

# Hebrews 7:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest:

## Analysis

---

Christ's priesthood was confirmed 'by an oath' - a crucial difference from Levitical priests who were appointed 'without an oath.' Divine oath-taking indicates immutability and supreme importance. God's oath establishes Christ's priesthood as unchangeable, unlike the Levitical which could be (and was) superseded. Reformed theology sees covenant oaths as demonstrating God's commitment to His redemptive purposes.

## Historical Context

---

Psalm 110:4 records God's oath: 'The LORD has sworn and will not repent.' This oath creates an irrevocable priesthood, unlike the Levitical appointment in Exodus which contained no divine oath.

## Related Passages

---

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

---

1. Why did God confirm Christ's priesthood with an oath, and what does this reveal about its permanence?

2. How does the oath-bound nature of Christ's priesthood strengthen your assurance?

## Interlinear Text

---

Καὶ	καθ'	ὅσον	οὐ	χωρὶς	ὀρκωμοσίας·
<b>And</b>	<b>inasmuch as</b>	<sup>G3745</sup>	<b>not</b>	<b>without</b>	<b>an oath</b>
G2532	G2596		G3756	G5565	G3728

---

From KJV Study • [kjevstudy.org](http://kjevstudy.org)