

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Hebrews 7:20-28

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 7:20-28

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.

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

21 (for they indeed became priests without an oath,
but He with an oath through the One who said to Him,
“THE LORD HAS SWORN
AND WILL NOT CHANGE HIS MIND,
‘YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER’”);

22 so much the more also Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.

23 The *former* priests, on the one hand,
existed in greater numbers
because they were prevented by death from continuing,
24 but Jesus, on the other hand,
because He continues forever,
holds His priesthood permanently.
Therefore He is able also to save forever
those who draw near to God through Him,
since He always lives to make intercession for them.

26 For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest,
holy,
innocent,
undefiled,
separated from sinners
and exalted above the heavens;

27 who does not need daily,
like those high priests,
to offer up sacrifices,
first for His own sins

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and then for the *sins* of the people,
because this He did once for all
when He offered up Himself.

28 For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak,
but the word of the oath,
which came after the Law,
appoints a Son, made perfect forever.

1. How does this final section of Hebrews 7 relate to the discussions of Melchizedek in the rest of the chapter?
2. What didn't the Levitical priesthood have that Jesus' priesthood does?
3. Where have we heard this language of oath before in Hebrews? What does that tell us about the significance of the oath here?
4. For what purpose does the author cite Psalm 110:4 here?

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13. What other Scriptures speak to Jesus interceding the behalf of believers?

14. What feature of Jesus' priesthood is the author giving specific mention in these three verses?

15. What does the author mean in saying "it was fitting for us to have such a high priest?" Why was it "fitting?"

❖ **DAY 3**

Read Hebrews 7:20-28 again.

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16. List the 5 characteristics of the kind of high priest we need, according to verse 26.

17. Why are those characteristics necessary for a high priest who would make intercession for us?

18. What doesn't our fitting high priest need to do, unlike the Levitical priests?

19. What "once for all" sacrifice did Jesus give?

20. Whom does the Law appoint as high priest?

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21. Who is appointed by the word of the oath?

22. As you read over verses 20-28 again, how would you summarize the argument of this passage?

This week, praise God for graciously giving us the great certainty of salvation through an oath. Thank Him for sending his Son into the world as our great high priest. Pray for the Spirit's help in rejecting temporary ways to connect to God and embrace the one way: Jesus our great high priest.