

7:1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,

7:2 to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace,"

7:3 without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.

7:4 Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.

7:5 And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham;

7:6 but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.

7:7 Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better.

7:8 Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives.

7:9 Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak,

7:10 for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.

7:11 Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?

7:12 For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law.

7:13 For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar.

7:14 For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.

7:15 And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest

7:16 who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life.

7:17 For He testifies: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

7:18 For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness,

7:19 for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

7:20 And inasmuch as He was not made priest without an oath

7:21 (for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him: "The Lord has sworn And will not relent, 'You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek' "),

7:22 by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.

7:23 Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing.

7:24 But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood.

7:25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

7:26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;

7:27 who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

7:28 For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.

Good morning, everyone.

It seems that the rainy season is finally coming to an end. I hope everyone is well during these hot and humid days.

We have passed the middle of the book of Hebrews.

The book speaks of angels, Moses, Melchizedek, Levi, Aaron, and the very Old Testament and the fathers who appear in it, pointing to Jesus.

1 This Melchizedek, king of Salem and priest of the Most High God, welcomed and blessed Abraham as he returned after defeating the kings,

2 In response, Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. For the meaning of his name is, first, King of Righteousness, then also King of Salem, that is, King of Peace.

3 He has no father, nor mother, nor genealogy, nor beginning of life, nor end of life, but is like the Son of God, a priest forever.

4 So Abraham, the chief, gave him one-tenth of the best of the spoils, so that you may know how excellent this man was.

The country of Salem is also not known in detail, and Melchizedek's father, mother, and genealogy are unknown. It has been conjectured that Salem may have been an earlier name for Jerusalem.

Melchizedek is mentioned in Psalm 110.

Psalm 110

Song of David

110:1 The LORD says to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I make all thine enemies / thy footstool.

110:2 The LORD will bring forth thy mighty rod out of Zion. 110:3 Thou shalt reign in the midst of all thine enemies.

110:3 Thy people shall rejoice with gladness in the day that thou leadest thine army into the holy mountains. Thy youth shall come unto thee as the dew from the womb of the morning.

110:4 The LORD will take an oath, and will not change his will: "Thou art a priest according to the throne of Melchizedek / for ever and ever.

110:5 The LORD is at thy right hand, and will smite kings in the day of his wrath.

110:6 He will execute judgment among the nations; he will fill with bridges, and will smite the chief captains that rule over a wide land.

110:7 He will drink from the rivers by the way, and will lift up his lamp thereby.

1 And the LORD said unto my lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thee a footstool for thine enemies.

This is the famous New Testament passage quoted by Jesus.

Matthew 22:42 "What do you think of Christ? Whose Son is He?" They answered, "He is the Son of David."

22:43 Jesus said, "Why then does David, feeling in the Spirit, call Christ Lord?"

22:44 That is, "The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.

22:45 Thus how can Christ be the Son of David, if David himself calls Him Lord?"

4 The LORD has sworn and will not change His will, "Thou art a priest according to the throne of Melchizedek / forever.

The Lord God and Father said that Jesus would be an eternal priest according to the throne of Melchizedek.

This Melchizedek suddenly appeared and indeed received the offering from Abraham, the father of Israel.

7:3 He has no father, no mother, no genealogy, no beginning of life, no end of life, but is like the Son of God, a priest forever.

7:4 So Abraham the chief of the tribe gave him a tenth of the best booty, so that you may know how excellent this man was.

7:5 Now those of the sons of Levi who are in the priestly ministry are commanded by the law to take a tenth from their brothers, the people, even though they are also descended from Abraham.

7:6 However, this man, who does not belong to their lineage, received a tenth from Abraham, and blessed those who have received the promise.

7:7 Needless to say, the lesser receives blessing from the greater.

7:8 Besides, on the one hand, a mortal receives a tenth, but on the other, one who has been witnessed to, "He is the living one," receives it.

7:9 Therefore it can be said that even Levi, who should have received a tenth, paid a tenth through Abraham.

7:10 For when Melchizedek received Abraham, Levi was still in the loins of these fathers.

The Bible tells us to realize deeply that Melchizedek was the one who testified, "He is the living one," and that even Abraham, and more specifically, Abraham's descendants, Levi, Moses, Aaron, and the priests, gave offerings to this man who did not belong to the line of Israel.

But Melchizedek was also a human being, even though he was spoken of as "he who is alive." Therefore, we can ask about this Melchizedek.

Why is Melchizedek so mysterious and why is he called something special like "He is the living one"? It is because he is the model of the coming Jesus Christ.

In Him, Melchizedek is not necessarily superior to Abraham, but is outside of the lineage, but he has appeared as a model for when one like Him, one who is like Him, will appear.

