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"For it is evident that our Lord (Jesus) arose out of Judah; of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning the priesthood. And it is yet far more evident, that after the likeness of Melchisedec, there arises another Priest, who is made, not after the law of a physical commandment, but after the power of <u>an Indestructible (endless) life</u>. For He (God the Father) testifies, '*You (Jesus) are a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec* (Psalm 1104).' For there is truly an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness. For the law made nothing (no one) perfect, <u>but the bringing in of a Better Hope did</u>; through which we draw near unto God; and inasmuch as it was not without an oath. (But those (former) priests were made without an oath). But He (Jesus) with an oath by Him (the Father) who said unto Him (Jesus), '*The LORD swore and will not repent, You are a Priest forever after the order of Melchisedec*." Thus, by so much more was Jesus made the <u>Guarantee of a Better Covenant</u>." (Heb. 7:14-<u>16</u>-22)

Power: from the greek word <u>dynamin</u> (dýnamis) which means: able, having the ability to perform; inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature. Having power, might, strength; physical power. Force or might.

Indestructible: from the greek word <u>akatalytou</u> which means: indestructible, or not subject to destruction; indissoluble - meaning that (it) cannot be broken up or dissolved; From '<u>a'</u> which means <u>no</u> or <u>not</u>; and from <u>kataluó</u>: to <u>loosen-down; to destroy</u>, to demolish, to dissolve, to disintegrate, to abolish, to tear down, to overthrow; (literally or figuratively); thus literally <u>a-katalytou</u> means: <u>not-able-to destroy</u>! In context the Life of Christ Jesus is indestructible; He cannot ever be destroyed; and therefore His Life is also permanent, endless, and eternal.

Life: from the greek word <u>zoes</u> which means: a life, as of a living soul, or being. From <u>zoe</u> which means: animate life (physical and/or spiritual).

<u>The Power</u> of the Priesthood of Christ Jesus is in His indestructible, endless, and unchanging resurrected Life. But the human Life of Jesus, the Son of Man. **was destroyed**, <u>only once</u>, on the Cross, for our sake; but only briefly! The distinct Divine Life of Christ Jesus, <u>the Son of God</u>, was not destroyed at all. Most wonderfully, the human body of Christ Jesus has been <u>resurrected back to Life</u> - never again to be destroyed in any way, or situation. Jesus reigns eternally as the <u>Living Son of Man and the Son of God</u>!! Consider the following:

"You men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know; Him, delivered by the predetermined counsel and foreknowledge of God, you have taken and crucified and slain by wicked hands. <u>And God has **raised**</u> <u>**Him up**, having **loosed the pains of death**; because <u>it was not possible</u> that He should be held by it. For David spoke concerning Him, 'I foresaw the LORD always before My face, for He is on My Right Hand, so that I should not be moved. Therefore My heart rejoices, and My tongue was glad; moreover also My flesh shall rest in hope; Because You wilt not abandon My soul to hell, <u>neither will You allow **Your Holy One** to see_corruption (decay)</u>." (Acts 2:22-27; quote from Psalm 16:8-10)</u>

"... And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; and in the midst of the seven candlesticks One like unto the <u>Son of Man</u>, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girded about the breast with a golden band. His head and His hair were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire. And His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and His voice as the sound of many waters. And He had in His right hand seven stars; and out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword; and His countenance was as the sun shines in its strength. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, 'Fear not; I am <u>The First And The Last</u>: <u>I am He who lives</u>, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and I have the keys of hell and of death.'" (Revelation 1:12-18)

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And Again:

"But this Man, because <u>He continues forever</u>, has an Unchangeable Priesthood. Therefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost who come unto God through Him, seeing <u>He always, (at all times) lives</u> to make intercession for them." (Hebrews 7:24-25)

"So also Christ did not glorify Himself to be made a High Priest; but He (the Father) who said unto Him, '<u>You are My Son</u>, today have I begotten You;' has also said in another place, '<u>You are a Priest **foreve**r after the order of Melchisedec</u>.' " (Hebrews 5:5-6)

The 'Order' of Melchisedec is that of an indestructible, indissoluble, unchanging. permanent, endless, eternal Priesthood! Consider the following:

"For this Melchisedec, King of Salem, <u>Priest of the Most High God</u>, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; is first being by interpretation <u>King of righteousness</u>, and after that also King of Salem, which is, <u>King of Peace</u>; and (who was) without father, without mother, without descent, <u>having neither beginning of days, nor end of life</u>; but made like unto <u>the Son of God</u>; *he* abides as a priest continually (perpetually). Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. And truly those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes from the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham. But he (Melchisedec) whose descent is not counted from them (the Levites) received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him (Abraham) who had the promises. And without all contradiction the less (Abraham) is blessed of the better (Melchisedec). And here men (the Levites) who die receive tithes; but there he (Melchisedec) receives them (from Abraham), of whom it is witnessed that he (Melchisedec) lives" (lives on forever). (Heb 7:1-8) (see also Genesis 24:17-20)

"Now of the things which we have spoken <u>this is the sum (the main point)</u>: We have such a High Priest, who sits at the Right Hand of the Throne of the Majesty in the Heavens; a Minister of the Sanctuary, and of the True tTabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man." (Hebrews 8:1-2) – Even Christ Jesus!!!

And so, the **'Order'** of the Priesthood of Christ Jesus is also that of an indestructible, indissoluble, unchanging, permanent, and Endless Life - like unto the **Orde**r of Melchisedec! The source of this Endless Life is the Father; as Jesus Himself says:

"Truly, truly, I say unto you, 'The hour is coming, and now is, <u>when the dead shall hear</u> the voice of **the Son of God**; and they who hear <u>shall live</u>. For as the Father <u>has Life in</u> <u>Himself; so has He given to the Son to have Life in Himself</u>; and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the **Son of Man**.' " (John 5:25-27)

Jesus Has an Indestructible & Endless Life

Truly truly! Always and always! Forever and ever!

Jesus, our Great High Priest, at all times, Lives to make intercession for us! Jesus <u>has been made</u> the Guarantee of <u>a Better Covenant</u> forever on our behalf! Jesus has been forever made <u>the Better Hope</u> through which we draw near unto God!

<u>Jesus</u> is thus able <u>to always save</u> any person to the uttermost when they come unto God through <u>Him</u>!

In Christ Jesus is Life, and His Life is the Light of men! Indeed Christ is our Life!

Lord Jesus, when You are revealed, then we also shall be revealed with You in glory! Thank You Jesus – always and always, forever and ever – Amen!