

If I Ruled The World.  
The Book of Hebrews  
The End Time Message  
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Tony Bennett sang the song that began "If I ruled the World every day would be the first day of Spring. Everyone would have new song to sing, if I ruled the world"

If I ruled the world every preacher would be commanded to become an expert on the Book of Hebrews AND upon the first Five Books of Moses. Why? These six Books sets the "foundations" for so much understanding of God's Purpose and God's ways. Why? It is in these books that we learn the distinct difference between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant provisions. Also, much of the Book of Psalms is quoted in the New Testament. Much of the Book of Hebrews is quotations from the Old Testament, therefore, no in depth understanding can be gained without an intimate knowledge of these six books.

One focus for this study is the difference between the earthly priesthood and the Eternal Priesthood which is the one that existed BEFORE the world was formed. We should note that the Book of Hebrews, also, reveals the Original and Eternal Priesthood that was CENTRALIZED in the King / Priesthood of Melchizedek. Why? All Old Testament priesthoods were inferior to the New Covenant Priesthood. There is no earthly / temporal priesthood now because that kind of priesthood can not bring the church to perfection. Only the Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek is authorized or accepted or available now during the church age! We are unaware of any other priesthood except Melchizedek that existed before the foundation of the world. However, If the Kingdom of Priests include BOTH Our Great High Priest AND His Body, whom are ALL King / Priests after the Order of Melchizedek, then this single understanding should be totally transforming and reforming within the modern church. This might be the next move of God!

In my opinion it is these six books that contains the essential "strands of Eternal Truth," when properly woven together, that will give certain basic but progressive understanding that is extremely necessary to help us interpret the many other scriptures that have been concealed from us. I believe there are "foundational truths" (plural) that are necessary for interpreting the Kingdom, the Christian Life, the Ministry and certain Truths about qualifying to participate in God's Eternal Purpose within the Eternal Kingdom! That Kingdom includes the New Jerusalem and the Heavenly Mount Zion. It also includes the Tabernacle of God and the three places in heaven. When we point out the New Earth, the New Heaven and the New Jerusalem and Mount Zion, where God dwells and the location of His Throne, the uninformed get frustrated and angry because most people want everyone in heaven to be equal and share and share alike.

A popular cliché is "God treats all his children exactly the same because He is no respecter of persons." This ignorance is very popular with the "under-comers," the lukewarm and casual believers. The Book of Hebrews presents many requirements and commandments that are directed toward "believers" / "Christians." Why is that important? Those on New Earth are a long way from the Throne of God. Even the New Jerusalem is 1500 miles by 1500 miles by 1500 miles so even some "believers" in the New Jerusalem could be 750 miles from the throne! The Severe warnings in Revelation 2 and 3 and the

Five warnings in Hebrews and the various other warnings in Scripture should convince us that God offers us equal access but NOT equal results or an equal destiny. We must qualify for the Kingdom and be counted worthy of the Kingdom.

One of the defects of the current church system is speaking about too many things they have not experienced and about things they have no personal knowledge! For example many talk about receiving "new life" without being able to identify, define, nor can they interpret the Christian Life as something EXCEPTIONAL or as personal, experiential reality.

One serious mistake of the Evangelical church is evaluating "salvation" as "forgiveness of sins." No one, who seriously reads the Book of Hebrews, can make that mistake. While forgiveness of sins is primary, entering into our inheritance is the goal. The example given is Israel failing to enter into Canaan. God swore in His wrath that generation of Israel would NEVER enter His Rest. This had nothing to do with the enemies but with God's prohibition. Why? That was because of their unbelief and disobedience. This is a direct example for us and is defined by these various warnings.

What we discover is that there is NO REST until we enter into our inheritance. Even after the next generation entered into Canaan there was NO REST because they failed to drive the enemies out. Forgiveness of sins without meeting God's goal or entering into HIS REST can hardly be labeled as "so great a salvation." God is the ONE who sets the parameters of salvation and NOT the theologians.

