Louis Talbot:

And thank you Mr. Announcer and good morning my radio friends and friends of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. This is Louis T. Talbot speaking and I greet you as I always do in the wonderful name of our wonderful Lord. Now I just want to say another word in regard to the Sunday afternoon service. Just please set this aside for the Bible Institute rally because it is going to be indeed the most remarkable of all the rallies that we have ever had, Sunday afternoon at 2:30. We are going to have with us Miss Rachel Saint, the sister of Nate Saint, One of the five young men martyred by the Auca Indians of South America. She will be here in person and with her she is going to have an Auca Indian girl and her name is Dayuma. Do you know that she is the only one of the tribe, their tribe that has been brought to civilization? She ran away from her people in fear for her life and she made her way out of the jungles of that part of South America to Rachel Saint who in turn led her to Christ. Dayuma is now teaching Miss Saint the Auca language. Dayuma will be giving a testimony and Miss Saint will interpret. you know that Dayuma, this Auca girl is the first fruits of a great harvest I believe that's going to come as a result of the death of those young men because, you know, that the centuries have proved that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church. The story of those five martyrs is the most widely publicized missionary story in 100 years. And you know that those five young men were connected with the Wycliffe translators and that is a missionary organization that is doing as fine a piece of missionary work as any mission that I know anything about. And so you just put on
your calendar, Sunday afternoon in the auditorium of the Church of the Open Door. The service will begin at 2:30 and your better plan come a little early because I wouldn't be surprised if we have about 4000 people present. And by the way, I want you to be sure and tune in on Friday morning of this week because there is a great possibility that I'll have Miss Saint and Dayuma in the studio for an interview. They will be here in person and so you'll be able to hear their voices even though you won't see them until Sunday afternoon.

Here is just another word, you know that this is the first of another month and you know that we must meet our obligations. And when you tithe your income I trust my dear friends that after you have given to your own church that you will remember the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. I was thinking as I sat in the audience last night and looked at the graduates, what a tragedy it would be if a school like the Bible Institute of Los Angeles ceased to exist. I do not believe that that will ever be but this school is maintained and continued with gifts from generous hearts of God's people. And our address is simply the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Los Angeles 17, California. That's all the address that you need to put up on your envelope.

Now your Bibles are open please to Hebrews chapter 7 and we're going to definitely finish the study of Chapter 7 this morning. You know yesterday I pointed out that in the book of Hebrews Chapters 1-7 we have portrayed the glories of the person of Christ, who he is. Then in chapters 8-10 you have the glories of his work, the work that he accomplished on Calvary. And my dear friends, his person comes first because the value of his work depends upon who he is. Now yesterday we were considering that 25th verse of this 7th Chapter. I want you to look at it again, that 25th verse, "he is able to save to the uttermost those who come unto God by him. You know my friends; I've been endeavoring to get over to you something about your acceptance with the father when you come unto God by him. Do you know that your acceptance is just as
full and just as complete with God as was the acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ with the father when he ascended after his death and resurrection? My friends if you can get into your heart and mind just how full and how complete is your acceptance with the father when you come to God by him then you will know rest and peace and confidence as you think of eternal things.

My friends has it ever dawned upon you that we are accepted in Christ with the same acceptance as he has? You know it's a wonderful thing to think that God is going to accept you as in Christ with just the same acceptance as he has. It’s a wonderful thing to think that God is going to accept us with just the same love and in just the same way as he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ when He ascended after his death and resurrection. But you might say to me, "But Brother Talbot you don't know just what a vile sinner I have been." well my dear friends that doesn't matter one whit. It doesn't matter what you have been, it matters what he is, what the Lord Jesus is. You are not accepted for what you are. Your Christian life may be a succession of failures and it probably is if it is anything like my life but your acceptance is in the beloved and you are accepted when you come unto God by him and you remember that in the first chapter of Ephesians we are told that we are accepted in the beloved. My friends have you ever tried just think, to imagine the acceptance and the welcome that Christ received of the father when he ascended after thirty three and a half years of battle and bloody sweat ending in the ignominious death of the cross? Have you ever thought of the acceptance that he received of the father when he ascended through the heavens into heaven itself? My friends what a welcome and what an acceptance the father must have given him. But Brother, Sister, I want you to get this over the father is going to give to you and to me the same acceptance and the very same degree of acceptance.
Do you remember that poem that I read to you on several occasions? I quoted it over the radio. I told you it was written by a German author some two or three hundred years ago and that it is the finest thing that I have ever read of its kind on this matter of acceptance. It portrays the ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ and the welcome that the father gave him and the poem combines our coming and our welcome with the coming and the welcome of the Lord Jesus Christ when He ascended into the presence of God. You know that I do not know any poem that is just like it. I have read it to you before but I want to read it to you again. It is entitled, "His Acceptance, Our Acceptance". And this is how it reads,

One with Christ—within the golden city  
    Welcomed long ago,  
When for me he passed within the glory  
    From the depths below.  
Still the gladness of that blessed welcome,  
    mystery of that kiss,  
Meeting of the Son and of the Father,  
    Floods my soul with bliss.  
That sweet welcome mine—and mine forever  
    That eternal home,  
Whereunto when all these wanderings over,  
    I shall surely come—  
There my heart is resting, and is joyful,  
    With a joy untold—  
Earth's dark ways lit up with that fair glory,  
    Gleam as streets of gold.  
God my father, waiteth there to greet me,  
    Child of his delight;  
In the well-beloved Son presented  
    Faultless in His sight.  
Love with all the love that fills the heavens  
    With eternal song—  
Weep not, weary heart—how short the sorrow,  
    And the love how long!

My friends let me say that that is the greatest poem on this matter of acceptance in Christ that I have ever read. The welcome that he received when he went back after his resurrection is the welcome my dear friends that you are going to receive because you come to God by him.
Alright now let us look at verses, let me see; let us look at verse 26 now. The Apostle Paul goes on for such a high priest because he is talking about the Lord Jesus, "For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens". My my but what a verse that is and how much there is in it. The Apostle says in that verse 26, "For such a high priest became us". Now by those two words, "became us", is meant that he is just that kind of representative before God that you and I need. You, my dear friends, and I need a high priest that can go to the uttermost in mercy. We need a high priest who can go to the uttermost in eternity. We are just here for a time. We are just here in this world, creatures of a moment and then we pass on. But my dear friends, you and I are not going to die. We may go and be with the Lord but you know that that is not dying.

Just a few days ago I conducted a funeral service for a dear child of God whom I had known for many years during my pastorate at the Church of the Open Door. I went out to see her when she was dying and she just wanted to go home and be with the Lord. And you know that Monday, that is shortly after I had been there, she just closed her eyes and turned over and she went home. You know so many are passing on these days. There is nothing here, my dear friends, in this world that lasts. What we need is a high priest who can deal with us about eternal things. You know we are passing on out of this world where everything is transient. Do you know that everything in this world, my dear friends, is transient? And they are just mere shadows before our eyes. Even great governments and empires they rise and they fall and mighty kingdoms and empires that have been built by world rulers, they just last for a little while and then they go back into the common dust. A little while ago I was in Egypt and I was looking at the pyramids and I thought of the great Ramses that built them. There he is in a coffin there, just a withered up old Mummy. And you know that that is true my dear friends of all kings and all
crowns and all empires? They all pass and everything in this city of Los Angeles has the stamp of Oblivion upon it.

But we want somebody who is Eternal. We want somebody my dear friends who can deal with us in regard to eternal things. Look at that verse 26, “for such a high priest became us, who is holy”. You know we believe in one, we have a high priest who has no sin, one who is infinitely holy. And you know that you and I need that kind of a high priest. Why? Because our high priest must take us, He is going to take us to God and God is infinitely holy. If we're going to be taken to God we must find the High Priest who is holy himself. My dear friends, how can a man, no matter what he calls himself, no matter what ecclesiastical title he has, how in the world can a man, if he is a sinner, take you to a holy God? Why, that was the trouble with these Hebrews to whom Paul was writing. That is, that they were looking to Aaron, and they were looking to Aaron's successes, but even Aaron himself and he was the best of all of the high priests, He was a sinner. He was the one who led the children of Israel into idolatry. But the apostle Paul is putting before these Hebrews, and my friends this book has come down to this 1957, in order that you may read it and that I may read it, that we may come to know what kind of a high priest We have. Now we have a high priest who is eternal. We have a High Priest who is holy. And because he is holy he can take you to a holy God. You haven't got a priest like that, my dear friend, and then he can never take you into the presence of a holy God.

