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” **How?** (Gsl.3:19)

(Lk.18:18-25) “For whoever keeps the law and **yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.** For He who said, ‘Do not commit adultery,’ also said, ‘Do not commit murder.’ Now if (1cc) you do not commit adultery but commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.” (James 2:10-11)

Only the Three Members of the Godhead could quality to keep the Law perfectly, let alone fulfill it.

(Matt.5:17) “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the prophets; I did not come to abolish **but to fulfill.**”

(Rom.10:4) “For **Christ is the end of the law** for righteousness to everyone who believes.”

### 4. The perfect Priesthood of Jesus Christ is based on the “indestructible life” of the Resurrection from the dead.

(Heb.7:16-17) “Who has become such not on the basis of a law of physical requirements, but according to the power of an indestructible life (dunamis akatalutos zoe). For it is attested to Him, ‘You are a priest **forever** according to the order of Melchizedek.’” (Ps.110:4; Rom.8:9-11)

(Heb.5:9-10) “And **having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,** being **designed by God** as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.”

(Heb.6:19-20) “This **hope we have as an anchor of the soul,** a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, where Jesus has entered as a **forerunner for us,** having become a high priest **forever** according to the order of Melchizedek.”

(Ps.110:4) “For it is attested of Him, ‘You are a priest **forever** according to the order of Melchizedek.’” (Heb.7:17)

(Heb.7:19) “For the Law made nothing perfect, and on the other hand, there is a bringing in of a **better hope,** through which we draw near to God.”

(Heb.7:25) “Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, **since He always lives to make intercession for them.**” (Heb.7:28)

(Heb.12:2a) “Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter (teleiotes) [Finisher] of faith.”