Speaking about "victory", "power" or "Life" without any evidence or manifestation is similar to speaking the word "kingdom" without being able to interpret or define what that means, personally and experientially. The "Kingdom" should mean a personal, experiential, and a life changing direction, a new Governmental Head along with a Solid Government with active Laws within each believer. Why?

If there is NO KINGDOM within there is NO UPWARD or ASCENDING CALL to that ultimate Government / Throne and eternal reality. That means no pressing toward the goal which is our eternal destiny! If the Kingdom is our inheritance then there will be NO REST until we qualify for the Kingdom. When there is no Kingdom within, the person is earth bound in their vision! In those cases the Christian life is shallow, ineffective and they remain casual about God's Purpose for Eternity.

Today, after 2000 years, there is NO EXCUSE for any ignorance of these things. Today, with the personal coming of the Holy Spirit and His capacity to fully teach, guide and inform us, what possible excuse can we give for any ignorance?

Since Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life it is certain that Truth cannot be separate from Life. Somehow, anyone in the church that believes that knowing doctrine is the same as receiving Life should be pitied. Receiving both Truth and Life (Light) is essential for fully establishing the Christian understanding of God's Ultimate Purpose! Doctrine is dead without the quality of life that can be manifested. This works in the same way that Faith is dead without works to manifest that faith!

It is for that reason that a little knowledge about Spiritual and Eternal Things (without first having that exchange of life) is extremely dangerous! Why? Those who lack vision or insight into God's Plan and Purpose are easily deceived into something much less than what is available. Example; believing in a kind of "salvation" that is without any

manifestation of His Life as a personal reality.

Since Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life it is certain that Truth cannot be different or separate from Life. Receiving both Truth and Life (Light- John 1) is essential for Christian Reality! This is not new nor extraordinary and is inherent within the Living and Abiding Word of God. Of course, if we are not yet birthed into that realm, everything is extremely complicated. Why? This is all beyond human comprehension! It is still true that "NO ONE CAN COME TO JESUS UNLESS THE FATHER DRAW HIM." Nothing will happen until the Living and Abiding Word of God arrives and we are born again. All this preaching to the natural man is a big waste of time. Why? He can understand NOTHING of that other and higher realm.

In other words a casual believer will NOT receive personal "foundational Truth" even if it is faithfully preached and taught. It is for these exact reasons that the Book of Hebrews remains a mystery in the modern church. Still, my calling and purpose is to open a little written truth to those who seek the Kingdom as an inner life reality. That means those who "Do not receive Kingdom Truth as merely a new doctrine."

However, even among those who personally obtain "Foundational Truth," experientially, it requires a lot of work and discipline and faithfulness to a continual study of written truth, in order to participate in that Truth. Life-changing Truth is much different from knowledge.

I am guessing that The Holy Spirit is more interested in imparting Truth than He is of establishing good doctrine. Good doctrine should be the result of Experiential Truth! For that to happen, it is first necessary for the King / Priest, (Melchizedek) to actually come to lead us into all Truth, to personally reveal that Truth, within us as Life and Light, and to cause that Truth to be understood! Why? So that TRUTH can be openly manifested. This requires an obedience to the Truth, that we already know. Why? This is essential for that Truth to become Life! Real Christianity was probably meant to be manifested in Truth. Why? Receiving Truth precedes the experience of living within that Truth.

Rev 21:8 "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and **all liars**, their part *will be* in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

It seems obvious that God views Liars and Lying quite differently from the general religious opinions about the Christian Life.

If we have been involved in the visible church very long, we should be able to discern the "problems with casual Christianity!" By now we should recognize that another restoration must take place soon or too much of God's Purpose for the church will be lost! I am guessing that the Holy Spirit has a plan to redirect the church into a new dimension of LIFE / TRUTH / LIGHT, at least in the Church He is building!

