

**Hebrews 7:23-28**  
ABOVE THE PRIESTHOOD

*Saved to the uttermost ...*

I. The Problem of Death

- A. Human Frailty
- B. Wages of Sin
- C. Passing Priests

II. The Power of Life

- A. Indestructible Christ
- B. Uncorrupted Intercessor
- C. Permanent Priesthood

III. The Perfect Sacrifice

- A. Self-Sacrifice
- B. Heavenly Oath
- C. Our Salvation

*... through the blood of Jesus.*

**Children, listen ...**

1. What was true about priests in the Old Testament? (Circle one)

- A. They Were sinners
- B. They had to keep making sacrifices for sin
- C. They died
- D. All of the Above

2. What is true about Jesus? (Circle one)

- A. He did not sin
- B. He gave Himself as a sacrifice for our sins
- C. He died but He is alive now
- D. All of the Above

3. What is Jesus doing for us right now?

**To the Uttermost**

The position, mediatorial and sacrificial work of Old Covenant priests, especially the High Priest, pointed forward to the saving work of Christ. Before Jesus came, such symbolic things were actually sufficient and effective for salvation for those who, with the work of the Holy Spirit, looked in faith to a coming promised Messiah that would actually fulfill all that was necessary for the forgiveness of sin. Once Jesus came and completed the work of redemption, the position of priest became obsolete and all the rituals they were to perform were done away with. The saving work was completed in perfection when Jesus gave Himself for our sins – no further work needs to be done – and nothing can add to or take away from the sufficiency of what He has accomplished. There is now no need for earthly priests or fanciful rituals that mimic what was perfectly achieved by Christ once and for all. If you want to know true salvation through the forgiveness of sin you need only look to Jesus with true faith in the all-sufficient High Priest who is exalted above the heavens.