

***Genesis 14:17-20; Psalm 110:1-4; Hebrews 7:1-8:2 – The Promised Priest***  
***Sunday Morning – 16 December 2018***  
***Sermon Outline***

**Introduction:** How does one draw near to God?

**Melchizedek ~**

Who is Melchizedek?

- *Melek* means \_\_\_\_\_
- *Zedek* means \_\_\_\_\_
- King of Salem means King of \_\_\_\_\_ (Shalom)
- \_\_\_\_\_ of the Most High God

What did Melchizedek do?

- He \_\_\_\_\_ Abraham (which is a priestly function)
  - o Provided bread and \_\_\_\_\_
- Received a \_\_\_\_\_ from Abraham

Where did Melchizedek come from and where did he go? (Hebrews 7)

- Without Father or \_\_\_\_\_ - not recorded in Scripture
  - o Other key figures in Genesis have their lineage recorded – so and so begat so and so . . .
- Without Genealogy
- Without beginning of days nor \_\_\_\_\_ of life

Key: Melchizedek was made to resemble the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

- In other word – The Son \_\_\_\_\_ (is before) Melchizedek
- Melchizedek is a type of Christ – Christ is the original

**Levi ~**

The Levitical Priesthood was established \_\_\_\_\_ years after Abraham – it was based on The Law given at Sinai and lineage / ancestry

The Levitical Priesthood was never meant to be \_\_\_\_\_

- Hebrews 10:1 – *the law was a \_\_\_\_\_ of the good things to come instead of the realities*
- Hebrews 10:4 – *it is \_\_\_\_\_ for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins*

Why another kind of priesthood (after the order of Melchizedek) instead of the Aaronic / Levitical Priesthood? (Hebrews 7:11)

- Perfection

NB: the author of Hebrews is NOT diminishing the dignity of the institution of the Levitical Priesthood, but manifesting its place and purpose in redemptive history and in revelation

- God never intended the Levitical Priesthood to \_\_\_\_\_; but to point to the savior!

The Levitical Priesthood	The Priesthood of Jesus Christ
Many Priests	One Eternal Priest
Prevented by _____ from continuing their ministry	Permanent priesthood – because he is _____ and continues forever
Many sacrifices	One sacrifice
Based on the _____ of God	Based on the _____ of God
Made up of _____ in their weakness	Made up of the _____ who is perfect

## Jesus ~

Jesus' Eternal Priesthood is based on the \_\_\_\_\_ of an indestructible life and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

The power of an indestructible life (Hebrews 7:15-16)

- What is being considered here? It is \_\_\_\_\_ for him not to be alive!

The promise of God (Hebrews 7:17, 20-21 in light of Psalm 110:4)

- Jesus is priest by promise / oath (Word of God)
- This promise \_\_\_\_\_ the coming of Jesus by 1,000 years – when David wrote it he was also speaking of something that already happened: an oath in \_\_\_\_\_ past.

What difference does all this make?

- Result / Consequence – *This makes Jesus the \_\_\_\_\_ of a better covenant* (Hebrews 7:22)
- *Consequently, he is able to save to the \_\_\_\_\_ those who draw near to God through him, since he \_\_\_\_\_ lives to make intercession for them* (Hebrews 7:25)
- Beloved – we have such a high priest – his name is Jesus!

## Questions for Family Worship / Follow-Up ~

Who was Melchizedek?

What are the benefits and limitations of the Levitical Priesthood?

How do people try to draw near to God?

How does God call us to draw near to him?

What benefit is it to me that Jesus Christ is the promised high priest?