

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Hebrews 7:11-22

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Hebrews 7:11-22.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

11a Now if perfection was through the Levitical priesthood

11b (for on the basis of it the people received the Law),

11c what further need *was there* for another priest to arise

11d according to the order of Melchizedek,

11e and not be designated according to the order of Aaron?

12a For when the priesthood is changed,

12b of necessity there takes place a change of law also.

13a For the one concerning whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe,

13b from which no one has officiated at the altar.

14a For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah,

14b a tribe with reference to which Moses spoke nothing concerning priests.

15a And this is clearer still,

15b if another priest arises

15c according to the likeness of Melchizedek,

16a who has become *such* not on the basis of a law of physical requirement,

16b but according to the power of an indestructible life.

17a For it is attested *of Him*,

17b "YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER

17c ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."

18a For, on the one hand,

18b there is a setting aside of a former commandment

18c because of its weakness and uselessness

19a (for the Law made nothing perfect),

19b and on the other hand

19c there is a bringing in of a better hope,

19d through which we draw near to God.

20a And inasmuch as *it was* not without an oath

21a (for they indeed became priests without an oath,

21b but He with an oath

21c through the One

21d who said to Him,

21e "THE LORD HAS SWORN

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21f AND WILL NOT CHANGE HIS MIND,
21g 'YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER');
22 so much the more also Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.

1. What perfection is being spoken of in v. 11? (Look through the rest of chapter 7 as well)
2. What was the priesthood's relationship to the Law according to v. 11?
3. Is the assumption in v. 11 that perfection was through the Levitical priesthood?
4. What does the imperfection of the Levitical priesthood lead the author to conclude?
5. What must happen if the priesthood were to change according to v. 12?
6. Why must there be a change of law if the priesthood is changed?
7. What is the change in priesthood that has taken place according to vv. 13-14?

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❖ Day 2

Read Heb 7:11-22 again.

8. What is clearer according to v. 15?

9. How is the other priest who arises described in v. 15-16?

10. What is the difference of this priest in vv. 15-17 and a Levitical priest?

11. Where does the author quote from in v. 17? What is he highlighting from this passage here?

12. What does the author mean by “set aside” in v. 18?

13. What is the former commandment that is set aside?

14. Why is it set aside according to v. 18?

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❖ Day 3

Read Heb 7:11-22 again.

15. What replaces the law that is set aside? How is it described?

16. What is the better hope through which we draw near to God? How does this passage answer that?

17. What is being highlighted in vv. 20-21?

18. Why is the oath from the Father to Son concerning his priesthood being mentioned in vv. 20-21?
(Look to v. 22)

19. What is the main point the author is communicating in this passage?

20. What are some of the theological implications of what this passage is saying?

21. How should you personally respond to this passage?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that we would see how much better Jesus is than any other way to God. Pray that we would believe this in practical ways.