



Our Forever High Priest Hebrews 6:20 – 7:28

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“Jesus, ... has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek. Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever. For it is declared: ‘You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.’ He became a priest with an oath when God said to him: ‘The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: You are a priest forever.’

Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant. Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests men in all their weakness; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.”

I. The Spiritual Mystery of Melchizedek

Verse 1-3 – This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him, and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, the name Melchizedek means “king of righteousness”; then also, “king of Salem” means “king of peace.” Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.

- An Uncommon Record

Verse 3 – “Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.”

- An Unusual Name

Verse 2 – “And Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, the name Melchizedek means ‘king of righteousness’; then also, ‘king of Salem’ means ‘king of peace.’”

Psalms 85:9-10 (ESV)

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

- An Unsurpassed Position

Verse 1 – “Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High.”

II. The Superior Ministry of Jesus

Verse 11 – “If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the law was given to the people), why was there still need for another priest to come?”

The ministry of Jesus is:

- A Perfect Ministry

Verse 11, 18-19 – “If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood—and indeed the law given to the people established that priesthood—why was there still need for another priest to come, one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron? The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.”

- A Permanent Ministry

Verse 23, 24 – “Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.”

- A Powerful Ministry

Verse 14, 16, 25 – “For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah... one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life. Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him.”

- A Personal Ministry

Verse 25-27 – “...He always lives to intercede for them. Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, He does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for His own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when He offered Himself. “