

## The Catholic Hack! Episode No. 13 – The Priesthood

CCC: 1337 The Lord, having loved those who were his own, loved them to the end. Knowing that the hour had come to leave this world and return to the Father, in the course of a meal he washed their feet and gave them the commandment of love.<sup>163</sup> In order to leave them a pledge of this love, in order never to depart from his own and to make them sharers in his Passover, he instituted the Eucharist as the memorial of his death and Resurrection, and commanded his apostles to celebrate it until his return; "thereby he constituted them priests of the New Testament."<sup>164</sup>

### Malachi

#### Chapter 1

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<sup>3</sup> Oh, that one among you would shut the temple gates to keep you from kindling fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the LORD of hosts; neither will I accept any sacrifice from your hands,

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**For from the rising of the sun, even to its setting, my name is great among the nations; And everywhere they bring sacrifice to my name, and a pure offering; For great is my name among the nations, says the LORD of hosts.**

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But you behave profanely toward me by thinking the LORD'S table and its offering may be polluted, and its food slighted.

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You also say, "What a burden!" and you scorn it, says the LORD of hosts; You bring in what you seize, or the lame, or the sick; yes, you bring it as a sacrifice. Shall I accept it from your hands? says the LORD.

### Genesis

#### Chapter 2

15

The LORD God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to **cultivate** and **care** for it.

\* Abodah & Shamar – Hebrew words to describe Priestly Service

### Numbers

#### Chapter 3

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They shall discharge his obligations and those of the whole community before the meeting tent by **servicing** at the Dwelling.

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They shall have **custody** of all the furnishings of the meeting tent and discharge the duties of the Israelites in the service of the Dwelling.

## Hebrews

### Chapter 6

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Human beings swear by someone greater than themselves; for them an oath serves as a guarantee and puts an end to all argument.

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So when God wanted to give the heirs of his promise an even clearer demonstration of the immutability of his purpose, he intervened with an oath,

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so that by two immutable things, <sup>8</sup> in which it was impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge might be strongly encouraged to hold fast to the hope that lies before us.

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This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm, which reaches into the interior behind the veil, <sup>9</sup>

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**where Jesus has entered on our behalf as forerunner, becoming high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.**

## Hebrews

### Chapter 7

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**<sup>1</sup> This "Melchizedek, king of Salem and priest of God Most High," <sup>2</sup> "met Abraham as he returned from his defeat of the kings" and "blessed him."**

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<sup>3</sup> And Abraham apportioned to him "a tenth of everything." His name first means righteous king, and he was also "king of Salem," that is, king of peace.

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Without father, mother, or ancestry, without beginning of days or end of life, <sup>4</sup> thus made to resemble the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.

## Genesis

### Chapter 14

17

When Abram returned from his victory over Chedorlaomer and the kings who were allied with him, the king of Sodom went out to greet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

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**<sup>5</sup> Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine, and being a priest of God Most High,** he blessed Abram with these words:

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<sup>6</sup> Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth;

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<sup>7</sup> And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

### **Targums on Gen. 14:**

*And Malka Zadika, who was Shem bar Noah, the king of Yerushalem, came forth to meet Abram, and brought forth to him bread and wine; and in that time he ministered before Eloha Ilaha.* [JERUSALEM. And Malki Zedek, king of Yerushalem, who was Shem, who was the great priest of the Most High.] And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the Lord God Most High, who for the righteous possesseth the heavens and the earth. And blessed be Eloha Ilaha, who hath made thine enemies as a shield which receiveth a blow. And he gave to him one of ten, of all which he brought back.

<http://www.tulane.edu/%7Entcs/pj/pjgen12-7.htm>

## **Psalms**

### *Chapter 110*

1

<sup>1</sup> A psalm of David. <sup>2</sup> **The LORD says to you, my lord: "Take your throne at my right hand, while I make your enemies your footstool."**

2

The scepter of your sovereign might the LORD will extend from Zion. The LORD says: "Rule over your enemies!"

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<sup>3</sup> Yours is princely power from the day of your birth. In holy splendor before the daystar, like the dew I begot you."

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<sup>4</sup> **The LORD has sworn and will not waver: "Like Melchizedek you are a priest forever."**

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At your right hand is the Lord, who crushes kings on the day of wrath,

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Who, robed in splendor, judges nations, crushes heads across the wide earth,

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<sup>5</sup> Who drinks from the brook by the wayside and thus holds high the head.

## **Mark**

### *Chapter 14*

61

<sup>16</sup> But he was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him and said to him, "Are you the Messiah, the son of the Blessed One?"

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Then Jesus answered, "I am; and **'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power** and coming with the clouds of heaven."

- This is a reference to Psalm 110 vs 1

## **Romans**

### *Chapter 15*

15

But I have written to you rather boldly in some respects to remind you, because of the grace given me by God

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to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in performing the **priestly service** of the gospel of God, so that the **offering** up of the Gentiles may be acceptable, **sanctified by the holy Spirit.**

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In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to boast in what pertains to God.