It is now my opinion that the Book of Hebrews will inform (all of us) how to participate in the Life dimension and to help redirect the Church of the 21<sup>st</sup> century toward the Kingdom Life and the necessity to obey the internal Government. Why? That is because the BOOK of Hebrews is about correcting the problems, defects, direction and understanding in the Hebrew Church! How do we know that? That is because of the instruction and the five very severe warnings in Hebrews. It is obvious that the Hebrew

Church had strayed from the path set out for them. The writer was renewing their Revelation of Christ Jesus and God's Expectation for the church. Why? That was because of the "departure" by the Hebrew Church from what they formerly knew, and originally accepted as Truth that these "corrections" were necessary.

But **why** is that important for us? That is because of the failures, eternal danger and loss this group of Hebrew Christians faced by the path they had chosen. This is why the "process of return" for the Hebrew Church is so similar to what is necessary for the restoration or the church today! I am speculating that the problems we see in the visible church, along with the current departures from Christian reality, along with the failures and defects that we see in the modern church today can be solved by the same process of correction presented to the Hebrew Church!

Hopefully, this Book of Hebrews will be a revelation we need of how to bring the visible church back to Christian Reality. The Hebrew Christian Church had "drifted away" from what they had originally heard and this Book / letter provided both the correction and design for returning the Hebrew Church back to Christian relevancy. If we can concede that the "modern church" is not ALL that it should be in this dispensation and after 2000 years since Calvary, then some new direction and correction should be welcome. Why?

That is because He is returning for a Glorious Church **having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless.** It should be obvious that the visible church CANNOT qualify as the Glorious Church, the Bride of Christ, the New Jerusalem or for Mount Zion.

Eph 5:25---- just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her; that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 that **He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless.**

It is for that reason that I am guessing that the Book of Hebrews is the Book of direction and correction, the pattern of restoration for the church today. That does NOT mean that the other books are not important or NOT for today. Still, there is a "focus of truth" that is relevant at various times during church history. I believe the Book of Hebrews provides that "focus" today!

For example; The Book of Romans became very important during the beginning of the Reformation in 1517 when the earthly priesthood, and consequently the universal church life, had deteriorated to such extremely low levels that the whole system required correction, a repentance (new direction) and a new beginning with a full reformation within the leadership. Remember that was nearly 500 years ago, now! Reforming and restoring the church at that time began with justification by faith. Why? That was because the "church" had become another political and mechanical religious system! They had departed from the vision of "the church" going on to maturity or growing up in all things into Christ! Those times were very sad and a disappointment. Why?

The religious focus was upon the Church Hierarchy, robes, personal position and stature, ego and the pageantry of parades, entertainment, elegance and buildings. But remember, that was 500 years ago! After the passing of time and, once again, extreme

human failure, the visible church has “drifted” into many “deviations from Truth,” ignoring God’s Plan and replaced the Kingdom with many areas of religious life that is not Christian. All this must be corrected and must be reset and the visible church returned to the Divine Order. That means, begin again with the basic foundational experiences and then growing up in all things.

Another example of a central focus was the Pentecostal Outpouring in 1906 and again in the Charismatic Movement that began in 1968. The Book of Acts and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit was the central focus for over 80 years.

It appears that at least some ministries are attempting to alter the system today but not back to the original FOUNDATIONAL design but to a new system that is still ego-centric and for the most part irrelevant. Bringing the church to maturity or perfecting a bride for Jesus or building the Kingdom Government of God into the believer’s experience is still being ignored! Why? Preparing for disaster has become the emphasis. Establishing a Kingdom Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek is not even considered today. Living within the Laws of the Kingdom is not a priority in the public ministries.

The “big” ministries seem to be focusing upon the Book of Revelation and the “end time” message as a means of “maturing” the church through fear. Preparing for great disaster, conspiracies and governmental failure, wars and rumors of wars, seems to be the focus today.

My personal opinion is that when the Book of Revelation and the “end time message” becomes the focus for the church, but the Book of Hebrews is ignored, the interpretation of the Book of Revelation and the “end time message” suffers a tremendous loss. Why? While focusing upon the coming disaster, the believers are left in their carnal state with the focus upon knowledge rather than upon Life! Today, if you listen carefully, you should understand that these “ministries” have drifted away from what the scriptures teach are the basic, foundational beginnings and current priorities for individual growth.

