

It's *all* about
Jesus.

All things were created through Him and for Him. Col 1:16

Looking to Jesus

Part 23

Indestructible!
Hebrews 7:1 1-19
II Cor. 4:7-10

This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by **the power of an indestructible life.** For it is

witnessed of him,

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

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



Jesus is superior to the Levites and the law.

Only on the basis of on the basis of “a legal requirement concerning bodily descent.”

A (useless) law intended to teach us that we cannot keep the law and so will need another Way.

The “former commandment” had to be set aside because of its weakness and uselessness.

The law made nothing perfect.

The law was given to reveal two things . . .

1. The nature and character of God.

“Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.” Lev. 19:2

2. Our inability to keep the law.

“For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.” Rom. 3:20

The power of an indestructible life - yours in Christ!

POWER: dynamis - force, miraculous ability, abundant might, strength .

Indestructible: akatalytos - indissoluble, not subject to destruction.

Life: zoe - The absolute fulness of life, both essential and ethical, which belongs to God. A life real and genuine, active and vigorous, devoted to God.

I have been crucified with Christ and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me! Gal. 2:20



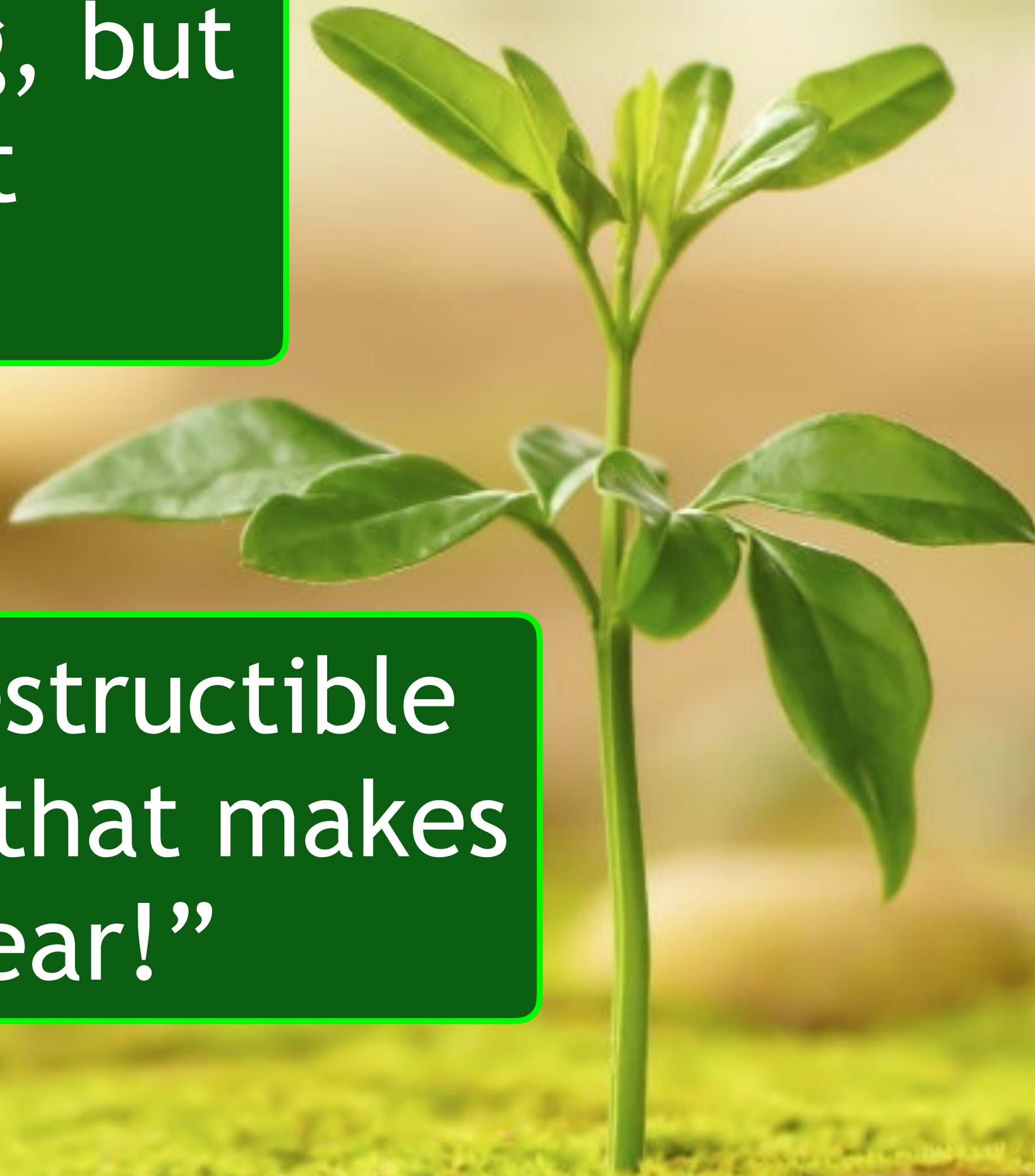
But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

II Corinthians 4:7-10

In the Bible, hope (elpis) never refers to wishful thinking, but always to “confident assurance.”

It’s the hope of the indestructible Life of Christ living in us that makes us able to “draw near!”



(The author of Hebrews) has one simple, deep, high, holy, happy, seemingly impossible goal for us, his readers. Draw near. The great passion of this writer is that we draw near to God. That we come to His throne to find all the help we need. That we come to Him confident that He will reward us with all that He is for us in Jesus.

(sermon by Dr. John Piper on Hebrews 10:19-22)





So we draw near

Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.

James 4:8-10