## **1 Peter**

### *Chapter 2*

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and, like living stones, let yourselves be built <sup>4</sup> into a spiritual house to be a **holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**

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For it says in scripture: "Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame."

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Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: "The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"

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and "A stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall." They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny.

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<sup>5</sup> But you are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

## **Revelation**

### *Chapter 1*

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and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us <sup>5</sup> from our sins by his blood,

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who has made us into a **kingdom, priests** for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever (and ever). Amen.

## Exodus

### Chapter 19

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<sup>1</sup> You shall be to me a **kingdom of priests**, a holy nation. That is what you must tell the Israelites."

## Matthew

### Chapter 27

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<sup>13</sup> When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves."

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And the whole people said in reply, "**His blood be upon us and upon our children.**"

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Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, <sup>14</sup> he handed him over to be crucified.

## Matthew

### Chapter 26

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<sup>14</sup> <sup>15</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body."

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Then he took a cup, gave thanks, <sup>16</sup> and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you,

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for **this is my blood of the covenant**, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.

## Exodus

### Chapter 24

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Moses himself was told, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, with Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. You shall all worship at some distance,

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but Moses alone is to come close to the LORD; the others shall not come too near, and the people shall not come up at all with Moses."

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When Moses came to the people and related all the words and ordinances of the LORD, they all answered with one voice, "We will do everything that the LORD has told us."

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***<sup>1</sup> Moses then wrote down all the words of the LORD and, rising early the next day, he erected at the foot of the mountain an altar and twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel.***

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***Then, having sent certain young men of the Israelites to offer holocausts and sacrifice young bulls as peace offerings to the LORD,***

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***Moses took half of the blood and put it in large bowls; the other half he splashed on the altar.***

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***Taking the book of the covenant, he read it aloud to the people, who answered, "All that the LORD has said, we will heed and do."***

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***Then he took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words of his."***

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Moses then went up with Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy elders of Israel,

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and they beheld the God of Israel. Under his feet there appeared to be sapphire tile work, as clear as the sky itself.

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<sup>2</sup> Yet he did not smite these chosen Israelites. After gazing on God, they could still eat and drink.

12

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and, while you are there, I will give you the stone tablets on which I have written the commandments intended for their instruction."

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So Moses set out with Joshua, his aide, and went up to the mountain of God.

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The elders, however, had been told by him, "Wait here for us until we return to you. Aaron and Hur are staying with you. If anyone has a complaint, let him refer the matter to them."

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After Moses had gone up, a cloud covered the mountain.

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The glory of the LORD settled upon Mount Sinai. The cloud covered it for six days, and on the seventh day he called to Moses from the midst of the cloud.

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To the Israelites the glory of the LORD was seen as a consuming fire on the mountaintop.

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But Moses passed into the midst of the cloud as he went up on the mountain; and there he stayed for forty days and forty nights.

## Acts

### Chapter 1

24

Then they prayed, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen

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to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place."

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<sup>8</sup> Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles.

## Luke

### Chapter 1

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Once when he was serving as priest in his division's turn before God,

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according to the practice of the priestly service, he was chosen by lot to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to burn incense.

## 1 Chronicles

### Chapter 24

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Their functions were assigned impartially by lot, for there were officers of the holy place, and officers of the divine presence,

## Exodus

### Chapter 28

1

"From among the Israelites have your brother Aaron, together with his sons Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, brought to you, that they may be my priests.

2

For the glorious adornment of your brother Aaron you shall have sacred vestments made.

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Therefore, to the various expert workmen whom I have endowed with skill, you shall give instructions to make such vestments for Aaron as will set him apart for his sacred service as my priest.

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These are the vestments they shall make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a brocaded tunic, a miter and a sash. In making these sacred vestments which your brother Aaron and his sons are to wear in serving as my priests,

## John

### Chapter 19

23

<sup>2</sup> When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier. They also took his tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down.

## Revelation

### Chapter 1

13

and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, <sup>12</sup> wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest.

## John

### Chapter 20

21

<sup>14</sup> (Jesus) said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

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<sup>15</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit.

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<sup>16</sup> Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

## Leviticus

### Chapter 19

21

The man, moreover, shall bring to the entrance of the meeting tent a ram as his guilt offering to the LORD.

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With this ram the priest shall make atonement before the LORD for the sin he has committed, and it will be forgiven him.



## 2 Corinthians

### Chapter 2

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Whomever you forgive anything, so do I. For indeed what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for you in the presence of Christ,

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For we are not like the many who trade on the word of God; but as out of sincerity, indeed as from God and in the presence of God, we speak in Christ.

## Luke

### Chapter 10

16

Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

## James

### Chapter 5

14

Is anyone among you sick? <sup>6</sup> He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint (him) with oil in the name of the Lord,

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and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>7</sup>