The “modern message” still seems to be focused upon going to heaven, someday, rather than upon fulfilling God’s Eternal Purpose and bringing Joy to God’s heart. Entering into His Rest and obtaining our inheritance is ignored.

The true ministries must Not apologize for speaking Bible Truth nor for insisting that the corporate church must fulfil God’s Purpose. It appears normal just to offer excuses for “coming short” of adhering to God’s design and program for the church. It seems clear that God’s Purpose is to have a mature people who are fully qualified to rule over the works of His hands!

Heb 2:1 For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, **lest we drift away from it.** 2 For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense, 3 how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken **through** the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, 4 God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

The warning is this; If what was shared through angels carried such a severe

warning and punishment, if disobeyed, what can we expect if we ignore what Jesus said? Why? That is what is referred to as "NEGLECTING our **so great a salvation?**"

Heb 1:1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2 in these last days has **spoken to us in His Son**, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

The Greek says "IN HS SON." God spoke IN HIS SON means that God was doing the speaking so the Word Spoken was directly from God. In Hebrews it says "at the first spoken **through** the Lord." What was spoken was about our "so great a salvation." The warning is "DO NOT NEGLECT" what God spoke! Why? You may not escape.

Specifically, what does that mean? Neglecting the WORDS spoken through Jesus is a very serious thing! Why? That is because of the Spoken Word, itself, and also that God confirmed THAT WORD by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We should remember that God spoke to the Pharaoh in Egypt through Moses about plagues etc. and every word was confirmed by action.

Remember, that Jesus preached the Kingdom of God and His Words revealed this "so great or much greater and higher Salvation." Greater than what? Greater than any salvation offered to Israel through the Law.

This TRUTH indicates what was shared through Jesus is absolute Truth. The term "drift way" is the term used to speak of a boat that was loosed from its moorings and began to slowly drift away from the dock. The picture conveyed is the exact term we might use to describe the modern church and the church in past history beginning before the 5th century. I am guessing that the "church" has "drifted away" simply because the "ministry" has "drifted away" from the absolute. The result is these serious consequences which are connected to this neglect! This also confirms the Words that Jesus Spoke are Absolute Truth! Why? They were confirmed by God through signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will. No greater proof is necessary.

Considering casually what God has provided or neglecting our "so great a Salvation" carries a serious recompense and is judged as disobedience and a serious transgression. This "casual attitude" about "salvation" (just say these words) is epidemic today. Remember to repent before you die. This ignorance and entitlement mentality has been encouraged within the visible church by a casual attitude toward so great a salvation!

Now attempting to reverse this casual attitude about the tremendous Salvation that God has provide through Christ Jesus will be very slow and difficult! Why? The Gospel of the Half-Priced sale is now accepted as truth. Our first priority is to reverse this casual attitude about "SO GREAT A SALVATION" or no further progress can be expected in the visible church. Of course this is not or should not be the situation in the Church He is Building! Then why even consider the visible church as worthy of receiving Truth? That is because even in the visible church there are hungry souls being drawn by God that are searching for Truth / Reality.

These five very serious warnings (we might find seven to the Hebrew church) are

meant to gain their attention and to STOP “falling/rifting away!” The message then is to reverse the situations (the vision, the experiences, the attitude, the consecration and understanding of the Hebrew Church.

These different warnings were not to the unsaved (regardless of what the commentaries say) but to true believers that began in truth but had drifted away from what they knew and probably experienced. How anyone could read these chapters and say they don't apply to believers because “they are already saved, once for all time!”

It is for that reason (these warnings) that this same reversal is essential today in the visible church. What does that mean? They are designed to affect a complete change of vision and to set a new direction for the church towards God's Purpose instead of trying to get God to bless their wrong direction.

