

**Series:** Jesus Christ, The Better Way, a study in Hebrews

**Sermon:** A Better Fulfillment

**Primary Text:** Hebrews 7

**Discussion guide:**

- What are some things that seem “made for each other”?
- Do you have a shirt or hat that fits just right that you don’t want to give up?
- In Hebrews 7:26 the author says that Jesus truly meets our needs – one translation says He is “fitting to us”. How is Jesus just right for us?
- Read Genesis 14:18-20 & Psalms 110:4 – keep in mind these are the scriptures that would come to the original readers of Hebrews minds when reading the name “Melchizedek”. Without considering Hebrews, what do these passages tell you about Melchizedek?
- Read Hebrews 7:1-2
  - How is the parallel the writer is making between Mel and Jesus?
    - Why should it matter to us that Jesus is the King of Righteousness?
    - Why should it matter to us that Jesus is the King of Peace?
  - Read Hebrews 7:11
    - What does “perfection” mean here and how is that like righteousness and peace?
  - How does Jesus complete us? (see Mark 10:21)
    - What are some other places you find yourself looking for completion?
- Read Hebrews 7:3
  - Does this mean that Mel was eternal? Explain.
  - How is this similar to Jesus? (see Hebrews 7:16, 23-24)
  - How does Jesus offer us “abundant” life? (see John 10:10)
    - What is the difference between enjoying temporary things and living for temporary things? (see Matthew 6:19-21)
    - How do we store up treasures in heaven?
    - How does living with eternity in mind help us enjoy an abundant life?
      - How does Jesus provide the only way to truly live for eternity?
- Read Hebrews 7:4-7
  - What is the writer’s point about Mel (and, by proxy, Jesus) here?
  - Why is it important to him to get across that Jesus is superior to Abraham?
  - Why did Abraham give tithe to Mel?
  - One commentator says that v. 4 could be translated that Abraham gave a tenth from the “top of the heap” – what does that mean?
  - How is it that Jesus alone can bless us eternally?

- Why should this inspire us to give our best to Jesus?
  - In what ways can we give our best to Jesus?
- Read Hebrews 7:20-22
  - What is the significance of this oath?
  - Read Hebrews 7:18-19, 25
    - How does Jesus interceding for us mean we can draw near to God any time?
    - How can we draw near to God?
      - Why is this like entering heaven?