

Hebrews: Radiance and Shadows
Lesson #9: Jesus is Forever
Hebrews 7:1-28

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Book of Hebrews - Don't give up, because Jesus is our High Priest!

The Hebrews' logic puzzle:

- **Religions:** How can I have a relationship with God?
- **OT Problem:** You can't because God is holy (perfect).
- **OT Solution:** God selected temporary high priests, from the tribe of Levi.
- **The Hebrew Christian's problem:** Jesus is from the tribe of Judah.
⇒ So, how can Jesus help us?

Hebrew's Chapter 7 = The Forever Chapter

Solution: Jesus is a high priest in the order of Melchizedek, not of Levi! (7:1-28).

So, who was Melchizedek?

- 1) A king and priest - like Jesus! (1-2)
 - *Melek* = king; *Tsedek* = righteousness.
 - "Righteousness" = the right way, conformed to the will of God.
 - *Salem* = shalom, peace (Jerusalem).
- 2) The one who receives tithes - like Jesus! (4-10)
 - Why did Abraham tithe? God provided victory!
 - Why Christians tithe? God provides 100%, and He asks us to trust Him with our first 10%.
- 3) The forever priest - like Jesus! (3; 11-28).
 - "Forever" mentioned 5 times in Hebrews 7.
- 4) The praying priest - like Jesus! (25)
 - Jesus is now interceding for us.
- 5) The perfect priest - like Jesus! (11, 26-28)
 - This High Priest sacrificed Himself! (27)

Because Jesus is like Melchizedek, he is forever...

- ...on our side, so we are not alone (21).
- ...speaking up for us, so we are loved (25).
- ...holy for us, so we are forgiven (26-27).

Result: in an uncertain world, we can confidently have a relationship with God, (19).

Personally: How might I be tempted to escape the uncertainty of this world? What step can I take to trust Jesus more today?