When the visible, but uninformed, church is told that no matter what they do their salvation is secure and God loves them just like they are, there is no fear of God's judgement and no warning is believed or accepted. It seems clear that the method of full recovery from that deception is revealed here in the Book of Hebrews.

These same five warnings (or seven) are applicable to the church today or any day in the last 2000 years. Why? They parallel the warnings in Revelation 2 and 3. Why are these warnings also directed to us in the 21 st century? That is because they are directed toward every church in every age! Why? They are given by our Great High Priest who is sitting at the right hand of God and is ruling over His Body as our Current King. Why should we listen? That is because His Sovereignty is ABSOLUTE!

Before focusing upon these various warnings I want to turn to our High Priest and to His Body, the Church He is Building, which is the Kingdom of Priests. Why? To maximize the threat of these various warnings about not taking seriously what God has provided within the New Covenant. This understanding is essential to remove ANY excuse for not living in that full provision.

Ordinarily we would begin our study in Chapter one of Hebrews but to confirm what we have been sharing about the Body of our High Priest I will begin in Chapter 2! This is the first mention of our Great High Priest, and in this chapter is limited to just one reference!

Heb 2:17 Therefore, **He had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God**, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

In each one of the these 13 references to Our High Priest, there is another revelation of Christ Jesus! This revelation is not just as Savior or Baptizer in the Holy Spirit but as Our Great High Priest who is the King Eternal!

For example; Here we learn that He was like us (the New Man) and suffered EVERYTHING the same as us. This was necessary for Him to **become a faithful High Priest in the things pertaining to God**. Since He was also a man, like us, He is able to COME TO THE AID of those being tempted. (Eliminate another excuse) However, we can add twelve more direct references to Jesus, Our High Priest, and each has some revelation

about Him AND some provision for us. (Eliminate 12 other excuses)

The term High Priest is used 38 other times in scriptures but not in reference to Jesus and many references are not presented in very favorable conditions. NO earthly "religious high priest" is nor can never be our example! God has just given ONE irrevocable example. Everything spoken about Jesus is given in very favorable light and explains WHY he has become our High Priest and the ONLY High Priest in the New Covenant! Rome has NO high priest after the Order of Melchizedek!

Two of the 16 times the High Priest is mentioned in the Book of Hebrews is as a type and one time "Priest" is used in reference to Melchizedek so there are 13 references of High Priest which are directly related to Christ Jesus as our High Priest. These 16 times High Priest is used in the Book of Hebrews are listed below and explain so much about the New Covenant Priesthood. Especially if we can understand the eternal "Kingdom of Priests" that we are assigning to the Body of Our Great High Priest!

However, the Priesthood after the Order of Aaron (the natural, temporal and earthly priesthood) is given as a type, shadow, picture or example of the Heavenly Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek. Nevertheless, since they are types and shadows, pictures and examples and NOT a direct revelation, these "examples" must be "interpreted." It is in the interpretation and the defective application to the New Covenant Priesthood that so many grievous mistakes are made! The Catholics are an example!

However, understanding these types, shadows, pictures and examples are precisely why the Five Books of Moses and the Book of Hebrews are absolutely essential for us to clearly understand the reality today! Why? That is because we must make a proper application to Christ Jesus and to grasp that our Great High Priest is, in addition to Priest and Savior, also the Great King, not only over His Body but over all things. Of course over His Body as first priority.

Since we assign "the Church He is Building" to the body of our High Priest, it is essential that we include Exodus 28 to our understanding. Why? This chapter defines the Garments of the High Priest, which includes the Ephod, the breast plate and Urim and Thummim.

Exodus 28:28 "And they shall bind the breast piece by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a blue cord, that it may be on the skillfully woven band of the ephod, and that the breast piece may not come loose from the ephod. 29 "And Aaron shall carry the names of the sons of Israel in the breast-piece of judgment over his heart when he enters the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually. 30 "And you shall put in the breast piece of judgment the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be over Aaron's heart when he goes in before the LORD; and Aaron shall carry the judgment of the sons of Israel over his heart before the LORD continually. 31 "And you shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue.

