



July 9, 2023

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE:

Hebrews 7:11-22

¹¹ Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? ¹² For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. ¹³ For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. ¹⁴ For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

¹⁵ This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, 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. ¹⁷ For it is witnessed of him,

“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”

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.

²⁰ And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, ²¹ but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him:

“The Lord has sworn
and will not change his mind,
‘You are a priest forever.’ ”

²² This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. ¹

D-GROUP AGENDA

Welcome & Catch Up

Begin your D-Group time by taking a few minutes to catch up since your last meeting. Share updates regarding prayer requests shared previously and celebrate what God has done and is doing in the lives of your group members.

Read It

Read the scripture passage, highlighting portions that stand out and things you wish to discuss.

Study It

¹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Heb 7:11–22). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

Among your group, discuss those things that stand out in the passage. For things that may be confusing or create more questions, work together to discover God's truth. Here are a few good books on Hebrews and Leviticus.

Hughes, R. Kent. *Hebrews: An Anchor for the Soul*. Preaching the Word Commentary. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2015.

Mathews, Kenneth A. *Leviticus: Holy God, Holy People*. Preaching the Word Commentary. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2009.

Moseley, Allan. *Leviticus*. Christ-Centered Exposition. Nashville, TN: Holman, 2015.

Mohler, R. Albert, Jr. *Exalting Jesus in Hebrews: Christ-Centered Exposition*. Nashville, TN: Holman, 2017.

Schreiner, Thomas R. *Hebrews*. Evangelical Biblical Theology Commentary. Bellingham, WA: Lexham, 2020.

Review It

As we continue to look at Melchizedek and his position as priest, what is revealed in the Old Testament as the differences in his priesthood and the sons of Aaron? Why is the "priesthood in the order of Melchizedek" significant?

If Christ offers a more sufficient way to the Father, what was the purpose of the law?

If the law is not enough to make us perfect, when should it be referenced? Should it impact the lives of Christians?

What does "guarantor of a better covenant" mean?

Five Questions

1. What did you like about this week's scripture passage and sermon?
2. What did you not like or find confusing about this week's scripture passage and sermon?
3. What does this week's scripture passage and sermon say about God?
4. What does this week's scripture passage and sermon say about humanity?
5. Who outside your group needs to hear the truths from this week's sermon?

Prayer

Pray for each other. Pray for our church and for others gathering in D-groups. Pray for specific needs shared among your members.