

Jesus, Our Melchizedekian Priest, Part 5 – Heb. 7:1-28

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In Hebrews 7 the author returns to the central theological idea of the letter, that Jesus Christ is our eternal High Priest. In order to draw out the full significance of Jesus' unique priesthood, he expounds Psalm 110:4, where a King is foretold who will also hold the office of a Priest, like Melchizedek. The author exalts the priesthood of Jesus by expounding first how Melchizedek is greater than the Levitical priesthood of the OT, and second how Jesus is the greatest Melchizedekian priest.

1. The Superiority of Melchizedek to Levi (7:1-10)
 - a. The Person of Melchizedek (1-3)
 - b. The Greatness of Melchizedek (4-10)
2. The Superiority of Jesus' Melchizedekian Priesthood (7:11-28)
 - a. Only the Priesthood of Jesus can 'perfect' believers, for Jesus alone serves as a Priest apart from the Law (11-14). *After the order of Melchizedek*
 - b. Only the Priesthood of Jesus introduces a 'better hope,' for Jesus alone possesses an indestructible life (15-19). *You are a priest forever*
 - c. Only the Priesthood of Jesus assures us of a 'better covenant,' for Jesus alone receives His Priesthood with an oath (20-22). *The LORD has sworn and will not relent*
 - d. Only the Priesthood of Jesus saves 'to the uttermost,' for Jesus alone holds his priesthood forever and intercedes for us forever (23-25). *You are a priest forever*
 - e. Only the Priesthood of Jesus renders us holy, for Jesus alone offered Himself a holy sacrifice (26-28). *You are a priest forever*