All these garments are quite unusual and must carry some great importance for us to understand. We must also make an accurate application to the Members of His Body! Why? That is because so much is recorded about our Great High Priest and His Garments and His Function. While these facts are very easy to find and tabulate, we discover that at

the present time our understanding and ability to make accurate applications is very limited.

Still, we do know some things about these garments, along with the breast piece of judgment and the Urim and Thummim! These are all a type and shadow of the Eternal Reality which is directly assigned to our Great High Priest. The 12 stones, with 12 names on his chest and 12 on his shoulders, are also types and shadows of the function of Our Great High Priest. If we can accept my concept that the Body of Our Great High is the Church He is Building, the application of the garments should be apparent. Why? That is because the HEAD has the bonnet and the Gold Plate but His Body has the Garments along with the sandals on the feet.

For anyone to "acknowledge Jesus as our Savior" but then ignore Him as our High Priest is ignorant, ridiculous and unacceptable for any New Covenant ministry! A complete study of these scriptures will certainly explain why!

The importance of understanding our Great High Priest {CHRIST JESUS} and His role in the church is defined partially in the following scriptures.

(1) Heb 2:17 Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become **a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God**, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

(2) Heb 3:1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, **consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession.**

(3) Heb 4:14 Since then **we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens**, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

(4) Heb 4:15 For **we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize** with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are, yet* without sin.

(5) Heb 5:1 For **every high priest taken from among men** is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins;

(6) Heb 5:5 So also **Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest**, but He who said to Him, "THOU ART MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN THEE";

(7) Heb 5:10 being **designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.**

(8) Heb 6:20 where Jesus has **entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.**

(9) Heb 7:1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, **priest of the Most High God**, who met Abraham as he was returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,

(10) Heb 7:26 For it was fitting that **we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens;** 27 who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins, and then for the *sins* of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. 28 For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, **appoints a Son, made perfect forever.**

(11) Heb 8:1 Now the main point in what has been said *is this: we have such a **high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,***

(12) Heb 8:3 For **every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices; hence it is necessary that this *high priest* also have something to offer.**

(13) Heb 9:7 but **into the second only the high priest enters, once a year,** not without *taking* blood, which he offers for himself and for the sins of the people committed in ignorance.

(14) Heb 9:11 But when **Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come,** *He entered* through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation;

(15) Heb 9:25 nor was it that He should offer Himself often, **as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with blood not his own.**

(16) Heb 13:11 For the bodies of those animals whose **blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest as an offering for sin,** are burned outside the camp.

If we add "PRIEST" as in "ANOTHER PRIEST" to the list another revelation is available.

Heb 7:11 Now if perfection was through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the people received the Law), **what further need *was there for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be designated according to the order of Aaron?***

Heb 7:15 And this is clearer still, **if another priest arises** according to the likeness of Melchizedek, 16 who has become *such* not on the basis of a law of physical requirement, but according to the power of an indestructible life. 17 For it is witnessed *of Him,* "THOU ART A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."

If you are following correctly, you will understand that we now, in the New Covenant, Have TWO PRIESTS who are eternal and both are after the Order of Melchizedek. The First Priest is the Priest of the Most High God and always was a Priest. He is BOTH King of Peace and a Priest **of God, Most High!** He is Melchizedek who is the scriptural name of the Holy Spirit. **Melchizedek was first of all, by the translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace.**

Heb 7:8 And in this case (In the Old Covenant priests) **mortal men receive tithes,** but in that case one *receives them,* of whom it is witnessed that he lives on.

