

Sermon Notes

Easter 2016

He Stood In and Remains a Stand In for Us

I. Introduction

- A. We can learn a lot about an individual by comparing him or her to another person.
 - 1. Examples: positive & negative.
- B. The Hebrews' writer used comparison to build his case for the supremacy of Christ.
 - 1. Greater than angels – Heb. 1:6-8, 13
 - 2. Greater than Moses – Heb. 3:3-6
 - 3. Greater than Aaron – Heb. 5:1-5
 - 4. Greater than all of these men, but then he highlights an individual who actually is like Christ – Melchizedek.
- C. Today's text: Hebrews 7:1-28

II. Expository notes

- A. Who is this guy?
 - 1. His life account is quite brief – Genesis 14:18-20
 - 2. Who is he?
 - a. Shem?
 - b. Pre-incarnation of Christ
 - 1. Does not seem consistent with Hebrews 7:3.
 - c. A real man with an extraordinary ministry and no details on his heritage.
 - 3. Particulars about Melchizedek.
 - a. King of righteousness, Heb. 7:2
 - b. Priest of the Most High, Heb. 7:1
 - c. No genealogy.
 - d. King of Peace.
 - 1. Kingly and priestly office joined??
 - e. Also greater than Abraham.
 - 4. The Hebrews selection of Melchizedek as a type for Christ fits first century thought about the Messianic hope.
 - a. There is a basis for a Messiah being fathered by God.
 - b. That the Messiah will host a kingly banquet.
 - c. That the Messiah will offer forgiveness of sins.
 - d. That the Messiah is to defeat Satan.
 - e. That the Messiah will be raised to the right hand of God.

- f. That the Messiah's priesthood will never come to an end.
- g. That those predestined to life will be saved.

B. Today's focus is upon Jesus as priest.

- 1. Two objectives for priests.
 - a. Rendering of Satisfaction.
 - b. Making Intervention.
- 2. Today we want to focus upon His intercession.

C. The necessity of the priestly office.

- 1. Adam
- 2. Abel
- 3. Noah
- 4. Aaron

D. Old Testament priests were meant to foreshadow Christ.

- 1. Hebrews 9:24; 10:1,4,11

E. The earthly type is now fulfilled in Christ.

- 1. Hebrews 2:17
- 2. The incarnation – 3:1
- 3. Aaron could not do what Christ did – 4:14
- 4. No sin offering for Himself – 7:26-27
- 5. Hebrews 9:26
- 6. Finished work – 10:11-12

F. Because of the above He now intercedes.

- 1. Hebrews 7:25
- 2. Harks back to the Day of Atonement
- 3. His intercession is done in three ways.
 - a. Personally – Hebrews 1:5, 8-9
 - b. Advocates on the basis of the Law – John 17:15
 - c. He intercedes perpetually
 - 1. This is his vocation.
 - 2. Note Peter's denial foretold – Luke 22:31-33

III. Final Thoughts

A. He always makes intercession.

- 1. It is the A_____ but also the E_____.
- 2. He is the Supreme Advocate
 - a. The PARAKLETON – mostly used of the Holy Spirit (John 14:16, 21; 15:26; 16:7)
 - b. Only one reference to Christ – I John 2:1

B. Closing Illustration