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All Scripture is God-breathed

Old and New Testament

Draw Near

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- Hebrews 7:25

Main Point: As you draw near to Christ, you can have confidence you are forever and fully saved.

Application: Draw near to Christ ... ongoing, continuous action

The Order of Melchizedek

Jesus is our great High Priest after the order of Melchizedek, and this is better than the Levitical priesthood.

Who is Melchizedek?

- Genesis 14:17-20
- Psalm 110:4
- Nine times in Hebrews

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Possessor of heaven and earth;
and blessed be God Most High,
who has delivered your enemies into your hand!”

-Genesis 14:19-20

For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, ² and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. ³ He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever.

-Hebrews 7:1-3

Typology

- Type/ antitype
- Promise/ fulfillment
- Divinely ordered patterns rooted in history and events

Who is Melchizedek?

- A priest-king pointing forward to a better priest-king, Jesus.
- Jesus is our mediator (priest) and ruler (king).
- Righteous King

Jesus' priesthood not established on the basis of his genealogy.

¹⁶ who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life.

-Hebrews 7:16

The Levitical priests' priesthood ended with their death.

Jesus conquered death. Thus, his priesthood lasts forever.

The Superior Priesthood of Jesus

- The Levitical priesthood recognized the existence of greater priesthood when they paid tithes “through Abraham.”

The Superior Priesthood of Jesus

- Levitical priests were mortal sinful men, and their work was temporary.
- Jesus is the sinless Son of God who conquered death and lives forever.
- He dealt with sin definitively and finally with his “once for all” sacrifice.

Levitical Priesthood: Weak and Ineffective

¹⁸ For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness ¹⁹ (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

- Hebrews 7:18-19

Levitical Priesthood: Weak and Ineffective

- The Levitical priesthood was not evil, it was temporary.

Levitical Priesthood: Weak and Ineffective

- Jesus is the guarantor of a **better** covenant (7:22)
- Jesus provides for us a **better** hope (7:19)
- Because of Jesus we can truly **draw near** to God.

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⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

- Ephesians 2:4-5

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- Repentance is a doorway to enjoying greater freedom.