

Book of Hebrews
Adult Sunday School Class
Faith Baptist Church 2010-2011

Lesson 9: Hebrews 6:20-7:28 – Christ is Like Melchizedek

I. The importance of this topic

- A. He introduces the topic in 5:9-10
- B. What does he say in verse 11 and following that indicates that this is an important concept?
- C. Throughout the first several chapters the writer indicates that Jesus Christ is better.
 1. Better than the _____ Hebrews 1
 2. Better then _____ Hebrews 3
 3. And now, Jesus is a better High Priest, Hebrews 5 and following.

II. Characteristics of Melchizedek Priesthood

- A. What did Melchizedek do to Abraham when he met him? (7:1)
- B. What does that imply about Melchizedek compared to Abraham? (7:7)
- C. What did Abraham do to Melchizedek? (7:2)
- D. What is the significance of the tithes paid?
 1. Which tribe was ordained as the priests in Israel?
 2. The people of Israel were supposed to pay them tithes. (7:5; Numbers 18:21)
 3. In essence who paid tithes to whom in the contact with Melchizedek? (7:9, 10)
 4. Who then is the greater – Levi or Melchizedek?
- E. What is the significance that Melchizedek is without father or mother or genealogy?
 1. He is a priest _____ similar to the Son of God (7:3)
 2. The one who has no death record received tithes from those who died. (7:8)

III. The significance of the comparison (7:11ff)

- A. It implies that perfection (teleosis) could not be attained through the O.T. priesthood. (7:11)
- B. What does verse 12 tell you then results if there is a change in priesthood?
- C. If Christ is a priest, he certainly does not come from the tribe of Levi and therefore there must have been a change in the law.
- D. This is supported by the fact that the new priest, Christ, is priest on the basis of _____ . (7:16)
- E. Why was the former commandment set aside? (7:18)

- F. The Old Testament priests were not inaugurated with an _____ whereas the new priesthood was. (7:20,21)
- G. Because of this, Jesus is the surety of a _____ covenant. (7:22)
- H. Why were there many former priests? (7:23)
- I. Was there no need to offer sacrifices daily like the O.T. priests? (7:27)
- J. The law appointed men who had weaknesses. The oath making Jesus Christ a priest appointed the Son who has been made perfect forever.