Hebrews 7:11-28

Review...

- As the author continues to show Jesus is BETTER than EVERYONE and EVERYTHING...
 - o BETTER than the Prophets at giving us the Word of God...
 - o BETTER than the Angels He is the eternal creator who will rule over all...
 - o BETTER than the servant Moses as Jesus is the BUILDER and the Son...
 - o BETTER Rest because ONLY in Jesus can we have victory of sin!
 - o BETTER High Priest who allows us to come BOLDLY into the Throne Room of Grace!
- After the order of Melchizedek...
 - o King of Righteousness / who was the King of Salem King of Peace...
 - o Priest of the God Most High He was BOTH King and Priest He is all that we NEED!
 - o Abraham gave him TENTH of all he had he gave his TITHE...
 - o Because Abraham knew that this was a greater man than he was the greater blesses the lesser!
 - o Levi in Abraham also gave TITHES to Melchizedek who represented a BETTER Priesthood!

A BETTER PRIESTHOOD... (3 POINTS)

- 1^{ST} New priesthood... vs. 11-14
 - o 1st Change in PRIEST... vs. 11
 - Therefore if PERFECTION had come through the Levitical PRIESTHOOD...
 - PRIESTHOOD 4x in NT only used here in this passage!
 - Having established Jesus is a BETTER Priest Hebrews 4:14-6:20
 - The Author is now going one step further Jesus replaced the old PRIESTHOOD of Aaron...
 - This would have been an inflammatory statement for the Jews...
 - This was challenging their RELIGION and they were not eager to CHANGE!
 - What further NEED was there that ANOTHER priest should rise...
 - The Levitical PRIESTHOOD could not bring about PERFECTION [τελείωσις] ...
 - Because the sacrifices of the Old Testament could only COVER sin Hebrews 10:4
 - The sacrifices reminded men or the penalty for sin DEATH Romans 6:23
 - But they could do NOTHING to change the heart of the SINNER!
 - Therefore there was a NEED for a CHANGE a PRIESTHOOD not after Aaron...
 - Instead a PRIESTHOOD after the order of Melchizedek!
 - o 2^{nd} Change in LAW... vs. 12
 - [Out] of necessity there is also a CHANGE of the LAW...
 - CHANGE 3x in NT to transpose or exchange one thing for another...
 - ullet LAW there is no *the* before the word LAW in the original language...
 - Meaning we are NOT talking about the LAW of Moses the LAW cannot change!
 - **Matthew 5:18** "Till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from THE law till all is fulfilled."
 - LAW refers to TRADITIONS RELIGION...
 - We live in a country where many are hardened towards the Gospel...
 - Because they have been indoctrinated in a lifetime of TRADITIONS...
 - And they are proud and think RELIGION is enough to get them into heaven...
 - Religion that just becomes an excuse to JUSTIFY sin and disobey God...
 - I can do what I want from Monday Saturday / so long as I go to church on Sunday...
 - Yet all RELIGION does is make us a HYPOCRITE put on a mask one day a week...
 - It is time for a CHANGE throw RELIGION out the window and come to Jesus!

- o 3^{rd} Change in TRIBE... vs. 13-14
 - [Jesus] belongs to another TRIBE...
 - It is evident [known to all] our Lord arose from Judah Revelation 5:5
 - Which TRIBE Moses spoke nothing concerning the PRIESTHOOD!
 - Every Priest had to come from the TRIBE of Levi though not every Levite was a Priest...
 - When Israel rebelled Golden Calf all of Levi stood with the Lord Exodus 32:26
 - As a result God chose the Tribe of Levi to serve Him Numbers 18:2
 - But ONLY the sons of Aaron were able to serve as Priests Numbers 18:1
 - Judah was the TRIBE of the Kings...
 - God promised King David his throne would be FOREVER II Samuel 7:16
 - David was from the TRIBE of Judah so every king after had to be from that TRIBE...
 - Including Jesus who was from the line of King David **Matthew 1:17**
 - Since the TRIBE of Levi was NOT working it was time for a CHANGE!
 - Nobody likes CHANGE we get comfortable in our routine...
 - But the definition of insanity is doing the same thing but expecting different results!
 - If something is not working then it is time to try something NEW!
- 2ND Better Priesthood... vs. 15-25
 - o 1st Better PRIEST... vs. 15-17
 - It is far more EVIDENT there arises ANOTHER priest...
 - As EVIDENT as it was that Jesus came from the TRIBE of Judah as KING...
 - It is far more [abundantly] EVIDENT [only here NT] crystal clear...
 - ANOTHER priest [ἕτερος] NOT the same another of a DIFFERENT kind!
 - Jesus did not come after the same ORDER as the priests before Him...
 - Who met the requirement [fleshly commandment] of belonging to the TRIBE of Levi...
 - Instead Jesus came in the POWER of and ENDLESS life...
 - ENDLESS [only here NT] a life that cannot be destroyed never dies!
 - You are a priest FOREVER according to the order of Melchizedek **Psalm 110:4**
 - The problem was the sons of Aaron all died and needed to be replaced...
 - God gave us a BETTER priesthood one who lives forever never changes!
 - **Hebrews 13:8** "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."
 - o 2nd Better HOPE... vs. 18-19
 - On the one hand there is the ANNULLING of the former command...
 - ANNULLING [ἀθέτησις] 2x in NT to ABOLISH or to put away...
 - Because of WEAKNESS and UNPROFITABLENESS for THE LAW made nothing perfect!
 - The old PRIESTHOOD and the LAWS relating to it had no POWER!
 - Romans 3:20 "No one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are." [NLT]
 - It only takes one SIN to keep us out of heaven James 2:10
 - The problem is how do we know WHEN we SIN against God...
 - To show us God gave us His perfect Law Romans 7:12
 - The problem is we are NOT perfect we are in bondage to SIN Romans 7:14
 - Therefore the Law does not keep us from sin is just shows we are sinners!
 - Have you ever seen a sign that says WET PAINT and felt the need to touch it...
 - The Law stirs up the DESIRE for sin sin that leads to judgment / death!
 - **Romans 7:7 –** "I would not have known sin except through the law."
 - The LAW is meant to be our TEACHER that points us to Jesus!
 - **Galatians 3:24** "The law was our tutor to bring us to Christ..."
 - On the other hand a better HOPE through which we draw near to God…

