
Hebrews 7:1-28

Topic: This is one of the most neglected books of the bible. We don't know who the author is, but we do know it was written for the instruction of the temple before 70 A.D. It is to the Jews what the book of Romans is to the Gentiles. Hebrews tells of sacrifices and rituals and exalts the sovereignty of Christ. It tells of Christ's relation to Moses and Abraham and all those people. This is why the Book of Hebrews is so great. The message of Hebrews is this: go on to spiritual maturity. Don't sit back on your laurels; get up and do something for the Lord, spread the word, help someone who doesn't ask but you see the need.

Heb Vs1: Jesus Christ was made a high priest after the order Melchisedec, King of Salem, Priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the Kings and blessed him.

Genesis 14:18 is the setting of Abraham coming back from this battle. Salem means Peace, so City of Peace. This Melchisedec, King of Salem (Peace) is the priest of the Most High God (God Almighty) and this is the first place Melchisedec is mentioned. Abraham recognized that Melchisedec had an intimate relationship with God and gave him tithes. Melchisedec brought forth bread and wine, so he represents Christ in the Old Testament.

Psalms 110:4: The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent; Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. There is a priesthood order of Melchisedec before Christ came to in the scene. We really know very little about this.

Heb Vs2: Melchisedec was king of righteousness, a king of peace, and a high priest. He instituted the relationship of King/Priest. Melchisedec had the attributes of Christ being pure and true.

Vs3: Without father, without mother, Jesus came as prophet, priest, and king. Melchisedec is type of Christ, being a King Priest. But Melchisedec is not Jesus Christ. Melchisedec could've been a rare manifestation of Christ making a visit to mankind in the Old Testament.

Vs4: even the patriarch Abraham gave tithe, a tenth of his spoils of war, recognizing the Godly relationship of this man Melchisedec and he was blessed.

Vs5: this son of Levi took all the tithes (income tax) of the people of Israel, and he took a tenth of the tithes to support the High Priest.

Vs6: this says Melchisedec existed before Abraham, he took the tithes offered by Abraham, and he blessed Abraham.

Vs7: The individual doing the blessing is always greater than the receiver of the blessing. Melchisedec had power and authority as King/Priest.

Vs8: when this was written, the Levi's bring tithes to the temple

Vs9: Levi paid tithes to Melchisedec through Abraham even though Levi wasn't born yet, but Levi is a descendant of Abraham.

Vs10: Abraham was the father of all these descendants, the father of Israel.

Vs11: what further need was there for another priest to rise after Melchisedec? If the Levitical priesthood was perfection, under which law put you to death, if the law could've saved anyone we would not have needed another priest. This is not just the 10 commandments. It is also the laws in the book of Leviticus. The laws in the Old Testament only put you to death. There is not a person alive now or then who lived according to those laws. But with Christ, you may live and be forgiven. Jesus Christ interceded on our behalf as a priest. All the gallons of blood spilled in the

Old Testament didn't save one soul. The last sacrifice was in 70 A.D. If someone says they are above committing sin, don't believe them. Super Christians all die eventually. Only Jesus Christ beat death, and only Jesus Christ can help us beat death by grace and salvation. We still need cleansing everyday, and Jesus Christ is there interceding for us a priest of the order of Melchisedec. This is a very powerful verse. It chops down a lot of what's being taught in churches today. You cannot be saved by the law or by your works. Only by salvation through Jesus Christ can you be saved.

Vs12-13: here's a bit of the history of the tribe of Levi. These priests were not to have any land. They are wholly supported by the people of Israel. They are only to serve man. They do not tend sheep or farm or anything but help the people of Israel.

Vs14: Jesus Christ didn't come from the tribe of Levi. He came from the tribe of Juda. He couldn't be priest under the law.

Vs15: the writer is trying to convince the Jewish Christians that priests don't only come from the tribe of Levi.

Vs16-18: here the writer is talking about the law again, that it was unprofitable and it never saved anyone.

Vs19: the law didn't make anything better, didn't save anyone. But the law was a school teacher to bring the lessons of the laws of Christ to us.

Vs20-21: Jesus Christ was baptized into being a priest; He wasn't make a priest by an oath.

Vs22: when Jesus came along, He satisfied the complete requirements of the law of a perfect sacrifice. No further sacrifices were needed after the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Vs23: no other priests of old exist today. They all died.

Vs24: Jesus Christ is still our priest, alive and well, sitting up in heaven and interceding on our behalf.

Vs25: Jesus Christ is able to save people completely that come to God by Him. Jesus Christ is the only way to be saved, through his grace and mercy. We will never reach spiritual perfection, so Jesus Christ is there for us.

Vs26: notice His attributes: he never committed a sin and never will commit a sin. You only have to confess your sins to Jesus Christ, not any human being on earth like a priest or pastor. Only the Lord Jesus Christ needs to hear your sins. God is the one who forgives you. Jesus Christ is the only one who needs to hear your sins. He created everything; He sustains everything, so He is higher than everything in the universe.

Vs27: the old priests needed to say, "God, please forgive me first" then put the offerings on the altar to have others forgiven for their sins. But it didn't happen that way.

Vs28: Human priests are made through oaths, but the Son is perfect.

1 Tim 2:5: For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; this is the only one you need to go to for all your needs.