It should be obvious that Melchizedek was NOT A MORTAL MAN. He was never born and never died. He was **not** the Father and He was **not** the Living Word so HE COULD ONLY BE THE HOLY SPIRIT! The basic revelation we should receive from this understanding is that the Holy Spirit has arrived on Pentecost as BOTH the Priest of the Most High God AND One Whom is the King of Righteousness AND the King of Peace. Therefore, we are dealing with THE SPIRIT OF GOD, Most High, HIMSELF. His arrival on

the first Pentecost was no small thing! For Him to take up residence within us is no SMALL THING! However, He has come as the direct representative of the Most High God. He will not speak on His own initiative but He speaks what He hears. What He hears and SPEAKS are the Words of God so don't underestimate or treat HIM casually. Remember He carries the Power, the Authority, the Entitlement and Expectation of GOD, MOST HIGH!

The Second Priest (another Priest) **who was taken from among men**, and BECAME our great High Priest, in things pertaining to God. He has been made High Priest Forever, after the Order of Melchizedek! He, even during the church age, SITS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD (as King/ Priest) and ministers in behalf of us in the things pertaining to God, Most High!

He (JESUS) has become the High Priest over the House of God! Even though this may seem strange, discerning accurately the function of these TWO PRIESTS is VERY important because in these New Covenant times they both function to complete God's Predestined Purpose. (Eliminate another foolish excuse)

Our Great High Priest (taken from among men) has ascended to Zion and sits at the Right Hand of God, Most High! The Eternal Priest of God, Most High, God's King / Priest, is the Holy Spirit! It was **HE** who descended on the Day of Pentecost to dwell in the New Covenant believer! He will remain until He is taken away, when His Work is finished.

Now, it is extremely important that we recognize the Holy Spirit in His role as the King / Priest of the Most High God. Each of us should meditate upon this TRUTH until it becomes eternally real in our experience! The Holy Spirit has come as KING / PRIEST, representing, as an ambassador, the Most High God and not just as some abstract influence or as some effective helper or one who secretly stands along side us! He has come as the KING / PRIEST to demand God's Will and God's Ways be obeyed and His Purpose be fulfilled. The severity of not recognizing the authority and position of the Holy Spirit during the New Covenant dispensation may be too common but very dangerous! Why? He has come as KING / PRIEST to represent the Most High God and He carries God's full endorsement and permission to conduct God's Business on this earth.

Matthew 12:31 "Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven men, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. 32 "And whoever shall speak a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but **whoever shall speak against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age, or in the age to come.**

Why is this such a serious offence with such dire consequences? That is because the

King / Priest of God, Most High, has arrived to lead us into ALL TRUTH and guide us into the Perfection of the Glorious Church. Don't ignore, offend or disregard HIM! Why? This is HIS DISPENSATION and He is the direct representative of The Most High God. Be extremely careful because of this warning!

The High Priest, taken from among men, has ascended and has taken His Seat at the Right hand of God. He received from the Father the Promise of the Holy Spirit and He, **The Man**, Christ Jesus, poured forth the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost! We must

emphasize that the Holy Spirit is the King / Priest of God, Most High! Now there is one Priest / King in heaven and another Priest / King on earth. Our High Priest is in Heaven and God's Personal Priest is on earth. Therefore, Don't Offend Him or Ignore Him because there are serious consequences.

Only the Book of Hebrews reveals this very relevant fact for the New Covenant Church. Our High Priest, ministering to the seven Lampstand Churches (the one He is Building) is severely warning each of them to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the churches. Why? He, the Holy Spirit, is the King / Priest, sent from God for the perfection, completeness (end goal) and maturity of the church. Ignoring or mistreating Him will bring eternal consequences!

Even though we have departed from our first purpose of opening up some truth from the Book of Hebrews, the revelation of why and with what authority the Holy Spirit came on the Feast of Pentecost is very important to this total understanding of what God, Most High, has provided for the development and maturity of the Church which is His Body!

This clearer understanding of the Eternal Priesthood, after the order of Melchizedek, demonstrates how two verses in the Old Testament opens up very essential TRUTH in the New Covenant and explains ultimate Truth about Who God is and how He, personally, will complete His Ultimate Purpose. This IS the basis of our hope and one that enters within the third Veil.

