

A PRIEST IN THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK

Hebrews 7

Memorize God's Word for the week: Hebrews 7:24-25.

Discuss review questions from the previous lesson.

DAY 1: HEBREWS 7:1-4—THIS MELCHIZEDEK

1. Carefully read these verses along with the Genesis 14:18-20. List the ways in which Melchizedek is “resembling the Son of God” (7:1).
2. How do the following verses reveal Melchizedek's superiority to Abraham?
 - a. Genesis 14:18-19
 - b. Genesis 14:20b

DAY 2: HEBREWS 7:5-10—GREATER THAN ABRAHAM

3.
 - a. Who is Levi (Genesis 35:22-23)? (See also Numbers 3:1, 5-13.)
 - b. What is the Law? (See Leviticus 18:1-5.)
 - c. What is a tithe? (See Leviticus 27:30-34.)
4.
 - a. To someone who has lived under the Law, it might seem strange that Abraham paid a tithe to Melchizedek. Why might this have seemed strange? (See Numbers 18:21-24.)
 - b. Read Psalm 110:4. What does King David say about the Messiah in this verse?
5. “*It is beyond dispute*” (Hebrews 7:7) reveals certainty. What is the author convinced of as certain?

DAY 3: HEBREWS 7:11-17—THE POWER OF ONE GREATER

6.
 - a. What does the author imply about the Aaronic priesthood in verse 11?
 - b. According to Hebrews 10:11-14; and 12:2, how does our author believe perfection occurs?

7. Verse 12 says that a change in the priesthood requires “*a change in the law.*” How do the following verses express the characteristics of the “new” law?
 - a. Romans 8:1-4

 - b. Romans 13:8-10

8.
 - a. How does the basis for Jesus’ priesthood differ from that of the Levites? (See Hebrews 7:16.)

 - b. From Colossians 2:9-10, what is His superior qualification?

DAY 4: HEBREWS 7:18-25—SOMETHING BETTER IS GUARANTEED

9.
 - a. Why must the Law be “*set aside*” (7:18-19)?

 - b. Who swears the oath in verse 20?

10. List the phrases in verses 24-25 that make clear the “*better covenant.*”

DAY 5: HEBREWS 7:26-28—THE PROOF OF A PERFECT PRIEST

11.
 - a. What did Jesus offer up as a sacrifice for sin?

 - b. How did this occur?

12.
 - a. List the words used to describe Jesus, our High Priest, in verse 26.

 - b. How does this description of the Son expand your view of Him as a High Priest?

DAY 6: PARTICIPATE IN CLASS

APPLY what you have learned. Anyone can now approach God through the unique and perfect high priest, Christ Jesus, who “*always lives to make intercession for [us]*” (Hebrews 7:25). The sacrifices and priestly service of the Old Covenant have ended forever. They foreshadowed—and fulfilled in a limited and imperfect way—this role that Christ now fills, that of being both the priest and the sacrifice. Let your gratitude for “*such a great salvation*” (2:3) overflow from your heart into your daily life by offering “sacrifices” of praise and service.