



HELD FIRM TO HOLD FAST

Jesus Christ – Like Melchizedek
Hebrews 7

Longing and Loss



Hebrews 7:1-10

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, 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.” 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.

⁴ Just think how great he was: Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth of the plunder!



Hebrews 7:1-10

⁵ Now the law requires the descendants of Levi who become priests to collect a tenth from the people—that is, from their fellow Israelites—even though they also are descended from Abraham. ⁶ This man, however, did not trace his descent from Levi, yet he collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. ⁷ And without doubt the lesser is blessed by the greater. ⁸ In the one case, the tenth is collected by people who die; but in the other case, by him who is declared to be living. ⁹ One might even say that Levi, who collects the tenth, paid the tenth through Abraham, ¹⁰ because when Melchizedek met Abraham, Levi was still in the body of his ancestor.



Who is Melchizedek?

- Priest and King
- King of Righteousness (1 John 2:1)
- King of Peace (Romans 5:1)



Greater than Abraham

- Abraham gives a tithe ($1/10^{\text{th}}$)
- Melchizedek blesses Abraham



A priest in the order of Melchizedek is
superior to Israel's priesthood...
so Jesus, high priest in the order of
Melchizedek, is superior to all.



How?

Hebrews 7:16

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.

"The Power of an Indestructible Life! "



So What?



We have a better HOPE!

Hebrews 7:18-19

¹⁸ The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless ¹⁹ (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.



This is a Guaranteed Covenant... a sacred promise that cannot be broken

Hebrews 7:20-22

²⁰ And it was not without an oath! Others became priests without any oath, ²¹ but 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.’”

²² Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant.



This is a Permanent Priesthood - Forever

Hebrews 7:23-25

²³ Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; ²⁴ but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

- Able to save completely those who come to God through Him (Jesus)
- Jesus always lives to intercede for us!



Look at Jesus!

Hebrews 7:26-28

²⁶ Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ 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.



Big Question:
Do you love Jesus?



The expulsive
power of a new
affection.

