Hebrews

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Hebrews 5-10

Jesus is a new kind of priest. *(Chs. 5, 7)*

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HEBREWS 5:5-6 NIV

In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of
becoming a high priest. But God said to him,

"You are my Son;
today I have become your Father."

[6] And he says in another place,

"You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek."

HEBREWS 5:7-10 NIV

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. [8] Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered [9] and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him [10] and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

GENESIS 14:18-20 NIV

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He
was priest of God Most High, [19] and he blessed Abram, saying,

"Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Creator of heaven and earth.
[20] *And praise be to God Most High,*
who delivered your enemies into your hand."

Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

PSALM 110:1-2 NIV

The LORD says to my lord:

"Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet."

2 The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion, saying,

"Rule in the midst of your enemies!"

PSALM 110:4 NIV

The LORD has sworn
and will not change his mind:

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LUKE 20:41-44 NIV

Then Jesus said to them, *"Why is it said that the Messiah is the son of David? [42] David himself declares in the Book of Psalms:*

" 'The Lord said to my Lord:
"Sit at my right hand
[43] until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet." '

[44] David calls him 'Lord.' How then can he be his son?"

HEBREWS 7:1-3 NIV

This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most
High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings
and blessed him, [2] and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything.
First, the name Melchizedek means *"king of righteousness"*; then
also, *"king of Salem"* means "king of peace." [3] Without father or
mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of
life, resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.

HEBREWS 7:4-6 NIV

Just think how great he was: Even the patriarch Abraham
gave him a tenth of the plunder! [5] Now the law requires the
descendants of Levi who become priests to collect a tenth from
the people—that is, from their fellow Israelites—even though
they also are descended from Abraham. [6] This man, however, did
not trace his descent from Levi, yet he collected a tenth from
Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.

HEBREWS 7:7-10 NIV

And without doubt the lesser is blessed by the greater. [8] In the one case, the tenth is collected by people who die; but in the other case, by him who is declared to be living. [9] One might even say that Levi, who collects the tenth, paid the tenth through Abraham, [10] because when Melchizedek met Abraham, Levi was still in the body of his ancestor.

HEBREWS 7:11-12 NIV

If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood—and indeed the law given to the people established that priesthood—why was there still need for another priest to come, one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron? [12] For when the priesthood is changed, the law must be changed also.

HEBREWS 7:13-16 NIV

He of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, and
no one from that tribe has ever served at the altar. [14] For it is clear
that our Lord descended from Judah, and in regard to that tribe
Moses said nothing about priests. [15] And what we have said is even
more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears, [16] one who
has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his
ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life.

HEBREWS 7:17-19 NIV

For it is declared:

> *"You are a priest forever,*
> *in the order of Melchizedek."*

[18] The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and
useless [19] (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better
hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.

HEBREWS 7:20-22 NIV

And it was not without an oath! Others became priests
without any oath, [21] but he became a priest with an oath
when God said to him:

> *"The Lord has sworn*
> *and will not change his mind:*
> *'You are a priest forever.' "*

[22] Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantor of
a better covenant.

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Jesus has earned the right
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