

Hebrews 7 pt. 2

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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 welcoming you to the beginning of another week of Bible study and I do so in the wonderful name of our wonderful Lord. You know I want you please to open your Bibles to Hebrews chapter 7. I pointed down to you in form of studies that in this Epistle the apostle Paul is writing to Hebrews and some of the Hebrews to whom he is writing were real Christians some of them were doubtless well-grounded in the faith. And then there were some of them that were babies and then there were others who were on the borderline who were afraid to make a confession of Christ because of persecution. And in those days it cost something to be a Christian.

But the apostle Paul is writing with a view of helping these different classes of Hebrews and especially the class that were convinced that the Lord Jesus Christ was the Messiah but because of the fear of persecution that they had not made any open confession of Christ at all. And then there were some that were a little confused because you know that the hardest thing for a Hebrew to do in those days was to give up the priesthood that is the Aaronic It was hard for them to give up the Levitical line that is the Levitical priesthood because the priest was everything to a Hebrew. They had lost their king. You know that the Hebrews back there in those

days had no king. The Roman Empire was there who the government was and Pilate was the representative of Caesar. So they had no king and they had no prophets and the throne of David was in ruins but they did have a priest and they had to have a priest every man needs to have a priest. And I went on to tell you how you and I need a priest my dear friends and we'll see before our study is over.

The reason why we need a priest and I have been emphasizing the fact that you and I need to see that we have the right priest. You know that the Lord Jesus Christ is presented in the book Hebrews as not only the heir to Abraham's land and also the heir to David's throne but he is also the king priest and he is the only priest that can represent you before the throne of grace. Now these Hebrews they had to have a priest. And everything was lost but they still clung to the priesthood. They held onto that. Now our study this morning is showing that in the Old Testament there was a greater priesthood than the priesthood of that Aaron represented. There was a greater throne than David's throne and there was a greater prophet foretold than all the other prophets combined. And on these pages you'll see how that the apostle Paul is emphasizing the superiority of the Lord Jesus over everything that these Hebrews knew. We had pointed out to us in former studies how that Christ is greater than the prophets and greater than angels and greater than Joshua and greater than Moses.

And now he is dealing with Aaron the high priest and he was showing that Christ is vastly superior to that of Aaron. And it was the Aaronic priesthood that was operating in the temple. At the time that the Apostle Paul was writing this epistle. Caiaphas and Anna's were the high priests but long before the Aaronic priesthood was inaugurated back in the days of Moses that God presented on the pages of holy writ in Genesis chapter fourteen hundreds of years before Moses was ever thought of that God did presented on the pages of holy writ another

priesthood a priesthood that would combine the throne. Uh as well as the office of priest and that his name was Melchizedek and I think I told you on Friday that Melchizedek are the greatest. He was the greatest type of Christ in all the Word of God because he was a king and a priest at the one time that is something my dear friends that you could never have under the Levitical Law because the priest came from the tribe of Levi.

And the Kings came from the tribe of Judah. And so God had back there in the book of Genesis chapter 14 a priest who was also a king. Now the name of Melchizedek as we saw in our former studies means king of righteousness. And then he was also king of Salem. And the word Salem means peace and then together with this double office of kingship that is king of righteousness and King of Salem. He was also a priest of the highest God. And a priest is one who represents people before God and deals with the sin question. Now the Seventh chapter of Hebrews is God's commentary of all that is said in the Old Testament about this strange character Melchizedek that is Christ is first king of righteousness and then King of Peace. My dear friends you can never reverse that order. You know that there must be a righteousness before you can have peace. And if there is no righteousness then there is any peace.

And I want to tell you that this world will never know peace until it knows righteousness, and you will remember how that in the Old Testament scriptures where you find that marvelous description of the coming into this world of the Lord Jesus Christ who is the real king of righteousness and the real king of peace and the real priest to the Most High God that you find that the prophets speak of him as the one on whose girdle is going to be inscribed the name of righteousness that is that righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins and then the Psalmist speaks of him. That is his scepter is a scepter of righteousness and then in the ninth chapter of

Isaiah that the prophet speaks of his name as wonderful councilor mighty God everlasting father and the Prince of Peace. And when you come to the seventh chapter of Hebrews.

You find that the emphasis is on the fact that first Melchizedek was king of righteousness and then he was king of Salem which means peace. I want to say to you my dear friends that while the nations of the Earth are unrighteous and they are unrighteous that is self-seeking in all of their ways that this world will never know peace. I don't suppose that there has been a time in your history and mine when we have heard so much about peace and when there have been so many peace conferences as it has since your day and mine.

You will remember after World War number one there was a League of Nations that was formed to bring about peace and during that World War number one. Fifty million people died just think of it. Fifty million died on the battlefield of World War number one but the League of Nations came out of that and you know just what a fizzle the League of Nations was now I believe that President Woodrow Wilson was a was a real sincere man and he was honest in all of his purposes. But while the nations are what they are today My dear friends that is unrighteous with a greater number of them having no thought and no care about God at all. You can never have peace. Consequently there came to pass in your day and mine World War number two and the purpose of that war was to end all war and to accomplish this untold millions of people died. And now today after all the human blood has been spilled on the battlefields of the world. Then we have the sorry spectacle of more men under arms today than there were at the height of World War number two.

And instead of a Hitler we have a Stalin regime. And all of these successors and the greater part of the world's population is governed by unrighteous dictators who do not even

recognize the presence of God. I want to tell you my dear friends that this is going to continue until he comes whose right it is to rule and to reign. And when the Lord Jesus Christ returns he is going to come as the true Melchizedek he is going to come as King of righteousness for righteousness will be the girdle of his loins. And he will sweep away everything that is not right and then he is going to fill this earth with righteousness and with peace as the waters cover the sea. And consequently you will remember that in the prophecies that we are told that the nations when Christ reigns will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. And that the nations shall Learn the art of war no more so that there'll be no need of any West Point when the Lord Jesus Christ is reigning. But you know that Melchizedek now listen this Melchizedek was also a priest of the most high God.

Now who is a priest? A priest. My dear friend and the functions of a priest was one who represented God in spiritual things and taught people about the true God. Now let me tell you this that this world not only needs a king of righteousness it not only needs. A priest. Who not only needs a king of peace but this world my dear friends also needs a priest that he used to teach people as to who God is. Do you know that in the world day there are hundreds of millions of Mohammadans who worship Mohammad and then there are hundreds of millions of Hindus who worship everything that swims and crawls and flies and walks? Do you know that when I was in Africa I I stood outside of a Moslem mosque and close onto a hundred millions of people were on their knees and their faces were turned toward the east. That is in the direction of Mecca and they were worshipping.

They were worshipping Mohammad and they do not know the true God at all and then I made my way to the river Ganges and there I saw literally millions of people that were washing in the waters of that river and very drop of water was sacred to them and they were washing not

only their bodies but also their clothing because they believed that sin contaminates the clothing as well as the body. And to them by just knew one thing and that was that sin could only be eradicated by washing in the river Ganges. Then my dear friends you just think of the millions of pagans that are living in the jungles of the pagan world that are bowing down to sticks and stones and worshipping snails. I was in the heart of Borneo with Mr. Mao and there was a tribe there that had great big sticks all around it and tied to the sticks there were snails and Mr. Mao told me that the most sacred thing in the world to those people was a snail. My friend. Listen. This world needs a priest. This world needs not only a king and not only one to bring about peace. It not only needs a king of righteousness and a king of peace but it needs also a priest to show to people who God is and to unify all the world in the worship of the one true God.

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