

in most impressive words the sacred office of a Christian Minister fully described. It differs, most essentially, from the office of the Priesthood under the Mosaic dispensation, and should never be confounded with it.

Under the law, Aaron and his descendants were ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices for the people, these things were a figure for the time then present. But this office has ceased for ever under the Christian dispensation. Aaron, in all that he did, was a type of our Great High Priest, and all the sacrifices which he offered looked forward to, and were terminated in, that one great sacrifice which Christ, as our surety and representative, offered up to God. The Apostle Paul, in his Epistle to the Hebrews, clearly teaches that the "Priesthood being changed, there is of necessity made a change of the Law." That Christ, our Great High Priest, hath an unchangeable Priesthood—that is, a Priesthood which passeth not from one to another—that by one offering of Himself once offered, He has for ever perfected them that are sanctified—that therefore there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin," and that, having entered within the Holiest of all, even Heaven itself, Christ, our representative, is there, ever ready to fulfil His Priestly office for his people—to present His own blood in their behalf, and to make continual and prevalent intercession for them.

The great sin of the Roman Apostacy is, that it interferes with, and encroaches upon, the office of Him "who abideth a Priest for ever;" that it dishonours the Priesthood and sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ, intruding sinful and fallible men into a participation of the former, and placing the latter on a level with those sacrifices of the law which needed daily to be repeated, and which could never take away sin. And that instead of inviting and encouraging men to come with boldness to a throne of Grace, through our Great High Priest who is passed into the Heavens, it interposes men of like passions with others, between the sinner and the Saviour, and makes the Priest, instead of a Messenger, Watch