#### Hebrews Part 2

#### Jesus, Our High Priest Forever

#### Chapters 5, 7 & 8

#### Jesus and Melchizedek, Priesthood

#### Segment Divisions

Chs 1-2: God Spoke in His Son
Chs 3-10: Consider Jesus, Apostle
and High Priest

Chs 11-13: Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of Faith

#### Theme of Hebrews

# Jesus Is Our High Priest; Draw Near and Hold Fast

#### Evidence of True Salvation

Holding fast to the confession that Jesus is the Christ, Messiah Continuance in the faith Until the end

#### Jesus' Priesthood

Better than...

That in the Old Testament

The Aaronic or Levitical Priesthood

### Priesthood—Review from Lesson 1 Only those chosen and appointed by God serve as priests Levites, the tribe of Levi, serve in the tabernacle Only those in Aaron's family are priests

God specified a ceremony to:

Ordain

Anoint

Consecrate the priests

Korah Levite

Others who tried to take the priesthood for themselves
Suffered consequences from God
Death

### Priesthood—Review from Lesson 1 King Uzziah Did right in the sight of the Lord Strong Proud Unfaithful

Entered the temple
Burn incense
Leprosy
Priesthood—serious before God

God specified certain clothes
For priests and high priest
Distinct from other people

Part of that clothing carried
The names of Israel's tribes
Over the priest's heart
Put them before the Lord

#### Aaronic Priesthood

God, in His Law, appoints men Deal gently with ignorant, misguided

Also had weaknesses of the flesh

#### Aaronic Priesthood

Understood men & temptation to sin

Before offering sacrifices for people's sins

Offered sacrifices for own sins

### Aaronic Priesthood Collected 1/10 from people Provided food and necessities Needed many They would die

Mentioned during the time of Abram

Before God gave Moses the Law Before Aaron's time

Brother of Moses

Heb. 7 Priest of Most High God Blessed Abram Greater than Abram Abram gave him 1/10 of spoil

Levi indirectly paid tithes to him Descendant of Abram

Mel > Levi

Translation: king of righteousness King of Salem = king of "peace"

#### Without:

Father	Genealogy	End of life
Mother	Beginning of days	

Made like the Son of God Abides/remains a priest perpetually

Not a priest per Law/genealogy According to an indestructible life

Therefore, Jesus...

Is a priest forever

According to the order of Mel

Author's intent with Mel Jesus is a high priest Not according to Law But appointed by God Like Melchizedek

Like Melchizedek A priest forever King of righteousness King of peace

Isa. 9:6-7; Heb. 1:8; 7:1-3 God said of His Son Will have a throne The righteous scepter

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Isa. 9:6-7; Heb. 1:8; 7:1-3 Government will rest on His shoulders Prince of Peace Will sit on David's throne over Israel Establish justice and righteousness forever

Other similarities with Melchizedek No earthly father Not of Levi or Aaron's descent Of Judah

#### Levitical vs Jesus' Priesthood

Heb. 7:11-28

Perfection—not result of Levitical priesthood

Since it could not produce it No need for it to continue

#### Levitical vs Jesus' Priesthood

Priesthood change  $\rightarrow$  change of law

Former commandment (v. 18)
Because of its weakness,
uselessness

### Levitical vs Jesus' Priesthood It was set aside for a better one Believers draw near to God through Better covenant Better priest

### Levitical vs Jesus' Priesthood Better priest = Lord Jesus Christ Our merciful, faithful priest Can sympathize with our weaknesses The perfect priest

### Levitical vs Jesus' Priesthood Only had to be one of Him He continues forever He saves forever Those who draw near to God through Him

### Levitical vs Jesus' Priesthood He is the guarantee

Holy Separate from sinners Exalted above heavens Innocent Offered Himself once for all Undefiled

#### Hebrews 8

Main points Our high priest Seated in heaven At God's right hand

#### Hebrews 8

The heavenly tabernacle
The better covenant
Which Jesus brought
New Covenant made Old obsolete

#### Hebrews 8

Just as Jesus, the perfect priest Made Levitical priesthood obsolete

How can you apply these truths about Jesus, your High Priest?