

LOOKING UNTO JESUS

Hebrews - Lesson 7

Prayerfully read all of Hebrews, chapter seven.

- 1) Refresh your memory of the account of Abraham's meeting with Melchizedek in **Genesis 14:17-24**. Look up in a Bible dictionary the meaning of the name **Melchizedek** and the meaning of the name **Salem**, of which Melchizedek is king. What did you find?

Melchizedek:

Salem:

- 2) Look up the following Scriptures: **Isaiah 32:17**; **Psalms 85:10**; **Psalms 72:7**; **James 3:17-18**; **Hebrews 12:10-11**. From these references explain what the connection is between **righteousness** and **peace**.

a. Can you share how this relates to your own personal life?

3) From **Hebrews 7:3**, define all the ways that Melchizedek is like the Son of God.

4) What do you think is the **main point** that the writer of Hebrews is making in **Hebrews 7, verses 4-10**?

5) Define how he supports his point in the following verses:

7:4-5 –

7:6-7 –

7:9-10 –

6) Read **Hebrews 7:11-17**. After reading through these verses, go back to verse 11 and explain why it was necessary for another priest, after the order of Melchizedek, to be raised up, rather than from the order of Aaron.

7) Looking at **Hebrews 7:12** explain why a change in the priesthood makes it necessary to change the Law? (See also **Romans 8:3-4**; **Galatians 3:23-24**; **Galatians 4:4-5** and **Philippians 3:9** to help answer).

8) In **Hebrews 7:16**, speaking of Christ's priesthood, we are told that this priesthood was made, "not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life". The writer is pointing out the fact that Christ's priesthood wasn't just an "office" passed down to Him from a generation of priests, but one specifically ordained by God the Father. We see in this verse another significant point, however. The **power** is one we also have been given access to.

Read **2Corinthians 3:5-6**; **Ephesians 3:20** and **2Peter 1:3**. How has this power, given by the Holy Spirit, affected your life as a Christian? Do you feel you are drawing your strength from the **power of an endless life** in Christ, or are you still striving in your flesh to obey **the letter** of the Law? Do you find yourself serving out of **obligation**, or out of a **passionate love for God**? Share how this is personally speaking to your heart.

9) What was the main purpose of the Law according to **Romans 3:19-20**, and **Galatians 3:24**?

10) **Hebrews 7:18** tells us the Law was **annulled**, or taken out of the way, because it was **unprofitable**. What does **verse 19** tell us the Law was **unable** to do?

a. Read **Romans 7:7-23** and explain in your own words **why** this is so.

11) If the Law could not bring perfection, what else could it not bring? (See **Romans 3:23-26** and **Colossians 1:21 & 22**)

12) From **Hebrews 7:20-24**, state the argument the writer is making for why Christ's priesthood is **better** than the Levitical priesthood.

13) *Prayerfully* read **verse 25**. Look up the definition of the word **uttermost** in a dictionary and write it down below.

14) Re-write **verse 25** in your **own words**.

15) What does this mean to you personally? How can you apply it to the concerns of your heart **today**?

16) Write down all of the characteristics of Christ stated in **verses 26-28**.

17) Which characteristic means most to you as you look over this list? Why?

18) What has God spoken personally to your heart in your study of Hebrews Chapter 7?