



Hebrews

Chapter 8:1-2

What is the main point?

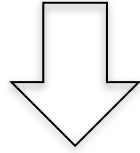


We have such a **High Priest**,
who is seated at the right hand
of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,
a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle
which the Lord erected, and not man.

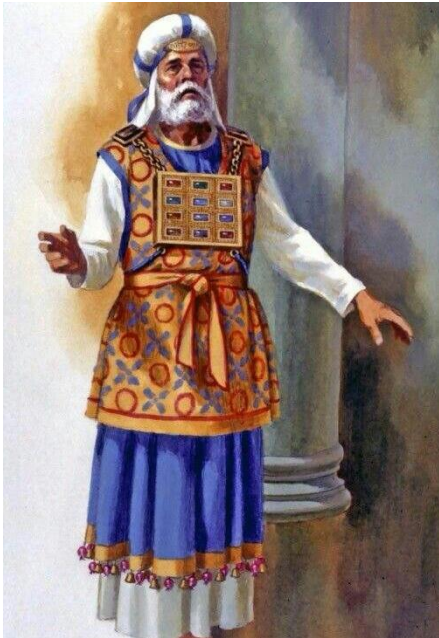
(Hebrews 8:1-2)



The picture



"The former commandment"



- The Temple
- The High Priest
- The Sacrifices
- The Holy Days
- The Sabbath
- The nation


The earthly

The fulfillment



Jesus, the Messiah:

***"You are a priest forever
after the order of Melchizedek."***

(Psalm 110:4)

When there is a change in the priesthood,
there is necessarily **a change in the law...**

(Hebrews 7:12)


The heavenly

The Law is set aside...

On the one hand,
a former command is **set aside**
because it was weak and useless,
for the law made nothing perfect;

on the other hand,
a **better hope** is introduced,
through which **we draw near to God.**

(Hebrews 7:18-19)

By the deeds of the law
no flesh will be justified
in His sight, for by the law
is **the knowledge of sin.**

(Romans 3:20)

The better hope has come...

- We now **draw near** to God (7:19)
- The Lord Jesus **guarantees** the better covenant (7:22)
- He is able to save to the **uttermost** because He always lives to intercede for us (7:25)

Completely, perfectly

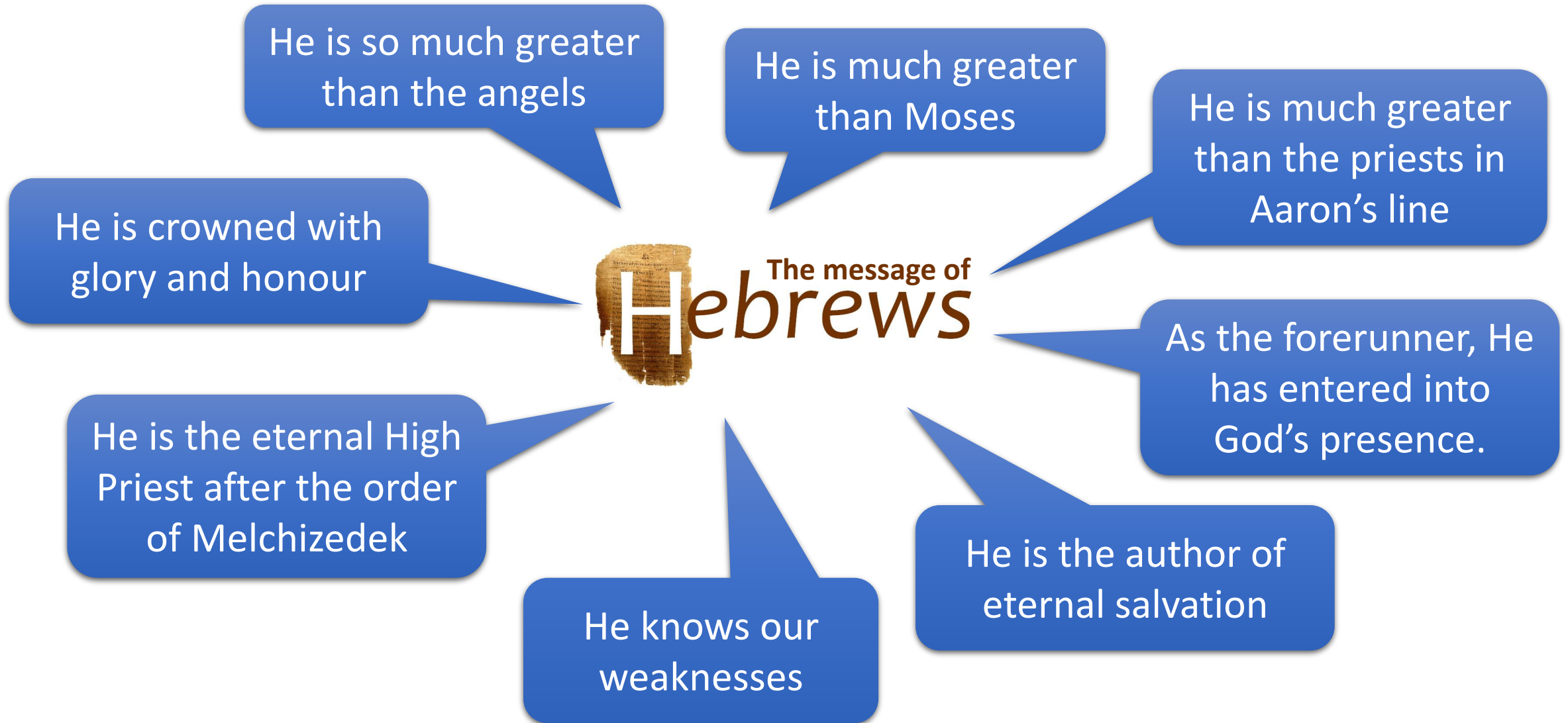
The greatness of this salvation
is measured by
the greatness of God's Son

