

HE ALWAYS LIVES

Part 2 of THE DEATH OF DEATH. Hebrews 7:23-25.
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WHAT JESUS CAN DO FOR YOU

HEBREWS 7:23-25

Context

The priesthood system that does not work: 23 The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office,

The priesthood system that does work: 24 but he (Jesus) holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. 25 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.

THE PERMANENCE OF OUR INTERCESSOR

1. The Resurrection of Jesus

Hebrews 7:25 (ESV) ... he always lives ...

Hebrews 7:24 (ESV) ... he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.

2. The Resurrection of Jesus Is the Central Claim of Christianity

The first disciples affirmed it: Luke 24:33-34 (ESV) Those who were with them gathered together, 34 saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"

The apostle Peter preached it: Acts 2:32-33 (ESV) This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. 33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God ...

The apostle Paul defended it: 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (ESV) For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, ... 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all ... he appeared also to me.

The greatness of Jesus our intercessor is this: He is alive forever so his intercession never ends.

THE WORK OF OUR INTERCESSOR

1. Jesus Intercedes for Us

Hebrews 7:24 (ESV) ... he (Jesus) holds his priesthood

Hebrews 7:25 (ESV) ... he always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 9:24 (ESV) For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

2. How Jesus Intercedes for Us

By his incarnation, he brought God to us: Hebrews 2:14a, 17 (ESV) Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, ... Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

By his crucifixion, he brought us to God: Hebrews 10:19, 21-22a (ESV) 19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near ...

By his resurrection and ascension, he keeps God and us together: Hebrews 8:1-2 (ESV) ... we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, 2 a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man.

Jesus is the God-man in heaven, standing in the gap for God and man.

THE SUCCESS OF OUR INTERCESSOR

1. His Intercession Saves Us

Hebrews 7:25 (ESV) ... able to save ...

The basic meaning of save/salvation is deliverance or rescue.

Jesus saves us from the penalty of sin, which is God's wrath, condemnation: John 3:17 (ESV) God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

1 Thessalonians 5:9 (ESV) For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

Jesus saves us from the power of sin, which is spiritual death: Ephesians 2:4-6 (ESV) God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus ...

Jesus will save us from the presence of sin, which is life as we know it: Revelation 22:14-15 (ESV) Blessed are those who wash their robes (in the sin cleansing blood of Jesus - Revelation 7:14-17), so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city (heaven on earth - Revelation 21:1-8) by the gates. 15 Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

2. His Intercession Saves Us Completely

Hebrews 7:25 (ESV) ... able to save to the uttermost.

Completely:

Forever:

Jesus lives forever so that his intercession goes on forever so that his salvation lasts forever.

CONCLUSION: TRUST IN JESUS NOW!