



Hebrews 7v1-8

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- We have a **better** hope (v19)

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- We have a **better** hope (v19)
- We have a **better** priest!

We have a great high priest...

4v14: Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

We have a great high priest...

5v11: We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand.

Old Testament



Shadows

New Testament



Realities

Old Testament



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10v1: The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves.

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Sacrificial system

Temple

Law

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Psalm 110v4: The Lord has sworn
and will not change his mind:

“You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek.”

1) The Shadow – Melchizedek (v1-10)

V1-2: This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him, ² and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything.

1) The Shadow – Melchizedek (v1-10)

- **A Great Name**

V2: First, the name Melchizedek means “king of righteousness”; then also, “king of Salem” means “king of peace.”

1) The Shadow – Melchizedek (v1-10)

- A Great Name
- **A Unique Role**

V3: Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.

1) The Shadow – Melchizedek (v1-10)

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- A Unique Role
- **An Exalted Position**

V4: Just think how great he was: Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth of the plunder!

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V6-7: This man, however, did not trace his descent from Levi, yet he collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. ⁷ And without doubt the lesser is blessed by the greater.

1) The Shadow – Melchizedek (v1-10)

- A Great Name
- A Unique Role
- **An Exalted Position**

V9-10: One might even say that Levi, who collects the tenth, paid the tenth through Abraham, ¹⁰ because when Melchizedek met Abraham, Levi was still in the body of his ancestor.

2) The Reality – Jesus (v11-27)

V11: If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood... why was there still need for another priest to come, one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron?

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Jesus has become a high priest...

V16: ...not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life.

2) The Reality – Jesus (v11-27)

- **A Permanent Priesthood**

V23-24: Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; ²⁴ but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.

2) The Reality – Jesus (v11-27)

- **A Permanent Priesthood**

“Christ is Lord of salvation throughout, from the beginning to the end, from the first to the last. His hands have laid the foundation of it in his own blood, and his hands shall finish it by his intercession”

John Bunyan

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- **A Permanent Priesthood**

V25: Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

2) The Reality – Jesus (v11-27)

- A Permanent Priesthood
- **A Perfect Priesthood**

V26: Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

2) The Reality – Jesus (v11-27)

- A Permanent Priesthood
- A Perfect Priesthood
- **An Effective Priesthood**

V27: Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

A Better Priest...

V19-20: We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain,²⁰ where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.