- What is our better HOPE the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ...
- **Hebrews 9:26** "[Jesus] has appeared to PUT AWAY sin by the sacrifice of Himself."
- Jesus PUT AWAY [ἀθέτησις] our sin cast it as far as east is from west Psalm 110:12
- There are ONLY two places we can look to for HOPE in life...
- We can HOPE in OUR strength look to RULES we can follow...
- The Law of God with its commands that can never CHANGE our hearts...
- The Law that has the power to PROVE we are a sinner but only brings death!
- Or we can HOPE in Jesus His GRACE that allows us to draw near to God!
- **II Corinthians 3:6** "[God] made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."
- o 3rd Better PROMISE... vs. 20-22
 - The Old Testament priests inherited their positions sons of Aaron...
 - Jesus was made a priest with an OATH 4x in NT (all here) swearing to keep a PROMISE...
 - **Psalm 110:4** "The LORD has sworn and will not relent, 'You are a priest forever..."
 - Therefore Jesus has become the guarantee of a BETTER covenant...
 - We have already seen Jesus is BETTER than Prophets/ Angels / Moses / Rest / Priests...
 - Not only is He a BETTER Hope is also a BETTER Covenant!
 - **Hebrews 8:6** "[Jesus] is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises."
- o 4th Better RESULTS... vs. 23-25
 - There were many [Old Testament] priests...
 - Because they were prevented by death from continuing [as priests] ...
 - The priest in the Old Testament might have wanted to HELP...
 - But they were temporary they could only HELP as long as they lived!
 - [Jesus] continues FOREVER has an unchangeable PRIESTHOOD!
 - Therefore [Jesus] is able to SAVE to the UTTERMOST...
 - UTTERMOST [π αντελής] all the way to the END!
 - As a RESULT He LIVES to make constant INTERCESSION [present] for us!
 - INTERCESSION Jesus is always coming to our defense **Romans 8:34**
 - Satan is our adversary like a roaring lion he seeks to devour us I Peter 5:8
 - Picture a courtroom we are on trial for our sins God is the judge...
 - Satan is accusing us wants to see us condemned to hell **Revelation 12:10**
 - He has all the evidence he needs all our sins long list of failures...
 - But Jesus INTERCEDES every time comes to our DEFENSE He points out a simple fact...
 - All our sins were paid for in full on the cross we are found NOT guilty!
- 3RD Perfect Priesthood... vs. 26-28
 - o Such a High Priest was FITTING for us...
 - FITTING [imperfect] Jesus came to earth to be us what we NEEDED...
 - **Hebrews 7:6** "He [was] the kind of high priest we NEED..." [NLT]
 - We will conclude by looking at SEVEN ways Jesus is EXACTLY the High Priest we NEEDED!
 - o 1^{st} Jesus was HOLY... vs. 26
 - HOLY $[\~o\sigma\iota o\varsigma]$ to be HOLY / SET APART for God!
 - Jesus was HOLY in everything He said and did as an EXAMPLE for us to follow!
 - John 13:15 "I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."
 - We can be set apart for God in ALL of our conduct in everything we do...
 - As we follow the EXAMPLE of Jesus being set apart not living for this world...
 - The NT word for church ekklesia means to be CALLED OUT of the world!

