

LESSON ELEVEN OUTLINE
THE PRIESTHOOD OF HOPE
HEBREWS 7:1-10

- I. Short review
- II. Review of author's comparison/contrast of Levitical and Melchizedek priesthods
 - A. Begins in Ch. 5 comparing Aaron and Christ
 - 1. Alike- both are sympathetic b/c human and both appointed by God
 - 2. Different- Jesus is sinless and consecrated through suffering
 - 3. Interrupted by admonishment that they are dull and exhortation to press on to maturity
 - B. Concludes in 6:19-20 hope (container for the promises) is anchor for the soul which enters within the veil where Christ has entered as our priest- bridge verse
 - 1. He accomplished what Levitical priest could not- restoring proximity to and intimacy with God
 - C. Key concept= we are not studying this to learn more about Melchizedek, though we will, but to learn more about Jesus!
- III. Structure of passage
 - A. v. 1-3 identity/ actions of Melchizedek
 - 1. 1-2A recap of Genesis 14 account
 - 2. 2B-3 explanation of some of the details
 - B. v. 7-10 the superiority of Melchizedek over Abraham and, by extension, Levi
- IV. v. 1-3
 - A. v. 1-2A retelling of Genesis 14:18-20
 - 1. Titles
 - a. King of Salem
 - b. Priest of Most High God= El Elyon who is Creator/Possessor of heaven and earth
 - c. Priest and king in one person unlike Israel
 - 2. Actions
 - a. Met Abraham- came out to him
 - b. Blessed Abraham representing God Most High who had previously spoken to Abraham
 - i. Informed him his victory was accomplished by God
 - c. Received tithes from Abraham
 - B. v. 2B-3 explanation of the story
 - 1. Meaning of names
 - a. Melchizedek= compound word, king+ righteousness
 - b. King of Salem= king of peace
 - c. King of righteousness/peace living in the midst of so much evil>Jesus
 - 2. Nature of his priesthood
 - a. Qualitatively- not based on genealogy
 - b. Temporally- no timeline given> not limited by a life span
 - c. Made like the Son of God= the KEY to this is he is a type

