

of Jesus and His work now before His Father's throne, I think we may appreciate more fully the words of the writer to the Hebrews in the seventh chapter and fifteen verse: "For after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, who is made not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life."

There is an immortality of name, Great men do not belong merely to the age in which they live. Charles Spurgeon will belong to all ages to come as well as to our own age. There is an immortality of power. The words and works of good men live after them. Melchisedec must have been a great man, and by reason of his faith his kingly priesthood is forever. But Christ is priest forever, made after the power of an endless life in a higher sense.

The words of good men live after them because of the spiritual power which Christ gives to them. But Christ is the original source of life and remains a priest forever by virtue of the endless life which is His from the beginning.

The Jewish priests were appointed according to the law of a carnal commandment. The office descending from father to son at death. The symbols of this priesthood were outward. Having the power of an endless life Christ remains a priest forever. As I was thinking of this subject I was wondering if this thought should not be a continual inspiration to us. There is not one of us but would have the power of an endless life. Man was made with such powers within him, but through sin they become chained. We long to be free that we may mount to the very highest heights that an endless life affords. A negro slave had broken his chains and escaped from his master, outrunning the bloodhounds that pursued him closely. Crossing the dismal swamps he finally reached Niagara River. He took passage on a boat that was crossing, and during the

passage he stood at the bow of the boat, with his form erect, his eyes flashing with hope, and ere the keel of the boat grated upon the shore, he bounded high in the air and stood upon Canadian soil a freed man. This longing for freedom wells in the heart of us all, and we wish for the liberated powers of an endless life that find no constraint of evil and sin to hinder them in their working. The fact that Jesus, one of our own race, has manifested to us the power of an endless life gives us hope that we too may share with Him that power also. But we are not left to hope, but Christ has given us the assurance "I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish."

And if Christ has the power of an endless life, how fitted He is to guide and lead us. Our knowledge is limited. As long as we live we may grow in wisdom. To a certain extent the history of past ages may be a guide to us, but Christ our personal and constant friend, having gone through the same temptations, having shared the experiences of the Christians of all time, knowing in His endless life the sorrows of earth and the glories of heaven, becomes our sure and perfect guide. He is a high priest who can sympathize with our infirmities and best teach us the way of eternal life. I think, also, it is by virtue of Christ's endless life we sing—

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love."

The children of God are scattered through many lands and ages, but the thought of an ever living abiding Christ makes them brethren of the same family. It is by the endless life of Christ that we may have kindred affection with Paul and John, Isaiah and David. "They did all drink of the same spiritual drink, for they drank of that spiritual Rock which followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

I have thought, also, how true it is that the Christian work we are trying to do in our church and B.Y.P.U. and