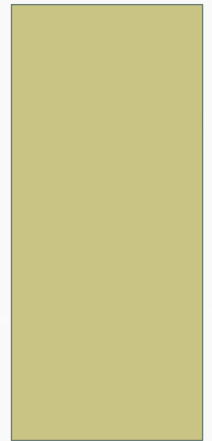


THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

– CHAPTER 7 –

JESUS ESTABLISHED A BETTER PRIESTHOOD



MELCHIZEDEK - THE BIG POINT

- Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron? (Heb 7:11)
- What is the answer to this rhetorical question?
 - No need for another priest if Levitical Priesthood was perfect
- ***SO...The Levitical Priesthood was imperfect***

THE BIG CONCLUSION

- If the priesthood changes, what else must change?
- “For the priesthood being changed, **of necessity there is also a change of the law.**” Heb 7:12

JESUS' PRIESTHOOD

- For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. Heb 7:14
- And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but **according to the power of an endless life**. Heb 7:14-15

***“You are a priest forever
According to the order of Melchizedek.”***

JESUS FULFILLS PSALM 110 MESSIAH – KING – PRIEST

HEB 7:1-17

PSALM 110:1-4

The LORD said to my Lord,
“Sit at My right hand,
Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”

The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion.
Rule in the midst of Your enemies!

Your people shall be volunteers
In the day of Your power;
In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning,
You have the dew of Your youth.

The LORD has sworn
And will not relent,
“You are a priest forever
According to the order of Melchizedek.”

COMPARISON OF PRIESTS

HEB 7:15-28

Jesus

- Eternal (16, 24, 26)
- God's oath (20)
- Better covenant (22)
- One priest (24)
- Sinless (26)
- Sacrifice once for all (27)
- Perfect forever (28)

Levitical Priests

- Men who die (23)
- No oath (20)
- Weak covenant (18-9)
- Many priests (23)
- Sinful (27)
- Many sacrifices (27)
- Weak (28)

“A HIGH PRIEST WHO MEETS OUR NEED” HEB 7:26-7 NIV

- Holy
- Harmless (innocent)
- Undefiled
- Separate from sinners
- Higher than the heavens
- Offered Himself once for all

JESUS IS BETTER!

- “a better hope, through which we draw near to God.” (19)
- “a surety of a better covenant” (22)
- “has an unchangeable priesthood” (23)
- able to save to the uttermost (24)
- “has been perfected forever” (28)

WHAT HARDSHIPS DO WE FACE FOR SERVING JESUS?

HOW DOES HEBREWS 7 CHALLENGE YOU TO GROW?