- o 2nd Jesus was HARMLESS... vs. 26
 - HARMLESS 2x in NT [ἄκακος] the opposite of being HARMFUL [κακος] ...
 - Jesus will come TWICE the first time He came HARMLESS to defeat sin...
 - The second time he will come in VENGEANCE to judge the nations John 5:22
 - We are told Philippians 2:10 that every knee SHOULD bow to Jesus for salvation...
 - But we are also told Romans 14:11 every knew WILL bow to Jesus in judgment...
 - There are only two kinds of people when it comes to God...
 - Sinners who have seen their NEED for a Savior and bow their knee to HARMLESS Lord...
 - Or sinners who reject Jesus and will one day bow their knee to a VENGEFUL God!
- o 3rd Jesus was UNDEFILED... vs. 26
 - UNDEFILED [ἀμίαντος] the opposite of being stained / polluted by sin...
 - Jesus was NOT stained by selfishness He took the time to care for the needs of others...
 - He did not pass by the poor or sick He was UNDEFILED in His religion!
 - **James 1:27** "Pure and undefiled [ἀ μ ίαντος] religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows..."
 - I can tell you I am a Christian but what kind of EXAMPLE comes from my life...
 - It is easy to say we are UNDEFILED but the proof is in our actions LOVE...
 - If we say we are Christians but only think about ourselves we are DEFILED...
 - The number one MARK of someone who is following the EXAMPLE of Jesus LOVE for others!
 - **John 13:35** "All will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
- o 4th Jesus was SEPARATE... vs. 26
 - SEPARATE to depart to go away put space between…
 - The word is commonly used to describe DIVORCE Matthew 19:6 / I Corinthians 7:10
 - Jesus was SEPARATE from the world He never sinned Hebrews 4:15
 - We must be careful NOT to invest our hearts into friends / family who live in SIN...
 - Do not seek their counsel or advice they are not going to point us to the Word!
 - We must DIVORCE ourselves from the world put space between us and their example...
 - Because people will either draw you closer to or father away from Jesus!
 - I Corinthians 15:33 "...bad company corrupts good character."
- o 5th Jesus is HIGHER... vs. 26
 - Jesus has become [aorist] HIGHER than the Heavens...
 - Speaking of the ASCENSION of Jesus after his resurrection Acts 1:9
 - **Ephesians 4:10** "The One who ascended far above all the heavens..."
 - Jesus is in Heaven He sits at the right had of the Father Hebrews 1:3
 - That makes him uniquely qualified to be able to tell others how to get to heaven!
 - People have LOTS of ideas on how to get to heaven but they have never been...
 - It seems wiser to listen to the only one who is there Jesus!
- o 6th Jesus was our SACRIFICE... vs. 27
 - The High Priest in the Old Testament had to DAILY offer FIRST for their own sins...
 - Then they could DAILY offer sacrifices for the sins of the people...
 - In CONTRAST Jesus is perfect and did not have to offer sacrifices for Himself...
 - He OFFERED UP Himself [active] ONCE and for all and He died for the sins of ALL men!
 - OFFERED UP to put something on the ALTAR...
 - $\bullet \;\;$ Jesus CHOSE to give His life as a sacrifice so that we COULD be forgiven...
 - Our part is now to CHOSE to OFFER UP our life as a sacrifice to Him...
 - **Romans 12:1** "Give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable." [NLT]
 - We are not our own we have been bought with the highest price I Corinthians 6:20

- Therefore we should glorify God with our body and mind which are His!
- o 7th Jesus is PERFECT... vs. 28
 - THE Law [ὁ νόμος] of Moses appointed priests out of men who had WEAKNESS...
 - WEAKNESS to be weak in body or weak in SOUL...
 - The idea is the LAW made men who were sinners as mediators between God and man...
 - Therefore they were IMPERFECT flawed and temporary!
 - The OLD PRIESTHOOD did NOT work because it was filled with FLAWED men...
 - That is why God gave us a BETTER P PRIESTHOOD in Jesus Christ!
 - The WORD [ὁ λόγος] Jesus of the OATH [promise] which came AFTER the LAW…
 - Was [appointed is in italics] the SON who is PERFECT [perfect] FOREVER...
 - Do not miss this Jesus is THE WORD He is the PROMISE He is PERFECT...
 - That makes Him the PRIEST of a perfect PRIESTHOOD able to bring us to God!
 - Jesus is a BETTER PRIEST who gives us a BETTER HOPE built on BETTER PROMISES...
 - With BETTER RESULTS because Jesus is EVERYTHING we NEED!
 - ALL we NEED in this life and the next is simply Jesus!
 - **Philippians 4:19** "God shall supply all your need [singular] according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."