

**The Guarantor of a Better Covenant**  
Hope Chapel Honolulu  
Hebrews 7:11-28

<sup>17</sup> For it is witnessed of him, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” <sup>18</sup> For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness <sup>19</sup> (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God. <sup>20</sup> And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, <sup>21</sup> but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: “The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, ‘You are a priest forever.’” <sup>22</sup> This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. (Hebrews 7:17-22, ESV)

**Introduction**

For the original Hebrew audience, these words--“Jesus (is) the guarantor of a better covenant” (v.22)—were far more significant than it is to most of us modern-day Gentiles. But if we were to consider the various covenant and promises made and renewed through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David and the prophets through the forty-two (42!) generations between Abraham and Christ (see Matthew 1:17) we might have a better idea of what this meant to them and means for all who obey.

**1. Christ came to fulfill the law and the love of God. (Hebrews 7:11-14)**

- a) The Levitical sacrifices and offerings were only temporary and for atonement.
- b) The Levitical sacrifices and offerings did not perfect the consciences of worshipers.

**2. Jesus is the guarantor of a better covenant. (Hebrews 7:15-22)**

- a) The legal requirements and limitations of the Aaronic priesthood.
- b) While the priesthood of Aaron and Levi served a purpose, God desired more for us.

**3. Christ always lives to make intercession for us. (Hebrews 7:23-28)**

- a) The former covenant could not provide anyone with a lasting relationship with God.
- b) Because Christ’s priesthood is eternal, so is the relationship He provides with God.

**Conclusion**

Who and what is your confidence in God’s love, forgiveness and salvation based upon? Your performance or worthiness, something you can do or have done, something or someone you know or think you can rely upon to change the fact that you, too, need Christ? Christ is the guarantor of a better covenant because we need a better covenant than one that just covers our failures and weaknesses from others for a day or week or two, but which grants to us Christ’s righteousness!

**For our prayerful study, discovery and application:**

1. What do the Word and Spirit of God mean by “Christ is the guarantor of a better covenant”?
2. What are some reasons the eternal nature of Christ’s priesthood is significant to you and I?
3. What did the Word and Spirit of God remind you of or teach you anew about Christ today?

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