7:11 If fulfillment was possible through the Levitical priesthood - the people were given the law under the priesthood - what need was there for another "Melchizedek" who was not called "equal to Aaron"? What need is there for another priest "equal to Melchizedek" to be established who is not called "equal to Aaron"?

If there is a change in the priesthood, there must surely be a change in the Law.

7:13 Now these things are said concerning the other tribes, which have not yet served at the

altar.

7:14 For it is evident that our Lord came out of the tribe of Judah, but Moses does not say a word about this tribe concerning the priests.

7:15 And this is made more evident by the fact that other priests like Melchizedek were set up.

7:16 For he was established by the power of incorruptible life, and not by the law of commandments to the flesh.

7:17 For this is testified in the Scriptures, "Thou art a priest equal to Melchizedek for ever.

7:18 Thus, on the one hand, together with the previous commandments, which were invalid because they were weak and futile; and, on the other hand, together with the law, which was weak and futile because it was weak and futile, and therefore void,

7:19 (for the law could not fulfill anything), and on the other hand, a still more excellent hope appears, which brings us nearer to God.

God brought the people out of Egypt through Moses and made the sons of Aaron priests. After God had thus established priests, what need was there for another priest "equal to Melchizedek" who would not be called "equal to Aaron"?

God said of Melchizedek

16 For he was established not by the law of the commandment to the flesh, but by the power of incorruptible life.

But it is clear that this is about Jesus. It is impossible for Melchizedek to be established by the power of incorruptible life. Melchizedek appeared as a model, as a type, and was fulfilled by Jesus.

7:19 (for the law could not fulfill anything), on the other hand, a still more excellent hope appears and brings us closer to God.

7:22 Thus Jesus became the guarantee of a better covenant.

7:23 And because of death, many are set up as priests, because they cannot continue in office.

7:24 But because he is from everlasting, he continues in the ministry of the priests without change.

7:25 And he is always able to save those who come to God through him, because he is always alive to intercede for them.

7:26 Thus is our High Priest, who is holy, without spot or blemish, distinct from sinners, and

exalted above all the heavens.

7:27 He does not need to offer sacrifices daily, as other high priests do, first for his own sins and then for the sins of his people. For he offered himself, and did it only once.

7:28 For the law sets up a man to be high priest, who bears the infirmities; but the oath that came after the law set up the Son, who was made perfect forever, to be high priest.

23 And because of death, many are set up as priests, because they cannot continue in office. Since there is weakness and death in man, the history of the priest was that he would retire from his ministry and pass it on to the next person, and then it would be repeated again.

27 "He, like other high priests, first for his own sins, then for the sins of the people..."

And no man, priest or not, could approach God without first atoning for his own sins. But Jesus Christ, a priest like Melchizedek, "who is from everlasting, and therefore continues to have the ministry of a priest," and "Jesus is the guarantee of a better covenant," "whereby also he is able to save those who come to God through him, since he is ever living and interceding for them, "He is always able to save those who come to God through him, because he is always alive and intercedes for them." As it is written in Isa. 7:26, "And he is always living and interceding for them.

7:26 Thus is our High Priest, who is holy, without spot or blemish, distinct from sinners, and exalted above all the heavens, worthy of us.

7:27 He does not need to offer sacrifices daily, as other high priests do, first for his own sins and then for the sins of his people. For he offered himself, and did it only once.

7:28 For the law sets up men to be high priests, who bear the infirmities; but the oath that came after the law set up the Son, who was made perfect forever, to be high priest.

God gave us Jesus to bring us closer to God and to give us the assurance of a better covenant, as a result of the manifestation of a superior hope.

After the law of salvation, God spoke to us a more victorious covenant word and "set up his Son, who was made perfect forever, to be High Priest.

7:25 So also he is always able to save those who come to God through him, since he is always

alive and intercedes for them.

How beautiful is the word that Jesus is the guarantee of a better covenant, in which a better hope appears and brings us closer to God. God has accomplished salvation as a new pledge that man has become so stubborn and powerless that he cannot do what the law says.

24 But he continues to have the ministry of a priest, which does not change, because he is the One who is from eternity.

25 So also he is always able to save those who come to God through him, because he is always alive and intercedes for them.

28 For the law sets up men who bear weakness and makes them high priests, but the Word of the oath, which came after the law, set up the Son, who was made perfect forever, and made him high priest.

We thank God for this saving grace of God and desire to soften our hearts and accept the One who, like Melchizedek, freely opens the plan of salvation.

◇Prayer; Heavenly Father, we thank you for today's worship. I thought of Melchizedek, the wondrous High Priest who appeared before the priesthood began and received the offering of our father Abraham, as a type of the manifestation of Jesus. But thank you so much because Jesus is not a human priest who will end, but an eternal and unchanging priest, ever living, ever interceding, and able to save completely those who come to God through him. Bless our families and the people in our community. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.