

The Book of Hebrews – Chap 7

“...having become a priest forever...”

Recap of Chap 6

1. “...we may have Strong Encouragement”
2. “...we who have fled for refuge...”
 - a) We escaped to Christ from the dangers of the world
3. WE HAVE AN ANCHOR
 - a) Sure
 - b) Steadfast
 - c) Secured “within the Veil”

The Theme of Hebrews....ENCOURAGEMENT!!!!

Chapter Seven

Outline:

- 1) Melchizedek and Abraham (7:1-10)
- 2) Inadequacy of the Old Priesthood (7:11-19)
- 3) Supremacy of the New Priesthood (7:20-28)

The “foreverness” of Christ Priesthood

- 1) Chap 6:20 – “a high priest forever...”
- 2) 7:3 – “...abides a priest perpetually”
- 3) 7:16 – “became a priest....by a endless life”
- 4) 7:17, 21 – “a priest forever...” Psa 110:4
- 5) 7:24 – “he continues forever...”
- 6) 7:25 – “he liveth to make intercession”
- 7) 7:28 – “a son...made perfect forever...”

Melchizedek in the Scriptures

- Gen 14:18-20, Psalms 110:4
- Priest of the Most High God
- King of Salem (“peace”), King of Righteousness
- Without mother, father or genealogy
- Without beginning or end of life
- Made like the Son of Man
- Abides a Priest continually
- Blessed Abraham, Received Tithes of Abraham

Christ and Melchizedek

- Both Priest
- Both Kings
- Both are Righteousness and Peace
- No Genealogies
- Both are timeless

Summary of Gen 14 and Heb 7:1-10

Melchizedek > Abram

Abram > Levi

Christ = Melchizedek

Christ > Levi

Inadequacy of the Old Priesthood (7:11-19)

- It was “Weak” (v.19)
 - Compared to “indestructible life”...v.16
- It was “Useless” (v.19)
 - It made nothing perfect (v.20)
- It was “set aside” (v.18)
 - Priesthood and Law were changed (v.12)

Supremacy of the New Priesthood (7:20-28)

1. Declared with an oath (v.21)
 - a) Guarantee of a better covenant (v.22)
2. Abides forever, permanently (v.24)
 - a) 1 vs 83 Priests
3. Able to save those who draw near (v.25)
4. Better in Character (v.26)
5. Perfect sacrifice (v.27)
6. “ephapax” (v.27)

Qualities of Jesus as High Priest (2-7)

- “merciful and faithful” – 2:17
- “able to help those who are tempted” – 2:18
- “great...passed through the heavens” – 4:14
- “able to sympathize with our weakness” – 4:15
- “tempted as we are, yet w/o sin” – 4:15
- “appointed by God” – 5:5
- “a forerunner on our behalf” – 6:20
- “holy, blameless, unstained, separate” – 7:26
- “exalted above the heavens” – 7:26
- “made perfect forever” – 7:28

AND FINALLY.....

“...we have such a High Priest...”

HEBREWS 8:1