



## Lesson 36

**Theme:** Jesus, Our Great High Priest, Saves to the Uttermost

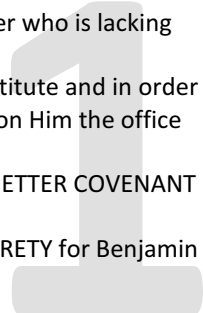
**Scripture:** Hebrews 7:20-28

### **(vv. 20-21) God has made an OATH**

- God promised by an OATH that this priesthood (Christ's) would be forever and He would not relent (change His mind). Refer to Hebrews 6:13-19
- Remember:
  - The testimony of God is greater than the testimony of man (1 John 5:9).
  - God is SOVERIEGN and He does whatever He pleases (Isaiah 46:9-10; Psalm 115:1-3).
  - GOD is TRUTH and the God of Truth (Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 31:5; Isaiah 25:1; 65:16; John 14:6 with Zechariah 12:1, 10; John 14:17).
  - God cannot LIE because it is NOT in His nature. (Titus 1:1; Numbers 23:19; 1 Samuel 15:29).
  - God's Word, what He says, is TRUTH. (John 17:17; Psalm 119:142, 151,160; Psalm 138:2).
  - Therefore, whatever God promises is Truth.

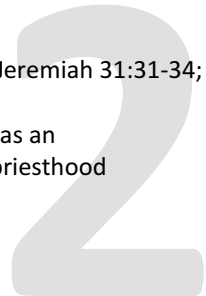
### **(v. 22) By this promise Jesus has become a SURETY (Guarantor) of the BETTER COVENANT!**

- A SURETY is one who agrees to undertake for another who is lacking the **ability** to discharge his own **obligations**.
- In order to be our Saviour, Christ had to be our Substitute and in order to legally act as our Substitute He had to take upon Him the office of Surety.
- CHRIST agreed to meet all the requirements of the BETTER COVENANT **for His people**.
- PICTURE of a SURETY: See Judah agreeing to be a SURETY for Benjamin in Genesis 43:8-9; 44: 17-18,32-33.



## Judah as a picture of Christ as Surety:

- ① Observe the occasion of this incident. It was a matter of life and death, when Jacob and his household were faced with the prospect of starvation, that this proposal was made (Genesis 43:1-8). In like manner, unless Christ has interposed as the Surety of His people they had received the wages of sin - Death (Romans 6:23).
  - ② It was not Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, but Judah who offered to act as "bondman" for Benjamin. Surely it is not without Divine design that in the only chapter in the N.T. where Christ is specifically designated "Surety" we are reminded that "our Lord sprang out of Judah" (Hebrews 7:14).
  - ③ It is to be particularly noted that this office was not compulsorily thrust upon Judah, but that he freely and voluntarily assumed it, as Jesus did (John 10:17-18)
  - ④ Let it also be duly observed that it was not for one unrelated to him but for his own brother that Judah became a surety. Similarly, Christ is our Brother (Hebrews 2:11-17). Consider Boaz as a kinsman-redeemer, a picture of Jesus (Ruth 3:9).
  - ⑤ It was in order to satisfy his father that Judah proposed to act. Christ was not God's Surety unto us, rather He served as the Surety of His people to satisfy the justice of His Father. This is made very clear in the type: "your servant became surety for the lad unto my father."
  - ⑥ The nature of suretyship is here clearly defined, namely, serving as a bondman in the room of another, discharging his obligations, "let your servant abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord" (Genesis 44:33).
  - ⑦ The result of this typical suretyship was that reconciliation was effected between Joseph and his estranged brethren. So Christ secured reconciliation between an estranged God and his alienated people.
- ★ Why is this a BETTER COVENANT?
- ✓ It is by this covenant that we attain PERFECTION (we draw near to God)
  - ✓ It gives us a BETTER hope (v.19)
  - ✓ It is based on BETTER promises (Hebrews 8:6; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:24-28)
- (vv. 23-24) Christ ***continues forever*** and therefore has an ***unchangeable*** (permanent and untransferable) priesthood

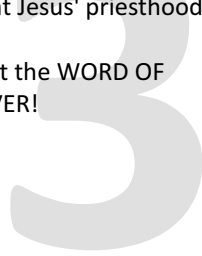


## THEREFORE . . . (v. 25)

- This THEREFORE (wherefore; hence; so; consequently) points back to:
  - ① The OATH of His consecration in verse 20.
  - ② The IMMUTABILITY of the FATHER in verse 21.
  - ③ The BETTER COVENANT of which He is the SURETY (Guarantor) of in verse 22
  - ④ The fact that He lives forever in an unchanging priesthood in verse 24.
- Because of the ABOVE **HE IS ABLE TO SAVE to the UTTERMOST.**
- "uttermost" – πάντελής *panteles* {pan-tel-ace'} - completely in regards to WORK and in DURATION -100% FOREVER! (John 19:28-30; John 17:4)
- **TRUTH:** Christ does not effect PART of our SALVATION and leave the REST to us!!
  - IF man CANNOT save himself he CANNOT keep himself!
- Who does Christ save to the UTTERMOST? "those who come to God through Him" -
  - Coming to GOD is a consequence of coming to Christ.
  - NO ONE can come to Christ unless the Father draws that person (John 6:44, 65).
  - ALL those whom the Father draws will come to Christ (John 6:37).
- ALL these are DRAWN and COME since He lives forever to intercede **for them.**
- **HE DREW NEAR TO GOD for us!** (Hebrews 9:24) And there He makes intercession for us (Romans 8:34)
- This intercession is NECESSARY - see Romans 5:10.

## Consider OUR High Priest (Hebrews 3:1; 7:26-28)

- (v. 26) holy, blameless, undefiled, separate from sinners, higher than the heavens.
- (v. 27) He offered HIMSELF (as priest) **once for all** (time) and did not have to offer an offering **for** Himself! Compare this to the Levitical priests who had to offer an offering for themselves and then for the people (Leviticus 16:6, 11, 15-16). This shows that Jesus' priesthood is superior!
- (v. 28) The Law appointed men who were **weak**, but the WORD OF OATH appointed the SON who is PERFECT FOREVER!



## **The Only Acceptable Response to our SURETY:**

- We are to live for Him as our Lord (2 Corinthians 5:14-15; 1 Corinthians 7:22; Romans 6:18; Matthew 11:29-30)
- We are to love Him supremely by obeying His commandments (Matthew 10:37-39; John 14:15,21)
- Offer our bodies as living sacrifices and not to be conformed to the pattern of this world (Romans 12:1-2)
- Do the works that we have been saved unto (Ephesians 2:10; Titus 2:11-14).
- We are to glorify God in our bodies and spirits because we have been bought at a price (1 Corinthians 6:18-20).

