

How to Set Aside the Old

Hebrews 7:18-19

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INTRO ... the Bible's Language of "OLD/NEW" ... "Former Things" ... "No Longer" ... (Heb 7) "Set Aside"
... What to Do with the Old/New Understandings??

As You Encounter/Handle the Things that are "Old/New", What are You Doing with What They Are Teaching You about God—particularly about "Drawing Near to Him"??

Heb 7:11-28

v. 11 ...**The "Levitical priesthood"** ... "Old" ...**a God prescribed mediatorial ministry given to God's people** ...the point in this section is that it Does NOT Continue and that it is "Set Aside" for a Superior Priesthood ...the Priesthood of the Order of Melchizedek

...But in "Setting it Aside" does it still teach us anything valuable?

v. 14 ...**Something "New" is here** (although it's Not Really New!—Gen 14!!)

v. 15-17 ...**Another Priesthood** that is NOT associated with Levi!! ...Thus the "Levitical Priesthood" is CONCLUDED

...YET!... the Concept of "Priesthood" is NOT CONCLUDED!! ...So, to understand "This Melchizedek Priesthood"—I will need to Borrow from what I learned in the Levitical Priesthood to be able to understand this new reference point to "another priesthood"

...God used the Levitical Priesthood to REVEAL things about God, Us, and "DRAWING NEAR"! ...the Levitical Priesthood was "Grammar School" so that we could get our PHD in the High Priesthood of Jesus who is of the Order of Melchizedek!!

... in the book of Genesis, we have these three little verses about Melchizedek. A thousand years later, we find a Psalm with just a single verse about him. And in that, God Himself swears to His Son that he will be a High Priest after the order of Melchizedek. That's [Psalm 110:4](#). ...Another thousand years passes by, and another verse becomes the seed of this wonderful exposition about Melchizedek. And you know you can see nothing less than the divine order of the mind of the Spirit, guiding Melchizedek and guiding Abraham with a view through all of these thousands of years to coming up to a perfect picture of Jesus Christ. ...Melchizedek and Abraham had no idea what was going to happen 2,000 years at least after them. ... The psalmist had no conception, and yet God knew exactly what He was doing with the person of Melchizedek. You know what that tells me? That tells me the same God that wrote the book of Hebrews also wrote the book of Genesis. That's what inspiration is all about." **John MacArthur**, "Melchizedek, a Type of Christ"

v. 18-19 ... **"former things—SET ASIDE"**

"There are Things of "OLD" (former things) that we are intended to "SET ASIDE" ...BE CAREFUL What You Think That Means AND What You Do with These Former Things!

...Consider: **v. 12** - "For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well." ...**v. 16** - "[one] has become a priest, not on the basis of legal requirement" (ie, a law) ...**v. 18** - "a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness"

- So... What do you do with the "Law"?

Romans 8:3-4 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Deuteronomy 4:7-8 For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸ And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

Romans 7:12, 14 So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. ... ¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.

The Teaching "TABERNACLE"

v. 19 - "(for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we DRAW NEAR TO GOD."

...This "Nearness to God" Concept is MASSIVE and it is Not a Peripheral Issue!!

... "**Tabernacle**" (Heb. - miškân; from šâkan (dwell) - dwelling place (Strong's Dictionary)

Ex 25:1-9 The LORD said to Moses, ² "Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me. ... ⁸ And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell [šâkan] in their midst. ⁹ Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle [miškân], and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.

Ex 25:20-22 The cherubim shall spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings, their faces one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubim be. ²¹ And you shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony that I shall give you. ²² There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony, I will speak with you about all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel.

• "The Dwelling/Nearness of God Dots the Landscape of ALL of the Human Story"

- **Eden... Gen 3:8** And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.
- **Jacob... Gen 28:16-17** Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."
- **Mt. Sinai... Ex 19:10-12** the LORD said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments ¹¹ and be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.
- **Jesus Incarnate... Jn 1:14** "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." **John 17:24** "Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me..."
- **Pentecost** - Acts 2...The presence of God (tongues of fire) resting on each person)
- **The N.T. church... 1Corinthians 3:16** "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple."
- **The Great Consummation... Rev 21:1-3** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

The "OLD Tabernacle" has been "Set Aside"

...YET— It is NOT Completely Gone as a Concept ...Jesus High Priesthood (Heb 7:24 “...but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever” ... Heb 8:1-2 “...we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, ² a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man.” ... Rev 7:15,17 “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; ...¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,

...QUESTION - Were we supposed to LEARN anything about God and His Dwelling among us in the "NEW" from the OLD??