

A Study of the Letter to the Hebrews: Chapters 7 – 8

Sunday, July 25 / Wednesday, July 28

Class Topic and Date: Chapter 7 (Sunday, July 25)

References: Genesis 14: 18 – 20; Psalm 110: 4; 1 Peter 1: 3 – 5

- Explain the historical context of Melchizedek's background.
- In verse 3, why is Melchizedek said to be “without father, without mother, and without genealogy”?
- In verses 4 – 10, explain the relevance of the references to Abraham giving a tithe to Melchizedek, and how this relates to Christ's position and authority.
- According to verse 11 – 17, what does Christ's priesthood reveal about the Levitical priesthood?
- What is the “better hope” referenced in verse 19?
- What is the “oath / affirmation” referenced in verses 20 – 21?
- In verse 26, how is Christ, our High Priest, “fitting” for us (or how does He “fit our needs”)?

Class Topic and Date: Chapter 8 (Wednesday, July 28)

References: Romans 6: 23; Galatians 2: 20; Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34; Matthew 5: 17; Romans 10: 1 – 4

- In verse 3, what “gifts and sacrifices” does Christ offer as our High Priest?
- In verse 4, why would Christ not be a priest if He were on earth?
- In verse 6, how is the new covenant described, and what is Jesus' role in it?
- In verses 8 – 12 (quoting from Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34), how will the new covenant be distinguished from the former covenant?
- According to verse 11, under the new covenant, why will there no longer be a need for people to teach one another to “Know the Lord”?