

Jesus the Superior Priest
Hebrews 7:11-28
10-16-22

I. Jesus' Superior Priesthood.

1. Jesus' priesthood is royal.

Hebrews 7:13-14 – *"For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests."*

2. Jesus' priesthood is forever.

Hebrews 7:15-17 – *"This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, 'You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.'"*

Hebrews 7: 23-24 – *"The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever."*

3. Jesus' priesthood is built on an oath.

Hebrews 7:18-21, 28 – *"For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God. And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath,²¹ but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: 'The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, 'You are a priest forever.' ... For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever."*

II. The Purpose of Jesus' Superior Priesthood is Salvation.

Hebrews 7:25 – *"Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them."*

1. Jesus' priesthood saves to the uttermost.

2. Jesus' priesthood saves only through Himself.

3. Jesus' priesthood saves by interceding.

GROWING DEEPER THIS WEEK

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. Why would it be important for modern believers to understand Jesus' role as High Priest?
3. Why is Jesus' "indestructible life" so important to his work as Great High Priest? How can this eternal ministry encourage us as believers?
4. Jesus saves "those who draw near to God through Himself". What are some other ways that people look to draw near to God outside of Jesus? How are these inferior to what we know about Jesus and His priestly role?
5. How would the sacrificial system have demonstrated for the Jewish audience the costliness of sin? How does Christ's sacrifice demonstrate for us the costliness of sin?
6. How does the biblical understanding of the penalties of sin compare to the secular worlds' understanding of the consequences of sin?
7. How does better understanding Jesus' ministry of intercession (representing our payment instead of pleading our case) encourage you to see your salvation?
8. How could you use the topic of Jesus as our Great High Priest to talk to your "One" this week?