

# sermon notes

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Feb 5, 2023 | "A Priest of Perfection and Reconciliation" | **Hebrews 7:11-19**

## Christ, from the order of Melchizedek,

1) \_\_\_\_\_ (7:11-12)

2) \_\_\_\_\_ (7:13-16)

3) \_\_\_\_\_ (7:17-19)

## Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

### GO DEEPER

Read Hebrews 7:11-12. Explain the imperfections of the Levitical priesthood. Why was perfection unattainable through that system? Why is Christ's priesthood (via the Melchizedekian line) more perfect than any other priesthood?

In 7:19, the author says, "the law made nothing perfect." Why is the law incapable of saving people from sin (see Rom 3:19-20; 10:4; Gal 2:16)? Is the law good or evil (see Ps 19:7-9; John 1:17; Rom 7:7; 7:12; James 2:10)? Why does it fail to make us perfect? What was Jesus's relationship to the law (Matt 5:17-19; John 1:17)?

Read Hebrews 7:13-16. What does the author mean when he says, "another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life." Who is this other priest? Why is he not a priest on the basis of "bodily descent?" And why is his life described as "indestructible?"

### GET PERSONAL

Read Hebrews 7:17-19. Discuss how the OT law was profitable and strong, but also unprofitable and weak. What does the author refer to as a "better hope" in this passage? How are we able to draw near to God? Are we able to draw near to God now, or is this a future reality? Do you feel confident in your relationship with God? Are you able to draw near to him? Read Hebrews 4:16. Is this passage consistent with your experience and descriptive of your relationship with God?

It's clear from the Bible that we are saved by grace and not by obedience to the law. But legalism is still prevalent in the lives of many Christians. Do you struggle with this? Do you find yourself sometimes trusting in your works instead of the sufficiency of Christ? How do we avoid the ditch of legalism on one side, but also the ditch of antinomianism on the other side? How is grace the antidote to both? For more on this issue, read the following article by Sinclair Ferguson:

<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/one-genuine-cure-legalism-and-antinomianism>

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Was it surprising to you to hear Jesus's life described as indestructible? What are some other appropriate adjectives that we could use for Jesus and his life? Write out a list of adjectives that properly describe Jesus. How would you distinguish God the Son from God the Father? What adjectives for the Son are unique to him and distinct from the Father?

### ADVANCED QUESTION

Read Zechariah 6:9-14. In this passage we have a crowned King-priest named Joshua. What is the significance of this image? How is this typological of the coming Christ? How does this passage parallel what the author of Hebrews presents in Hebrews 7? Use a study Bible or commentary to help you interpret this passage.