

Jesus: God's Final Word

Our High Priest Forever

Hebrews 7:23-28

Context ...

In chapters 4 and 5, we discovered a portion of Jesus' ministry as our high priest: He is a truly human being, tempted in every respect just like we are, and he can therefore sympathize fully with our weakness and the pressures we find ourselves under. Not only that, Jesus knows sin far better than we do since he fought temptation to the end and won. He never gave in.

But now we've discovered far more ...

We've learned that Jesus, through his _____ (Hebrews 7:15-17), is the guarantor of a _____ and _____ covenant with God.

It's his _____ that saves us, not just his _____. He still is saving us. He is _____ (unlike all priests that preceded him).

**Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. (v. 25)*

Three big ideas ... **Uttermost, Intercession, Fitting**

Uttermost ...

There is no part of our existence that our salvation does not touch. From beginning to end, he will save us _____, _____, and _____.

Also, when we consider the greatness of our salvation, we should consider more than what we have been saved _____ and consider what we are being saved ____!

See: Westminster Catechism, Ch. 8, Section 1

Intercession ...

Jesus intercedes for us by his once-and-for-all _____ (more of that theme will be explored in coming chapters), but he also intercedes for us _____ before the Father!

John Owen:

The safest conception . . . that we can have of the intercession of Christ . . . is his continual appearance for us in the presence of God by virtue of his office as the "high priest over the house of God," representing the efficacy of his oblation [outpouring of blood], accompanied with tender care, love, and desires for the welfare, supply, deliverance and salvation of the church.

Fitting ...

_____ that we _____, Jesus has and is. Jesus "fits" us. We are sinners. He is holy. We are guilty. He is innocent. We are stained. He is unstained. We are sinners in the company of sinners. He is sinless and unlike us. We are lowly and He is exalted.

Jesus – and Jesus alone – makes it possible for us to reach and fulfill every _____ God has for us.

Jesus – and Jesus alone – enables us to enter into deep and lasting _____ with and _____ of God.

But there's more: Jesus "_____ " God.

Remember that Hebrews 1:3 told us of Jesus:

"He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high ..."

Jesus is all that he is ("holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens"), not just because he fits all of our needs. He is all that he is because he is altogether God.

And finally, Jesus – and Jesus alone – " _____ " us for _____.

He has no sins of his own to atone for, so his role as High Priest is different from all who foreshadowed him. He offered up _____.

And that sacrifice was and is altogether _____ to the Father for our sake!

My response to Jesus today:

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