

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

Sunday, November 30 / Wednesday, December 3

Chapter and Date: Chapter 7 (Sunday, November 30)

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

- Explain the historical significance 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.
- From verses 11 – 17, describe the comparison made between Melchizedek and Christ. 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”)?

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

- In verse 3, what “gifts and sacrifices” does Christ offer as our High Priest?
- In verses 4 – 5, 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?
- According to verses 7 – 13 (quoting from Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34), how is the New Covenant distinguished from the former covenant?
- From verse 11, under the New Covenant, why would there no longer be a need for people to teach one another to “know the Lord”?