

# Dealing without Doubt

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Hebrews 6:13-20.
- B. Without permanent change, we are fooling ourselves in regards to our own conversion.
- C. The mark of the true Christian life is a desire to serve and love others.
- D. Abraham was promised that through his seed all would be blessed.

## II. Abraham believed God because his faith rested upon the character of God.

- A. All faith rests on character.
- B. It is a common illusion today that seeing is believing.
- C. One can believe in prayer because Christ said that it is the secret of life.
- D. God is our forerunner and in the Person of Christ all faith rests—what will happen to Him will happen to us.
- E. Our faith will strengthen as we see more the character of the one we believe in.

## III. One can exercise his dominion to the same degree that he is prepared to recognize the kingship and Lordship of Jesus in his life.

- A. The Melchizedek priesthood is being connected to Jesus throughout the day with His peace.
- B. Jesus is superior to the Jewish priesthood.
  - 1. Ancient priests were like modern psychiatrists.
  - 2. These Levitical priests derived their authority from descent from Abraham, so they could not offer any greater help than Abraham.
  - 3. The help of priests were limited compared to that of Melchizedek's priesthood—that of Jesus.
  - 4. If the old law went, so too the old priesthood had to go.
- C. Jesus supersedes the temporariness of the law.
  - 1. The trouble with the present priesthood is the law, which seeks to relate people to reality. (James 3:14)
  - 2. Jesus satisfied the righteousness that the law demanded from us. (Romans 7)

D. Jesus is superior to what any priest can do.

1. Jesus is able to save for all time unlike any priest.

2. This ministry is permanent.

E. We must continually make demands on Christ's power by living a life of faith.

**Application questions:**

1. Why is God's character integral to our faith?

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2. What impact does the nature of Jesus' priesthood have on our ability to have Christian victory?  
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3. What are you asking God for today that only He can accomplish? Step out in faith and ask God to extend His domain in your life and others in ways that seem impossible.

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