Now look at that verse 26 again, "for such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless". Now what is the meaning of that word harmless? My dear friends it's a word that is translated in other places Simple. That is, it means one who is so pure that you can see right through him. That word harmless may be translated Transparent. And I want to tell you my dear friends that there is no man in this world who would look good if he were transparent. No man is
of that character but the Lord Jesus is. You know that after two thousand years of searching through the life and the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, searching through his acts and life, the skeptical masterminds of this world have to admit that no word that he ever acted on no act that he ever performed was wrong. Do you know my friends that there is no life that has been so scrutinized as the life of the Lord Jesus Christ and he stands out alone? He was not only eternal, and not only holy, but he was also harmless. That is, is he was transparent. And brother, sister of mine, you need not be afraid to trust him with your eternal destiny.

Now just a word in closing in regard to the closing verses of Chapter 7 because we must complete this chapter 7 this morning. I want you to read verse 26 now. Let us read this whole thing, this is verse 26 "for such a high priest became us", that is he is just the kind of a priest that we need, “who is holy, transparent”, that is harmless, "undefiled, separate from sinners". Now that does not mean that he has nothing to do with sinners. You know that when he was upon this earth he ate with sinners but he was separate from sinners in that, that while he lived among them and he came into the world to save them he was not one of them. He was not a sinner. Now look at that last verse, "and made higher than the heavens". My friends I want to ask you how high do you think is that? This great high priest of ours, the Lord Jesus, He was made higher than the heavens. How high is that? We learn from the New Testament that there is a third heaven. There is the heaven where the birds fly, and then there is the starry universe, and how big the starry universe is, No astronomer knows. You know some little time ago I was in the planetarium up here on the hills of Hollywood and you know that I saw a photograph that had been taken through the eye of a powerful telescope and there was a cluster of stars. And then under the photograph of this cluster of stars there was a statement made that just made my eyes blink and put my mind in a whirl. The statement was this: that the light from those stars that were
photographed requires six hundred million light years to reach this earth. Now you might be able to figure that out but my dear friends, I can't. The light from that cluster of stars is so far away that it takes six hundred million light years to reach this earth. Oh the magnitude of this universe. But my dear friend that is only the second heaven. There is the third heaven that is above the starry universe and that is the place where God is and where there are many mansions and where many of the Lord's people are today having a wonderful time with the Lord. Do you remember how that when Solomon built the temple and the dedication took place that he said in 1 Kings chapter 8 verse 27 He said, "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee". Heaven of the heavens cannot contain him.

My friend listen, Christ has been placed above the highest heaven and that's where you're going to be one of these days. You're going to be higher than the heavens because you're with him. My friends what a wonderful thing it will be for us to be with him. You know that in preaching prophecy I always tell you what the word of God says about the Jew inheriting the world, how did God promise this world to the Jew to rule over it and how that he gave Palestine to be the governmental center of the earth, and that the throne of David is going to be established and from the throne of David government is going to go over this world. Now when I talk along that line don't you become jealous of the Jews, my dear friends, and what God has promised to the Jew because you know that in the Word of God you find that as members of the body of Christ that we are being promised something infinitely higher than anything that he has ever offered to the nation of Israel. We are linked with him who is higher than the heavens. Don't you Covet, my dear friend, what Israel has. You know that there is a system of religious teaching that teaches that England and America are the lost ten tribes of Israel. Well, they are lost Alright; there is no doubt about that. But my dear friends, that there is no truth in the teaching that
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England and America are the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel. You and I are members of the body of Christ and in Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile, barbarian, [inaudible], bond or free”. Don’t you covet what Israel has. God has promised you, my dear friends, shows forth the exceeding riches of His grace. I wonder if I've got time to read verses 27 and 28, "Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore."