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**WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Sunday**

Bible Study: 9:45 AM

Worship: 10:45 AM; 6:00 PM

**Wednesday**

Bible Study: 7:30 PM (This is immediately followed by a short worship period)

**First Friday of Each Month**

Singing: 7:30 PM

**LEADERSHIP**

**Elders**

David Collins

John Thompson

Troy Antle

**Evangelist**

Adam Litmer

**Deacons**

Richard Brundige

Matt Thompson

Adam Litmer

Bill Morelan

Jim Parsons

Pat Seabolt

Adam Daniels

Jamie Powell

**NOTE**

A friend of Julie Spivey (Betsy) has a sister who suffered a very bad fall. She has been severely injured and may die. She has two young children. Prayers are needed and requested.

**IN NEED OF PRAYERS**

Jim Parsons, Ralph Fox, Rick Small, Jeff Howerton, Rhonda Boyd (and her sister, Dorothy), Louis Harrod, Paul Atkisson, Brianna Ratliff, Julia-Ann Dixon, Ed Allison, Dwight Antle, The Bays and Robbins family, Keia Burton, Robert Brundige, Valerie and Barry Boyd, Janett's mother, Sandy Driver, Erlene Young, Larry Sells, Evelyn Damron, Jean Gartland, John Blessing, William Roberts, Paul Lyda, Pete Soro, Jamie Powell's father, Harleigh Spartman, Mattie Johnson, Elijah Epling, Leland Wells, Linda Moore, Sheila Johnson, Virginia Gordon

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## **The Power Of An Indestructible Life**

Adam Litmer

I have been spending time in Hebrews as I begin preparation for the young adult class in which we will be studying that great "word of exhortation" (13:22).

As the writer builds upon his theme of the superiority of Jesus Christ, he compares the Lord's priesthood to the Aaronic priesthood under the Mosaic Law. He makes a powerful point in the seventh chapter as he begins to compare Christ's priesthood to Melchizedek's. Having established that there must be a change in the law for there to be a change in the priesthood (for the Mosaic Law and the Aaronic priesthood were intrinsically linked), he makes the extraordinary statement, *This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who had become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life.* (7:15-16)

Our Lord is indestructible. His life is unending. He died upon the cross and rose from the dead never to die again.

(Romans 6:9) Even now he sits at the right hand of his Father waiting for the time when his enemies will be destroyed. (Psalm 110:1; Hebrews 1:13) *The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.* (7:23-24)

Many people are thinking about Jesus Christ the baby this time of year. Sadly, many never move beyond the baby to the Man. Even more tragically, many never consider what that Man is doing right now. *Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.* (7:25-28)

Not only is this Son alive forever, but he always lives to make intercession for his people. Because *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever* (13:8), we know that his intercessory work on behalf of his people is still continuing. The indestructible life of our High Priest means we have an indestructible Intercessor. How wonderful!

When you consider the enemies of Jesus Christ throughout the years, whether they be members of the Jewish Sanhedrin, armies of pagans, mighty political leaders, or authors wielding poisonous pens, they all prove just how destructible they are. Their power fails, armies fall, and books fade into oblivion. Yet our indestructible High Priest lives on and continues to speak to us through the indestructible Word of God. *Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath and terrify them in his fury, saying, "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."* (Psalm 2:1-6; Acts 4:23-31)

We are children of an indestructible God, interceded for by an indestructible High Priest, taught through an indestructible Word, beneficiaries of indestructible promises, and are waiting for the inheritance of our indestructible home. May our faith, hope, love, and trust be just as indestructible!