Gen 14:18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High. 9 And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; 20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tenth of all.

Psalms 110:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand, Until I make Thine enemies a footstool for Thy feet." 2 The LORD will stretch forth Thy strong scepter from Zion, *saying*, "Rule in the midst of Thine enemies." 3 Thy people will volunteer freely in the day of Thy power; In holy array, from the womb of the dawn, Thy youth are to Thee *as* the dew. 4 **The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind, "Thou art a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."** 5 The Lord is at Thy right hand; He will shatter kings in the day of His wrath. 6 He will judge among the nations, He will fill *them* with corpses, He will shatter the chief men over a broad country. 7 He will drink from the brook by the wayside; Therefore He will lift up *His* head.

These two are to only references to Melchizedek ( the King of Righteousness) in the Old Covenant but Melchizedek has tremendous importance in the New Covenant Priesthood. Why? That is because ALL New Covenant Priests MUST be of that one Order of Melchizedek. Why? No other priesthood can bring the church to perfection! Are there other "priests?" Yes! But not valid or authorized priests. These are counterfeit priests. It is for that reason that the Five Fold Ministries must FIRST become priests after the Order of Melchizedek. Why? So they can bring the church to perfection!

Since we have one King / Priest in Heaven and one King / Priest on earth and both are after the Order of Melchizedek, THE CHURCH HE IS BUILDING **WILL COME TO PERFECTION**. Since the Church He is Building is submitted to and obey two King / Priests, the Kingdom (the Kingdom of Christ) to which they belong and obey, can be

effective in ruling over and causing their enemies to cease their activities "in the church."

Obedying TWO KINGS and their Kingdom Government may seem too restrictive but remember that God is Building a Church that will rule over the works of His hands and the World yet to Come.

Remember that Jesus must Rule UNTIL EVERY ENEMY is put under His Feet! If Jesus is going to rule THROUGH HIS BODY, the Body must be experientially under the Kingdom Authority and in obedience to the Authority of the Kingdom. Only then will the "CHURCH" manifest Kingdom Authority.

The final battle with God's enemies is seen in Revelation 19 when Jesus returns with His Bride (the Perfected Church) for the final battle of the church age!

Just because a "minister" is given a title and position by his peers does not mean he has ANY Power or Kingdom authority. To establish His Kingdom Government and to reverse this man centered concept "of church entitlements" will be a difficult task in the visible church!

Therefore, we can be confident that the Head, the King / Priest, over the Church He is Building, will enforce His Authority, by a rod of Iron! His Kingdom authority will prevail and ALL lawlessness will be summarily dealt with and those rebellious persons will be vomited out of His Body!

But what has this to do with the Book of Hebrews? This Book of Hebrews is the only Book of the New Covenant that reveals Jesus as our Eternal High Priest who is also the Eternal King, who sits at the Right hand of God, and functions after the Order of Melchizedek. Since this is a key understanding it must be clearly taught to the Kingdom Church.

All this may be irrelevant to the visible church who's goal is to go to heaven (just get in the first gate; New Earth) when they die! That IS NOT the calling for the Church He is Building. However, this must soon be made clear to the visible church or they will drift away from most Christian Reality.

"Thou are a Priest FOREVER according to the Order of Melchizedek" was prophetic and is an announcement of Christ Jesus as our Great High Priest, Who is King / Priest, taken from among men, who is the mediator of the New Covenant that is built upon better promises! It is the Book of Hebrews that brings the first five Books of Moses into the Church Age and explains, openly, their reality. Since both Jews and Gentiles are to be gathered together as one New Man, the five / seven Severe Warnings are intended for the church, in every age. The Six warnings in Revelation are also for the church in every age! Why? He is our Great High Priest / King in every age since Calvary and will hold His Priesthood FOREVER!

Hopefully, in the next document we can open up some measure of truth from the Book of Hebrews that will help us see the pattern for the restoration of the visible church to fulfill the Purpose of God, the MOST HIGH!