

HEBREWS 7:23-25 – A PRIEST, ABLE TO SAVE COMPLETELY!
You Who Long to Save Others. Give Yourself to Prayer and Intercession!

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TO GOD BE THE GLORY – F. Crosby – Joslin Grove Choral

1 To God be the glory, great things He has done; So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, To every believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)

3 Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

The Biblical Setting: - In the order of Aaron there was a continual succession of priests, one dying and another taking his place. That characterized the whole system; it bore the mark of change and weakness and death. It could not effect anything that was really abiding and permanent, much less anything that was eternal. The whole inner life of the worshipper was subject to change and decay, as was the system. **Heb 7:2 But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood; Heb 5:6 As He also says in another place: "YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK"; Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.** This is that solid food for the perfect which only the truly consecrated soul can apprehend. It is of the things in **Heb 5:11 "of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing"**.

A PRIEST, ABLE TO SAVE COMPLETELY

He is a Priest Forever! - Holy, Harmless, Undeified, Separate from Sinners, Made Higher than the Heavens!

He is Able to Save Completely, Utterly – to the Uttermost!

Since He Always Lives to Make Intercession!

He is Able to Save Completely and Make Intercession – for Them That Draw Near to God Through Him!

To Come to Christ; To Draw Near to God Means Entering & Dwelling in the Holiest of All! Daily and Continually!

You Who Long to Save Others. Give Yourself to Prayer and Intercession!

A PRIEST, ABLE TO SAVE COMPLETELY – In all times, in all cases, in every situation!

Heb 7:23 *Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing.*

Heb 7:24 *But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable (valid and unalterable) priesthood.*

He is a Priest Forever! - He Himself is the Eternal One, **who remains a Priest forever.** His priesthood is unchangeable; the life, in the power of which He ministers, and the life which He ministers, is a life that abides unchangeable too. His priesthood is an everlasting one, ever living, ever active.

He is Able to Save Completely! - **Heb 7:25a** *"Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost (completely) those who come to God through Him."* Therefore, that is **since He always lives**, because there is **never a single moment** in which His priestly action, His watchful care of us, His loving sympathy and help, aid and assistance, His working in us in the power of our endless life, is not in full operation. Therefore **He can save completely**, that is, there **need never be a moment in which the experience of His saving power is interrupted**, in which the salvation He has wrought does not save. To confirm this, it is added,

Since He Always Lives To Make Intercession! - **Heb 7:25b** *"since He always lives to make intercession for them."*

- **Without ceasing**, there streams forth from Him to the Father, the prayer of His love for every one and every need of those that belong to Him ;
- **His very person and presence is that prayer**, so closely and inseparably is He identified with those He calls His brethren.
- **Without ceasing** there streams forth to Him from the Father the answer of His good pleasure, and the power of the Holy Spirit, bearing that answer. And even so,
- **Without ceasing**, there streams forth from Him to each member of His body the grace for timely help

- *He always lives to make intercession, without one moment's intermission, therefore He is able to save completely.*

HE IS ABLE TO SAVE COMPLETELY – TO THE UTMOST!

- The connection of the promise with the character and work of Christ shows us what it means. The great complaint of Christians is that their experience is so changeful that the blessed sense of God's love and grace passes away, and that what they know of the keeping, cleansing, power of Christ does not last; the sense of nearness to God does not abide continually. It is somehow as if there is a necessity of its being lost. With change of circumstances, too often comes change in the nearness of God and His saving power.
- Oh, that what Christ does for them at times, may be maintained continuously. **If it could abide, their joy would be full, their salvation complete!**
- **We have here the very promise** that Christians need!
- *Because he continues for ever, because He always lives to make intercession,*
- Because *He is a Priest forever*, who exercises every function of His office in an endless life-power, that **never for a moment interrupts** its action, *He is able to save completely.*
- In Himself He has *been perfected for evermore,*
- With Himself *He has perfected forever them* that are sanctified. The salvation He has wrought out is a life in the opened sanctuary of God's presence in the power of God's Spirit;
- All that is needed is **that the believer be kept abiding forever**, ever living in this salvation--life which Jesus has opened up.
- And this he can do, when **once he learns to trust to Jesus for it**, because he understands that *He ever lives to make intercession.*
- Because His work of intercession never pauses or ceases, our faith and our experience of the power of that intercession need never fail. *He is able to save completely!*

He is Able to Save Completely and Make Intercession – for Them That Draw Near to God Through Him!

Them that draw near unto God through Him. In ver. 19 we saw that to enable us *to draw near to God* is the better hope the gospel brings the one aim of Christ's priesthood. Here we have it again. One reason why so many have no conception of Christ as able to save completely is simply that they have never understood fully what salvation is. Like priest, like people. The character of a priest determines the character of the people whose worship he leads. The character of Christ's priesthood determines the character of those who belong to Him. And our view of what that priesthood can effect will determine our religious character. Of what infinite importance to worship and to trust Him, as able to save completely. That will determine our Christian character and life.

TO COME TO CHRIST; TO DRAW NEAR TO GOD, MEANS ENTERING INTO THE HOLIEST OF ALL; DWELLING THERE DAILY AND CONTINUALLY!

Hebrews Chapters 8 & 9 will open it up to us-- may God's Spirit truly open it!-- that *to come to God through Christ, to draw near to God* means **nothing less than an entering into the Holiest of All, and dwelling there all the day, spending our life there, abiding there continually.**

It is only those who, believe it possible, will give themselves up to it. It is only those who forsake all, to give themselves up to it, to whom it will be possible.

ALL WHO COME TO GOD THROUGH HIM – HE ABIDES FOREVER! HE IS ABLE TO SAVE COMPLETELY!

But for all *who come to God* through Him, the promise is sure : *He abides forever ; He is able to save completely.* Oh, let us fix our eyes and hearts on Jesus in heaven, our Melchizedek, our Priest-King on the throne of power, and on His unceasing intercession. And let our one desire be to believe that the God who hath sworn by Himself, by His own life as God, means to do for us something above all we can ask or think.

SUMMARY - HE ALWAYS LIVES TO MAKE INTERCESSION FOR THEM!

- What a view of the place and power of intercession! Christ's whole life is given up to it.
- You long to save others. Give yourself to prayer and intercession. Present yourself before God as a sacrifice for your fellowmen, offering to be filled with His Spirit and consumed by His fire.
- Count intercession the secret of bringing down the blessing of heaven.
- Connect the two things inseparably together -- 1) unceasing intercession and power to save completely in Christ. 2) Complete salvation and unceasing intercession in us.

Pray Today For: Our Church, Nationally/locally; Our Nation: Our leaders; Police officers/military. Supreme Ct.

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