

Hebrews: Angels and Priests

The New Testament * Week 32 * Opening collect: St. Michael and All Angels, BCP 244

If you have questions from past weeks or your reading, email them to

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I. Who wrote it?

A. Paul?– Hebrews 13:23-25.

B. Barnabas? Hebrews 13:22.

C. Priscilla? (Acts 18:24-26)

D. Don't know!

II. All New Testament built on Old.

III. Angels: Best definition: Hebrews 1:14 – How do they help?

A. “Angel” = “evangel” = “evangelism” = “messenger of good news,”

B. Psalm 91:11 –

C. 2 Corinthians 11:14 –

D. Luke 20:36 –

E. Hebrews 13:2 –

F. Caution about angels:

IV. “Priests” = “one who speaks to God behalf of people, and to people on behalf of God. A go-between, representative, agent.” Jesus is the perfect priest.

A. Hebrews 2:9 –

B. Hebrews 2:14-15 –

C. Hebrews 2:17-18 –

D. Hebrews 5:15-16 –

E. Hebrews 5:1-6 -- Priests don't "volunteer"

1. Psalm 110:4 – Hebrews 7:1-11; Genesis 14:18-20 –

2. Hebrews 7:24-27 –

3. Roman Catholic vs. Protestant view of eucharist and priesthood

a) Roman Catholic see it is a re-sacrifice of Christ.

(1) Salvation by Grace by Sacraments by Church by Priest in Apostolic Succession.

(2) That's why ordination is so important:

b) BUT...Jesus offered himself ONCE for all, and that's all it takes.

c) Protestants accept Jesus' ONE...

(1) "Who made there, by his ONE oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world."

Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, Eucharistic Prayer 1, Book of Common Prayer 334

"He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world."

Holy Eucharist, Rite 2, Prayer A, Book of Common Prayer 362

(2) Eucharist IS a sacrifice: NOT of Jesus, but "of praise and thanksgiving."

"We earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving..."

Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, Eucharistic Prayer 1, Book of Common Prayer 335

"We offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all..."

Holy Eucharist, Rite 2, Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer 369

d) If we are praying and sacrificing, then what does that make us? (Hebrews 7:25)!

e) If we are TELLING people Good News, what does that make us?

Next week: The Faith Hall of Fame

Preparation for next week: Read 2 Corinthians

Closing collect: Hymn 460, Verse 4 –

"Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own.

Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:

thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest:

thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast."