



LIVING GRACE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

“The Perfect High Priest”
Sermon Date: April 23rd, 2023

Reflections on Sunday’s Sermon

The New City Catechism—Lord’s Day 17

What is Idolatry?

Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance and security. (Romans 1:21, 25)

Scripture

Hebrews 7:26-28 (ESV)

²⁶For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷He 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. ²⁸For 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.

Understanding and Applying

- 1. The Levitical Priesthood:** What makes the old covenant priesthood *temporary* and *inadequate* compared to Jesus (vv. 27-28)?
- 2. Jesus:** In your own words, what qualified Jesus to be our high priest and why are these conditions *necessary* for our salvation?
- 3. Exhort:** How would you encourage the Hebrew Christians to look to Christ as opposed to the Levitical priesthood?
 - How might you exhort someone today who is looking to other things as opposed to Christ for their salvation or assurance in this life?
- 4. Adoration:** How does the passage lead you to give thanks to Jesus?