

Sermon Questions

Hebrews 7:1-19

This week we discussed Christ's superior priesthood. Converted Jews in the first century had become concerned because they no longer had a priest. Since becoming Christians, they were no longer welcomed back into their Jewish faith and therefore didn't know where to get the spiritual help they needed. The author of Hebrews answers this question using the Hebrew Scriptures to demonstrate that there has always been a priesthood of a higher order that provides everything they would ever need. As we studied the order of priesthood of Melchizedek we learned about Christ and His superior priesthood and how he is the only priest they will ever need moving forward. Understanding the Lord Jesus Christ as your Great High Priest will provide great comfort for every believer.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

Christ's Superior Priesthood

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Christ's superior priesthood is marked by

His astounding credentials (1-3)

His unmatched greatness (4-10)

His perfection and power (11-17)

His provision of presence (18-19)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it [HERE](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email info@bravechurch.online and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. Why were the Jews concerned about the priesthood? If these converted Jews didn't have a priest then why would they want to understand what Christianity could provide? Why does the author use the story of Melchizedek?
2. Read Genesis 14:17-20. What happens in this story? What is unique about this story? What else do we ever learn about Melchizedek? Read Psalm 110:14. What is the promise of the coming Messiah?

3. What does the title Melchizadek mean? Who is the King of Righteousness and the King of Peace? Who is Eternal? Who is a priest forever? Who would be worthy to receive a tithe from Abraham? Do you believe Melchizadek is a type of Christ or is actually the pre-incarnate Christ meeting Abraham?
4. If the text is taken literal then how powerful is it the King of Righteousness, King of Peace and the One mediator between God and man came and blessed Abraham after his victory? What is the significance of that blessing.
5. If Jesus is in the order of Melchizadek then when did His priesthood begin and when will it end? How powerful is it to understand that Jesus Christ has always been and will always be our eternal priest?
6. What did Abraham give to Melchizadek? What is a tithe? Why did he give the tithe even though it wasn't yet required by the Law? Why did he give His best?
7. Read Malachi 3:8-10 & Proverbs 11:24-25. Why should believers tithe? Why should Christians give the first ten percent be given to the Lord? What does the Lord promise He will do when believers tithe? Why are some believers in poverty? Why does God want our first and best? How does generosity and contentment help the believer?
8. How important was the blessing from Melchizadek over Abraham? What does it mean that the One who blessed is greater than the One who received the blessing? How powerful is that statement considering that Abraham is the Father of the nation of Israel?
9. If Jesus is truly a priest than what does that mean for the Law? Why does the Law have to be annulled for Jesus to be a priest? What earthly requirements did Jesus Christ not meet to be a priest? How does the order of the priesthood of Melchizadek change all of this? How does Christ qualify as a priest?
10. If the Old Covenant is completed and done then what is the New Covenant? Who established the New Covenant? When?
11. Read 1 Timothy 1:8, Romans 7:12 and Romans 8:3-4. Is the law good? Perfect? True? What is the purpose of the Law? What is the problem with the Law? How should the Law be used? In what way is the Law obsolete? In what way is the Law fulfilled?
12. What is the difference between law and grace? How is the law like a mirror? How is the grace like soap? How does that apply to your life?
13. Why does God's presence bring us hope? How important is the presence of God in your life? What would be more enjoyable, healing or powerful than God's presence? How has Jesus Christ provided us with that ongoing presence?

14. What was the greatest take-a-way for you on this message? What do you need to apply to your life today?