

Hebrews 5:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Analysis

The second proof text (Psalm 110:4) introduces Christ's priesthood 'after the order of Melchizedek,' distinct from Aaron's. The phrase 'for ever' (Greek 'eis ton aionon') indicates permanence versus the temporary Aaronic priesthood. 'Order' (Greek 'taxis') means rank, arrangement, or succession—Christ's priesthood follows a different and superior pattern established by the mysterious king-priest Melchizedek.

Historical Context

Melchizedek appears in Genesis 14:18-20 as both king of Salem and priest of God Most High, predating the Levitical priesthood by centuries. His unique role foreshadowed Christ's eternal priesthood combining kingship and priesthood.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What comfort comes from knowing Christ's priesthood is eternal, not temporary like Aaron's?
2. How does Christ as both King and Priest meet your deepest needs?

Interlinear Text

καθὼς	καὶ	ἐν	ἐτέρῳ	λέγει	Σὺ	ἱερεὺς	εἰς	τὸν
As	also	in	another	he saith	place Thou	art a priest	for	G3588
G2531	G2532	G1722	G2087	G3004	G4771	G2409	G1519	
αἰῶνα	κατὰ	τὴν	τάξιν	Μελχισέδεκ				
ever	after	G3588	the order	of Melchisedec				
G165	G2596		G5010	G3198				

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 110:4 (Parallel theme): The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 7:17 (Parallel theme): For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Hebrews 7:21 (Parallel theme): (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)

Hebrews 7:3 (Parallel theme): Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.

Hebrews 5:10 (Parallel theme): Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

Hebrews 6:20 (Parallel theme): Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Hebrews 7:15 (Parallel theme): And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest,

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