

Supreme Son  
Jesus our Eternal priest – Hebrews 7v1-28

**Melchizedek**

Melchizedek only shows up twice in the whole of the Old Testament. Where?

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(ii)

Psalm \_\_\_\_\_ is the most quoted text in the New Testament.

In Hebrews chapter 5-7 it is quoted 5 times! 5v6, 10; 6v20; 7v17 (&v11).

Why do you think the author does this?

**The Priest we need**

**King Priest**

The priest was chosen by God to represent \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

The king was chosen by God to represent \_\_\_\_\_ to the people.

Melchizedek =

King of Salem =

As a King Priest he brings both the righteousness of God and peace with God.

**Forever Priest**

Genesis is all about beginnings. Life begins and families begin.

What is different about Melchizedek?

What does the author want us to think about Melchizedek?

**Greater Priest**

What makes Abraham great? (Think about what God promised him)

What happens when Abraham meets Melchizedek? v1b-2

Melchizedek is presented to us as a divine like figure.

An Eternal King Priest, full of justice and peace, who brings blessing and deserves our honour.

**Resembles the Son of God**

When we read about Melchizedek who are we to think about? v3b

Who was David thinking of when he wrote Psalm 110v4:

*'The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind; you are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek.'*

**Remember:** God's intention for all humanity was that we would live as kings and priests. Adam was to be a king representing God to the world and Adam was to be a priest enjoying God's presence. But Adam failed and all humanity with him. We need a better King Priest one like Melchizedek who represents God to the people and people to God.

### The Priest we have

God not only tells us what a priest should be, God also establishes a priesthood for the people.

### Failed priests – keep your distance

‘Perfection’ v11 = right standing and access to God.

What was wrong with the Old priestly system?

What was the purpose of the law? **A**\_\_\_\_\_ to God is denied! God is holy, you are not; God is pure, you are not; You are sinful. Keep your distance!

How were people to gain access to God? The **P**\_\_\_\_\_ and the **S**\_\_\_\_\_.

What was the problem?

### Better Hope – Draw near to God

God sets aside the Old and establishes the New.

He gives us a new priest one like Melchizedek – only better and greater. v11b, 18-19

How does Jesus fulfil the role of:

King Priest v13-14

Forever Priest v15-16

### Jesus is the Greater Guarantor

What does Jesus guarantee for us? v22

The new Covenant Relation is not dependant on \_\_\_\_\_ but dependant on \_\_\_\_\_.

What does this mean for us? We have **un**\_\_\_\_\_ and **un**\_\_\_\_\_ access.

**Remember:** Jesus is our Forever King Priest who delivers on all his promises. In Jesus everything that we have broken is undone and restored. He makes us ‘kings’ and ‘priests’ so that we can live as God intends and enjoy God’s presence. *‘But you are a chosen people, a **royal priesthood**...Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God.; Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (1 Peter 2v9-10)*

### **The Priest who lives**

Jesus is our Permanent Priest. That means He *saves completely*!

Two things are implied by the word 'completely'.

#### Jesus saves eternally

An intercessor is someone who stands in for you and represents you. Here Jesus as the perfect one represents us as perfect to the Father. He speaks to the Father on our behalf.

What does Jesus speak to the Father for us?

What might Jesus ask from the Father for us?

**Remember:** Jesus is interceding for us, every moment of every day of every month and of every year.

He never stops or sleeps; He never forgets or gets fed up. He is never disillusioned or disappointed with us.

He will keep speaking to the Father and asking the Father until we are with him. He is a forever priest so at no point in our life we fall from him. He saves us eternally.

#### Jesus saves us sufficiently

Unrighteous people represented by unrighteous priests before a righteous God is going to fail every time.

But in Jesus we have a righteous priest, perfect, without sin, Representing us before a righteous God.

That m\_\_\_\_\_ o\_\_\_\_\_ n\_\_\_\_\_ completely and sufficiently v26.

How does Jesus meet our need? v27

**Remember:** Jesus perfectly meets our need, he takes our place and dies our death. His work on the cross is sufficient it is *once for all*! It covers your every sin. Past sin, present sin and future sin. Your secret sins and your public sins. The sins you are not aware of and the sins that keep you awake at night. When Jesus cried from the cross 'It is finished' that is what he meant. He saves sufficiently.

**Think about:** Because Jesus saves us completely, we are guaranteed that we too will live forever as Kings in his Kingdom and as Priests in his presence!