

Hebrews 7:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

Final contrast: law appoints 'men as high priests who have weakness,' but God's oath appointed 'the Son who has been perfected forever.' Human weakness vs. divine perfection; temporary appointment vs. eternal confirmation. Christ's 'perfection' (Greek 'teteleioōmenon') doesn't mean moral development but complete qualification for His priestly office. Reformed Christology affirms Christ's sinlessness and perfect fitness as Mediator.

Historical Context

This verse summarizes the entire argument of chapter 7. The Levitical system had value but fatal limitations. Christ's priesthood, established by divine oath, surpasses it infinitely by virtue of His divine nature and sinless humanity.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's perfection as High Priest address your every spiritual need?
2. What does the transition from weak human priests to the perfect Son reveal about God's redemptive plan?

Interlinear Text

τὸν νόμον γὰρ ἄνθρώπους καθίστησιν ἀρχιερεῖς
which the law For men maketh high priests
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ἔχοντας ἀσθένειαν τὸν λόγος δὲ τὸν ὀρκωμοσίας
which have infirmity which the word but which of the oath
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τὸν μετὰ τὸν νόμον υἱὸν εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα
which was since which the law maketh the Son for which evermore
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τετελειωμένον
who is consecrated
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Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 2:10 (Parallel theme): For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Hebrews 1:2 (Parallel theme): Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

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:)

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

Luke 13:32 (Parallel theme): And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.

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