

# A New Priestly Order

Sermon 18 in the Hebrews Series

## Hebrews 7:1-12

### I. Melchizedek, The Priest/King 7:1-3

#### A. Melchizedek in the Scriptures Gen. 14:18-20; Ps. 110:4

In **2:17** the writer told us that the Lord Jesus Christ is a “merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God.

In **3:1** he reminded us to “consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession” – Jesus Christ.

In Chapter 5 he began to show that Jesus Christ has fully fulfilled the Aaronic type and how He possesses every necessary perfection to fulfill the office of High Priest.

#### B. The Name - Melchizedek

Melek = king

Zedek = righteousness

Salem = peace – an older name for Jerusalem.

v.3 – The language is “made **like** the Son of God”  
or as the ESV puts it “**resembling**” the Son of God.

#### C. His Role

A king and a priest.

This was impossible in the Old Covenant – but is united in Christ.

#### D. His Ancestry

“Without father and without mother.”

“Without genealogy” – a similar point.

#### E. His Origin

“Without beginning of days nor end of life”

## II. The Superiority of Melchizedek to Abraham 4-10

To the Hebrew mind this is unthinkable.

The superiority of Melchizedek to Abraham is shown in 2 ways:

1. Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek
2. Melchizedek blessed Abraham

### A. The Tithes

The lesser pays tithes to the greater.  
That is what we still do in our giving today.

Figuratively, the Levitical Priests paid tithes to Melchizedek through their father Abraham.

**v. 8** – Mortal men – DYING men.  
**v. 8** -- He lives. **v. 23-24**

### B. The Blessing

The greater blesses the lesser.  
The New Covenant is superior to the Old Covenant

## III. The Necessity of a New Priesthood 7:11-12

### A. A Change in the Priesthood means a change in the Law.

The Levitical Priesthood was set up in the Mosaic Covenant.

That old Priesthood passed away – when the new and permanent High Priest was installed.

### B. The Problem with the Old System

1. The Priests themselves were law-breakers. 5:3
2. The animals sacrificed could not be a true substitute for human beings.