



**Jesus – The Eternal Intercessor  
Hebrews 7 (ESV)**

**Recap: The Superiority of Jesus**

1. Jesus is superior to **ANGELS** (messengers) - A Gospel message that is greater than any message from angels - John 11:23-26
2. Jesus is superior to **MOSES** (led to Promised Land) - A better promised land awaits for the family of God - Revelation 21: 1 - 4
3. Jesus is superior to **HIGH PRIESTS** (offer sacrifices) - A perfect sacrifice based on who Jesus is and what He did

**Background**

The whole point of the Bible is to point people towards Jesus and the Old Testament often uses typology to do this.

Typology - A prophetic symbol in the Old Testament that **FORESHADOWS OR ILLUSTRATES** the person and work of Jesus in the New Testament

Example:

- Old Testament Type - Lambs being slain - Genesis 22:7-8, Exodus 12:1-6, Isaiah 53:7
- New Testament Work of Jesus - John 1:9

Hebrews 7: 1-10 introduces us to Melchizedek as a **TYPE OF CHRIST** which is all centered around the idea of priesthood.

**Importance of Levitical Priesthood**

Connected people with God

1. In Latin, priest is *pontifex*, and it means **BRIDGE BUILDER** - Ezekiel 44:23 - 24
2. Acted as a **MEDIATOR** between people and God - Leviticus 8-10
3. Carried out ritual **SACRIFICES** as an atonement for sin - Leviticus 17:1-7
4. There was a **PERPETUAL** need for the work of the priests

**Priestly Order of Melchizedek** - Hebrews 7:1 - 10

Melchizedek in Genesis 14:17 - 20

1. Melchizedek was a King and a Priest - Genesis 14:18
  - Importance of Name and Title - Hebrews 7:2
  - Melchizedek - King of **RIGHTEOUSNESS** 2 Corinthians 5:21
  - His Kingdom is Salem which means **PEACE** Romans 5:1
  - No indication of his genealogy (beginning) or death (end)
  - No mother or father - Hebrews 7: 3
  - Perfect **ILLUSTRATION** of Jesus Christ Revelation 21:6
2. Melchizedek blessed Abraham & Abraham tithed to Melchizedek v. Genesis 14:19 - 20
  - Demonstrated the **GREATNESS** of Melchizedek - Hebrews 7: 4 - 10
    - “The patriarch gave a tenth of his spoils” - v. 4
    - Levi priesthood had a commandment to take tithes - v. 5
    - A man with no chronological or genealogical blessed Abraham - v. 7 - 8

**Priesthood of Aaron** Hebrews 7: 11 - 21 **Priesthood of Melchizedek**

Strictly Judaistic	Universal - over Jews & Gentiles
Subjects to Kings	Was Royalty
Offered no permanent righteousness	Priesthood of Righteousness & Peace
Based on hereditary	Priesthood was personal
Limited time (ages 25 - 50)	Priesthood was forever

**Why Is It Important That Jesus Is Our High Priest?** Hebrews 7:22 - 27

1. No human can fulfill what God requires
  - Jesus is the **GUARANTOR** of a better covenant - v. 22
  - Jesus holds his priesthood **PERMANENTLY** - v. 24
  - Jesus is the ultimate **SAVIOR** - v. 25
  - Jesus always makes **INTERCESSION** on our behalf - v. 25
  - Jesus is **FUNDAMENTALLY** holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted - v. 26
  - Jesus has no need for daily sacrifice because He made the **ONLY SACRIFICE THAT MATTERS** - v. 27
2. Impacts our Gospel-Shaped Identity - 1 Peter 2: 9
  - We are a **ROYAL PRIESTHOOD** - Believers are called to be both a king and a priest, just as Jesus is both the King of kings and our forever High Priest
  - Are you a bridge builder for Christ? Are you intentionally connecting others to Jesus?

**Only One Response - Jesus is Lord. I Will Follow You.**