



Hebrews Lesson 7 Chapter 7

Jesus has been exalted by showing His superiority to angels in chapter 1, to Moses in chapter 3, and as perfect high priest in chapter 2. The writer has mentioned the priesthood several times in his explanation of the correlation of the old covenant to the new covenant. He has even quoted Psalm 110:4 that gives the obscure mention of Messiah being from the priesthood of Melchizedek. Before continuing in that line of thinking, he diverts to a severe warning to the Jews that they are in a position of potential danger in their faith. Many are growing weary of the constant persecution and the severe hardships that have come as a result of pursuing Christianity. Life would be much easier if they reembrace the Jewish traditions of their forefathers. Endurance is needed in order for them to get past the temptations and distractions they are facing. Living a committed Christian life wasn't easy, and many are in danger of falling away. It was important that they understand they are not abandoning the truths that they and their

ancestors were privileged to be a part of for several thousand years, but simply living the final fulfillment of all of God's covenant promises. Jesus was the fulfillment of all the requirements of the Law, and He supplied what the Law could not, complete forgiveness of sin and a personal relationship with God through faith in His finished word. All the ceremonies and objects of worship, as well as the commandments, have been fulfilled in Jesus. The author wants them to understand the wonder of what Christ has done for them. He wants them to understand so they can rejoice in the miracle of their salvation, and therefore, endure any difficulty that they face because of it. So, alongside the warnings, he is going to give them the truth about all the details of Christ as this superior Savior. Even though they have become weak in their faith, the deep truths of God are necessary for them to continue and grow. One of the most profound truths he is going to help them understand is the superior priesthood of Christ in the order of Melchizedek.

REVIEW OF CHAPTER 6

“This hope we have as an _____ of the _____, a hope both sure and _____ and one which enters within the _____, where Jesus has entered as a _____ for us, having become a _____ forever according to the order of Melchizedek.” Hebrews 6:19-20

1. *Why did the author encourage the readers to “leave the elementary teaching of Christ?” 6:1*

2. *Why would it be impossible for someone who had heard and somewhat experienced the reality of Christ be “renewed again to repentance” if they fall away? 6:6*

3. *Does the author believe these believers have hardened their hearts to that point? Why or why not? 6:9-10*

READ CHAPTER 7

4. *Read Abraham’s encounter with Melchizedek in Genesis 14:17-20. What does the writer of Hebrews know about this man that is inferred but not stated in the Genesis passage? Hebrews 7:2-3*



One of the problems that would have been evident to any Jew with Jesus being the perfect High Priest (2:17) was that Jesus was not from the tribe of Levi, which is the only specified lineage necessary for anyone to become a priest. The writer is about to explain why it was absolutely necessary for Jesus to not be from the lineage of Levi in order to establish a new priesthood that was superior to the Levitical priesthood.

5. *Read Hebrews 5:1-14 again. Why did the author of Hebrews hesitate in discussing the details about Melchizedek to these recipients? 5:11-12*

6. *Though Abraham is the Father of the Jewish nation and the Levitical priesthood originated in him, how does Abraham compare to Melchizedek? Vs. 5-8*



Since Levi was the great-grandson of Abraham, in reality the Levitical priesthood paid tithes to Melchizedek through Abraham. Therefore, it is made clear that there was a superior priesthood to the Levitical priesthood even before it was established in the time of Moses.

7. *What point is the writer making in 7:11, and then what fact does he state because of that in 7:12?*
8. *According to 7:15-17, on what basis is the Melchizedekian priesthood superior?*
9. *How did Jesus become a part of that priesthood? 7:20-21*
10. *From verses 22-28, list several more reasons why Jesus is a superior High Priest.*

Prayer requests:

Group time notes:
