

## Sermon Discussion

### 28 March 2021

Read Hebrews 7:1-28

#### Dig Deeper

“He is without father or mother or genealogy” probably means simply that this information is not given anywhere in Scripture (in contrast to the Levitical priests, whose genealogies are recorded). Melchizedek had neither beginning of days nor end of life recorded in Scripture; he suddenly appeared in Genesis 14 and then disappeared.

The Letter to Hebrews seems to view Melchizedek as an ordinary man, who was a “**type**” or foreshadowing of Christ.

In Israel’s daily sacrifices, the priest had to offer a sacrifice for his own sins before he could offer one for the sins of others (*Exodus 29:38-46; Leviticus 4:3-12*). Jesus does not need to offer up periodic sacrifices to atone for sin either for His own or for those of His people. His one sacrifice on the cross completely satisfied God. **No additional sacrifices** are necessary for that purpose.

1. Have you ever "sworn an oath" or made a covenant before? (Think marriage or a court of law.) Does that make your commitment a bigger deal? How so?
2. How do you feel about God making an oath that Jesus would be a priest forever? What does that mean for our security and assurance?
3. Look up and read Psalm 110:1 and then Psalm 110:4 (v. 4 is the one so often quoted in Hebrews 7). This is definitely a Messianic Psalm (remember Jesus quoted it in reference to himself in Matthew 22). What does it tell us about Scripture, that the writer of Hebrews makes such a big deal about a promise/prophecy in a Psalm?
4. In Hebrews 7:16 we see that Jesus is not a priest on the basis of being part of the tribe of Levi, but based on having an indestructible life. How does it encourage you in your walk with God to know that your Savior has an indestructible life?
5. Read Hebrews 7:19 again. Why are some reasons the gospel is a better hope than the Mosaic Law? In other words, what are some ways that Jesus gives us better access to God than the Levitical priesthood?
6. How is it, that the law made nothing perfect?

#### Application & Prayer

- Spend time praying together and encouraging each other to draw near to the Great High Priest....*“Lord help us understand the depth and power. Thank you for being our high priest. Thank you for a relationship that you know our hearts, you know our struggles, and we can hide nothing from you. Thank you for accepting us in this place and inviting us to get to know you more.”*