



By Faith

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WK 2: Jesus, Our High Priest
11.12.23 | Pastor Randy

SERMON NOTES

- Hebrews 5:9-10, Hebrews 7:25
 - Jesus is the only fulfillment of the offices of priest and king. You will never enjoy Jesus' position of King until you rest in His fulfillment of Great High Priest. You can't serve the King if you're still a slave to sin!
 - "The superiority of our Lord Jesus Christ is a topic that will not interest everybody. To many persons it will seem a piece of devotional rapture, if not an idle tale. Yet there will ever be a remnant according to the election of grace to whom this meditation will be inexpressibly sweet." (Spurgeon)
1. Jesus is the GREAT High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-5:10)
 - a. Jesus has completed the transition from earthly ministry to heavenly position unlike any other high priest, Hebrews 4:14
 - b. Jesus' position in the throne room provides confidence for our presence there, Hebrews 4:16
 2. The Ministry of JESUS as High Priest is Foundational (Hebrews 5:11-6:12)
 - a. We need to transition from milk to maturity in order to practice good, like our great high priest: JESUS, Hebrews 5:13-14
 - b. Imitating Jesus our great high priest leads to assured hope in His finished work, Hebrews 6:11-12
 3. Jesus, in the Order of Melchizedek, completes the Priestly Order (Hebrews 6:13-7:28)
 - a. Jesus leads His followers into the holy of holies, God's presence. The place that once brought death now brings life and grace! Hebrews 6:19-20
 - b. Jesus, like Melchizedek, has His calling from God, not from the decree of the law through Levi, Hebrews 7:6-7, Hebrews 7:15-16
 - c. Jesus is the completion of the office of priest because of His perfect sacrifice: Himself, Hebrews 7:26-27
- Faith without hope is to reject the perfection of our great high priest: JESUS
 - Will you follow our great high priest to the throne of grace by faith and rest in His hope or will you remain in prideful fear outside His atonement?





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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Throughout chapters 5, 6, and 7, Melchizedek is referenced in comparison to Jesus' being a high priest after the order of Melchizedek. Read Genesis 14:18-20; Psalm 110; Hebrews 7. How do these passages describe the ministry of Melchizedek? Notice that his name means king of righteousness and then it is said that he is the king of Salem (peace). Righteousness will always precede peace! Great men of God have discussed throughout the centuries concerning whether Melchizedek is a pre-incarnate Jesus, or a type of Jesus. The point of the comparison is not the specific relationship between Melchizedek and Jesus, but rather them being bookends on the works of the Law. Melchizedek was before Moses and Jesus' was the fulfillment of the Law, both not being of the tribe of Levi but appointed by God. How does Jesus complete the order of Melchizedek? How do these characteristics provide confidence for us today?
2. Read Exodus 28 and Leviticus 16:1-6 to see the requirements for priests/high priests. What significance was the role of the priests? Throughout Israel's history, there were examples of people who tried to be priests, whom God had not called to be priests. Read Numbers 16; I Samuel 13; and II Chronicles 26 to see examples. How do these qualifications and disqualifiers reinforce the value of Jesus as our great high priest? Note: Only Jesus is referred to as GREAT high priest. Why?
3. Read Hebrews 5:11-6:12. What does it mean that the audience of Hebrews still required milk instead of meat? How would those terms apply to Christians today? What danger is there in staying in milk and not graduating to meat? Is there a danger in trying to digest meat when you're only on milk level? If yes, how so? How does a believer progress from milk to meat?
4. Read Genesis 22 and Hebrews 6:13-20. How does God's dealing with Abraham affect Jesus' fulfillment as great high priest? How does God's oath provide us surety in our trusting Jesus' as our great high priest?
5. Go back and read Hebrews 4:14-16. After understanding Jesus' fulfillment of our great high priest, what implications are provided for us today in our relationship to Jesus'? Does He care about our struggles? Our fears? Our hurts? Listen to this song by Isaac Watts and let the words encourage your heart to rest in the finished work of Jesus: https://youtu.be/18WtL8p7mUs?si=EGFJ_IIR4w_P4Xvg

