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 they truly are appointed priests in) truly wore many priests,   
 because they were not suf:   
 numbers, because they are not suf- fered to continue by rea-   
 fered to continue by reason of death : son of death: ‘Abut this   
 2#but He, because he continueth | man, decause he vontinueth   
 eves, hath an unchangeable   
 ever, hath his priesthood unchange- priesthood. ° Wherefore   
 able. 25 Wherefore he is able also) je is able also to save them   
 to ve them to the uttermost that |¢o the ultermost that come   
 come unto God through him, SCCING| unto God by to make inter-   
   
 Rom isis he ever liveth “to make intercession) cession for them. 26 For   
 oe . for them. °8 For such an high priest|   
   
   
 For Christ, the Son of God, became man, somewhat tantological to say that they   
 to publish this covenant on earth,—has were hindered by death from continuing   
 sealed it with His sufferings and death, in life): but He, on account of his re-   
 and by His resurrection from the dead maining for ever (here again our former   
 was declared with power to be sent by argument conversely applies, and obliges   
 God as the Founder of such a Covenant.” us to understand this remaining of en-   
 Limemann. This seems better, consi- duranee now in Uife, not in priesthood. It   
 dering the context, in which our hope wonld be tautology to say, as some ex-   
 mainly, and not at present Christ’s satis- plain it, “because He remains a priest   
 faction, is in question, than to bring for ever, He has an unchangeable priest-   
 as some do, that satisfaction, to 1 hood :” besides that thus the members of   
 His suretyshij meaning His me the parallelism would not correspond.   
 ship [see ch. viii. where He is described as They, on account of their deaths, are sub-   
 mediator of a better testament or covenant] ject to continual renewal: He, because   
 seen from both sides—that He is God’s he lives for ever, has his priesthood un-   
 surety for man and man’s surety for God). changeable, See John viii. 35 |. 34;   
 23—25.] Further proof still of the su- xxi. 22 f.: 1 Cor, xv.6: Phil. i, 25), hath   
 periority of Christ's priesthood, in that his priesthood unchangeable.   
 the Levitical priests were continually re- 25.) Whence (since he ever liveth) also   
 moved by death: Christ is undying and (as'a consequence, something else,   
 abiding. This point was slightly touched flowing from and accompanying the last:   
 before in ver. 8, and again in ver. 16 f.: but with a slightly characteristie fore: a   
 in the first place it was to shew the new and higher thing follows) He is able   
 abiding nature of the superiority of the to save(in itsusual solemn New Test. sense,   
 priesthood—its endurance in Melchisedee, to reseue from sin and condemnation) to   
 and in Christ, Melchisedee’s antitype, as the uttermost (some take this of time:   
 contrasted with men who here re- “ He is ever able to save,” or “ He is abie   
 ceive tithes. In the second, it was to bring to save for ever.” But this is not the   
 out the difference between the ordinances usage of the word. Bleck has shewn by   
 which constituted the two priesthoods: the very many instances, that completeness,   
 one the law of a carnal commandment, the not duration, is its idea) those that ap-   
 other, the power of an endless life. Here, proach (see above, ver. 19) through Him   
 the personal contrast is dwelt on: the (i.e. by faith in Him. The contrast is   
 many, which change: the oxF, who abides. to those, whose approach to God was   
 23.] And they indeed (j, c. through the Levitical priesthood) to God,   
 Levitical priests) are appointed priests in ever living as He does (this clause in   
 numbers (the chief emphasis is on this fact is explanatory of the “wherefore,”   
 latter point, as contrasted with unchange- giving the reason which is wrapped up in   
 able below), on account of their being by that conjunction) to intercede for them   
 death hindered from continuing (in /ife ? (this intercession implies the whole media-   
 or, in their ? ‘The latter is torial work, which the exalted Saviour   
 by many, and is the more probable. ‘The performs for his own with his heavenly   
 coutext clearly here treats of abiding in Father, either by reference to his past   
 the erie besides which, it would be death of blood by which He has bought