

Hebrews 7:20-25 (2)

Introduction

There are two great issues in life. The first is sin. The second great issue of life is the problem of our weakness and inward corruption. This is the backdrop to this text.

Summary

In Hebrews 7:20-25, the author shows that in contrast with every salvation that this world has to offer, Jesus Christ is able to deal with both our outward sins and our inward condition and hence He “is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him.”

1. Effective Guarantee & Able Savior Revisited vv. 20-25

The author declares the total sufficiency of Christ’s salvation by noting that the permanence of Jesus’ priestly ministry guarantees the believer’s relationship to God (**Psalm 110:4; Heb 7:20–22**).

As long as He lives, and He lives forever, He will always guarantee our relationship with God (**Heb. 7:23–24**).

2. Living Intercessor vs. 25

Whilst we are utterly unable to save ourselves, “he [Jesus] is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him” (**Heb. 7:25**).

We need our guilt removed, and this is permanently accomplished by Jesus’ intercession (**1 John 2:1-2; Rom 8:34; Rom. 8:1**).

This truth is of great spiritual value.

Christians often try to deal with guilt by doing things on our level, by confessing or fasting or praying or doing good works.

Believers are in relationship with Christ, and He wants them to come to Him mourning their sin but their confession cannot actually remove their sin.

What removes sin is not something sinners do but what Christ did once for all on the cross, an all-sufficient redemption that now is on display in heaven and will be forever.

Christ’s wounds effectually intercede for believers day and night, every day of every year, without end forever.

The answer to the guilt of sin for believers is Jesus Christ, who died to take their punishment and now lives to intercede for them.

The intercession of Jesus Christ is equally effective in dealing with the other great problem believers face, their terrible weakness.

It was Christ's intercession that upheld the faith of Simon Peter when he denied the Lord three times.

Luke 22:31–32 “Simon, Simon, “Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail.”

As Jesus prayed for the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane, surely he prays now for believers today at the right hand of God: “Holy Father, keep them in your name” (**John 17:11**).

Many Christians also struggle with prayer because they are spiritually weak.

Here, too, Jesus intercedes on their behalf, sending the Spirit to their aid.

Rom. 8:26 “The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words”.

Therefore believers can have confidence in prayer despite their weakness.

3. Living Savior

Christianity is radically different from every other religion and every other solution to life in this world. All the other philosophies or religions rely on the performance, the work, or the power of man.

Whether the hope is education or social action, New Age mysticism or some other solution, salvation depends on what you do and how well you do it.

The answer is found in having the right technique or desire.

What sets Christianity apart is a living Savior, who not only puts away the believer's sin forever but also sends them power from heaven.

What matters most for Christians, therefore, is not what they do, not any spiritual power they are supposedly creating, but rather the wholly effective and powerful ministry of Jesus Christ, who lives and ministers forever as their great high priest.

If you will believe that because Jesus lives you have everything you need not only to remain in the faith but to bear abundant fruit, it will change your entire life.

You will be freed from the bondage of performance religion.

You will have the peace that comes from laying your burden on Christ, trusting Him to give you power for newness of life.

Believing this will give you a new fervor in prayer, because you will know you are praying to a living Lord, who is ministering now for you in heaven.