

HEBREWS

JESUS IS BETTER

Don't settle for less

WEEK 12

READ

- Read Hebrews 7:1-17 through a few times this week.
- Write here what you think is the main idea the author wishes to communicate:

EXAMINE

- This week we have returned to the subject introduced in chapter 5: Melchizedek. After reading 7:1-17, read the single account we have of Melchizedek in Genesis 14:17-20. What happens in this scene between Melchizedek and Abraham?
- In Hebrews 7:1-3, the writer expands on the Genesis 14 details about Melchizedek. What significant explanations are further given about Melchizedek?
- Melchizedek was a priest to God Almighty. So was Levi, descendant of Abraham. Look at 7:4-10 and record the superiority of Melchizedek the priest to Levi the priest.
- The final step in this section concerns the Lord Jesus Christ's connection and superiority to Melchizedek. What is the Lord's connection to Melchizedek? How is He superior? (7:11-17)
- Finally, how was the Old Covenant, with both its laws and priests, insufficient to help God's people to be near Him, and how has Jesus made the situation for New Covenant believers infinitely better (7:11-17)?

APPLY

- We don't often think in our time and context about the vital role of a priest, but each of us is utterly dependent on having a perfect priest to stand between us and God. What have you learned about the importance of Jesus as your High Priest?
- What does the need for humans to have a priest reveal about God? About you?
- Could you explain to a non-believing friend why having Jesus as High Priest is crucial for them? Think back over chapter 7: how could you rephrase what you've learned to that friend?

PRAY

- Marvel and express your worship to God for preparing all the way back in the time of Abraham for High Priest Jesus Christ to come for us!
- Confess your sins to God, conscious that your High Priest represents you before God and always prays for you.
- Ask God for help to live in confidence that your sins are forgiven and for help to share the good news of God's High Priest with others.