The greatness of God's Son...

- He is the heir of all things
- He created the world
- He is the radiance of God's glory
- He is the exact imprint of God's nature
- He upholds all things by the word of His power
- He has cleansed sin
- He is seated at the right hand of God

(From Hebrews 1:1-3)

The greatness of God's Son...



Encouragement, with warnings...

LET US GO ON TO MATURITY

(Hebrews 6:1)



A heavenly calling

(Hebrews 3:1)



A call to maturity

(Hebrews 6:1)

The greatness of the Lord Jesus



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*About that time
there arose a great
commotion about*

the Way.

(Acts 19:23)

(Also Acts 9:2, 19:9, 24:22)

- The nature of the Way
- Why we have to change our minds
- What “going on to maturity” requires

The nature of the Way

➤ It is spiritual and all of grace

- *“Not in Jerusalem...”* (John 4:21)
- *“It is of faith that it might be according to grace...”* (Romans 4:16)

➤ It is alien to the world

- *“If you were of the world, the world would love its own...”* (John 15:19)
- *“Do not be conformed to this world...”* (Romans 12:2)

➤ It is final and eternal

- *“I am the First and the Last.”* (Revelation 1:17)
- *“We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ”* (Romans 14:10)

Why we have to change our minds

The earthly way

We want ease

We look at appearances

We care most about here and now

The heavenly way

God wants righteousness

God looks upon the heart

God cares most about there and then

Repentance is changing sides



What “going on to maturity” requires

- **Actively following the Lord**
 - Giving Him our time and our ear
 - Disciples are disciplined

- **Seeking transformation into His likeness**
 - Our focus is His way, His life, His values
 - Love is the measure of transformation

- **Persevering to the end**
 - Through faith and patience
 - With living hope, the anchor of the soul

What “going on to maturity” requires

A High Priest, who knows our **weaknesses** and is at the **right hand of God**, **always living** to make intercession for us...

Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD **on his two shoulders** as a memorial.

(Exodus 28:12)

Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel **over his heart** before the LORD continually.

(Exodus 28:30)



We do not have a High Priest
who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses...

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace...

(Hebrews 4:15-16)

He is also able to save **to the uttermost**
those who come to God through Him,
since **He always lives** to make intercession for them.

(Hebrews 7:25)

...**a better hope,**
through which **we draw near to God.**

(Hebrews 7:19)

