

HEBREWS RECAP

Recap

- Melchizedek – mysterious figure in OT
 - Gen 14.18-20
 - Psalm 110.4
- Foreshadows Jesus and Jesus' ministry
 - King of righteousness
 - King of peace
 - Both king and priest





HEBREWS 7:11-28

New priesthood is established (v11-17)

- Big question: if old priesthood could accomplish God's purpose then why did the Father establish a new priesthood?
 - Perfection – probably best understood as full access to Father; making us God's people
 - Short answer- He wouldn't, but He did
 - Jesus is priest in order of Melchizedek
 - Jesus from tribe of Judah – no priests in that tribe; new law is established (important in ch8-10)





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New hope given (v18-19)

- The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless and could make nothing perfect
 - Set aside – technical word; annulment; invalidation of a previously established regulation
 - Weak – limited in its capacity
 - Useless – not profitable; not advantageous
 - Made nothing perfect – couldn't accomplish God's purpose of making a people for Himself
- **And a better hope is introduced by which we draw near to God** – God's desire, that we be His people/He be our God





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New priesthood is better because

- It was given with an oath (v20-22)
 - Old priesthood established with decree, new with a promise
 - Because new is established with an oath Jesus is guarantor (assurance) of a better covenant – one that can accomplish God's purpose





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New priesthood is better because

- It is permanent (v23-25)
 - Old priesthood – temporary because people die; 83 high priests from Aaron to destruction of Temple in 70AD
- New – permanent because Jesus lives forever
 - Therefore He can save us completely because He always lives to intercede for us
 - Courtroom – devil is accuser, Jesus is our Defender always appealing to Judge on our behalf





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New priesthood is better because

- Jesus is better (v26-28)
 - Both priest and sacrifice
 - Pure, holy, blameless, set apart from sinners – language of sacrificial offerings
 - Blood of God is more efficacious than blood of animals
- Been made perfect – completely suited to role/work of priest

