Jesus Christ – Eternal Priest & Priesthood – Heb. 7

Ps. 110:4 – The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind, You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek

Genesis 14: 17 -24 – Abraham & Melchizedek

**Melchizedek & Abraham – 7: 1-10**

* Melchizedek was a king & priest – 1

 He was a king of righteousness & peace

 Righteousness & peace go together

 Isa. 32:17 – and the work of righteousness will be peace

 Ps. 85:10 – Righteousness and peace have kissed each other

 James 3:18 – and the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace

* Melchizedek received tithes from Abraham – 2
* Melchizedek without birth records appears to be without birth or death – 3

 Melchizedek is a picture of Jesus Christ eternal without beginning or end

 He was a real man, not an angel or preexistent appearance of Jesus Christ

 The picture is of a perpetual priesthood – 3

* Abraham recognized the greatness of Melchizedek – 4 -11

 Abraham honor of Melchizedek speaks of his understanding of Melchizedek’s greatness and position as king – priest of the Most High God – 4

 Melchizedek received tithes from Abraham not being from the tribe of Aaron – 5 – 7

 All of Levi tithed to Melchizedek through Abraham’s act – 8 – 10

**Jesus Christ priesthood & the priesthood of Aaron – 7:11 -25**

* The priesthood of Jesus Christ is greater than Aaron’s priesthood – 11

Perfection is not through Levitical priesthood but a new priesthood in Christ – 11

“Perfection” – completed or fulfilled

* The priesthood of Jesus Christ is a permanent change in priesthood – 12
* The priesthood of Jesus Christ is a perfect priesthood vs. the imperfect Levitical

 priesthood – 13 -15

A new priesthood changes the law of God -12 -13

A new priesthood comes from the tribe of Judah not Levi – 14

A new priesthood has risen in the likeness of Melchizedek - 14

* The priesthood of Jesus Christ is a perfect priesthood – it is an eternal priesthood – 16

 The power of an indestructible life

* The priesthood of Jesus Christ is a perfect priesthood – fulfilling the prophecy of Ps. 110:4 – 17

You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek

* The priesthood of Jesus Christ is a perfect priesthood – it brings better hope & a way to draw near to God – 18 – 19

 Col. 2: 13 -14 – Jesus Christ in His death on the cross removed the curse of the Law

 Rom. 7:4 – you died to the Law through the body of Jesus Christ

* The priesthood of Jesus Christ is a perfect priesthood – based on the oath of God the Father - 20 – 21

 The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind – Ps. 110:4

* The priesthood of Jesus Christ is a perfect priesthood – guaranteeing a better covenant – 22
* The priesthood of Jesus Christ is a perfect priesthood – Jesus continues forever – 23 – 24
* The priesthood of Jesus Christ is a perfect priesthood – Jesus is a permanent priest – 24

**Jesus Christ meets the needs of believer’s as high priest – 25 – 28**

* Jesus Christ saves completely – forever those who draw near to Him – 25

 Heb. 4:16 – draw new with confidence to the throne of grace

 Heb. 10:22 – draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith

* Jesus Christ eternally lives & intercedes for those who draw near – 25

 Intercede = to appeal, to petition – This is Christ representing His people @ the throne of God

 Heb. 9:24 – for Christ entered into heaven to appear in the presence of God for us

 Rom. 8:34 yes Christ Jesus is He who died, yes rather who was raised who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us

* Jesus Christ our holy high priest exalted above the heavens – 26
* Jesus Christ our high priest offered Himself as the offering for sins – 27

 Heb. 10:10 – By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all

* Jesus Christ appointed as Son of God as high priest forever – 28

Jesus, My Great High Priest – Isaac Watts 1748

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered His blood and died. My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside. His powerful blood did once atone, and now it pleads before the throne.

To this dear Surety’s hand will I commit my cause; He answers and fulfills, His Father’s broken laws. Behold my soul at freedom set; My Surety paid the dreadful debt.

My Advocate appears for my defense on High; The father bows His ears and lays His thunders by. Not all that hell or sin can say shall turn His heart, His love away

Should all the hosts of death and powers of hell unknown, put their most dreadful forms of rage and mischief on, I shall be safe, for Christ displays, Superior power and guardian grace.