

## **THE BOOK OF HEBREWS**

### Chapter 7

#### **“Able to Save to the Uttermost”**

There is a company in Oakland Californian that requires all of their employees to sign in when they come to work each day.

If they are late, they are to write down the reason they were late.

As often happens in Oakland, they have very foggy mornings, which is usually the reason that employees are frequently late for work.

Over the years, they developed the habit of just writing “**Ditto**” signs below the first person who arrived late.

One particular morning the first man to work that was late wrote in the excuse column, “**Wife had Twins**”.

On the Next 18 lines, the others that were also late that day put in their excuse column, “**Ditto**” marks...

**I think that most of the world is just following someone else.**

- ⊞ **Many people** never take the time to investigate for themselves, things that are important to their life.
- ⊞ **I think this is why** Jesus referred to Human nature as being like a Sheep’s nature, they just follow each other around.
- ⊞ **Sheep do whatever** is popular, they rarely strike out on their own.

We will spend 40 years working to prepare ourselves for a few years of retirement, but rarely do we spend much time finding our what is really true concerning what God requires for us to have “**Eternal Life**”.

**The discussion of the book of Hebrews has been centered around the Fact that Jesus and His Sacrifice on the Cross is superior to everything else.**

- ⊞ **Paul is writing** to the Hebrew Christians who were beginning to go back to the Old religion of keeping the Old Testament law in order to be Acceptable to God.
- ⊞ **Paul began Hebrews** by Referring to the Old Testament Prophets, Moses, Joshua, and now Melchizedek, all were highly regarded by the Jewish people.
- ⊞ **Paul makes it clear** that Jesus is not an addition to their Old Testament religion, Jesus is a Brand New way, the **ONLY WAY** to God.

**When you tell people that Jesus is the only way to Heaven, they get very offended by this.**

- ☞ **We have developed** this idea that there are lots of ways to heaven.
- ☞ **We seem to feel** that if someone is a “Good Person” they can get into heaven.
- ☞ **Many believe** that if their “Good works outweigh their bad works”, they can get into heaven.

The Message of Jesus Cross is that “NO ONE GET’S INTO HEAVEN WITHOUT COMING THROUGH JESUS SACRIFICE.”

- ☞ **If that offends you**, I am sorry, that is what the Bible teaches.
- ☞ **It is not my interpretation** of the Bible.
- ☞ **It is not my Personal** Opinion.
- ☞ **It is the Facts** as they are clearly stated in the Bible.
- ☞ **If that makes you mad**, Take it up with God, He said it not me.
- ☞ **I am just the messenger**, please Don’t shoot the messenger

Hebrews has many really fun sections that are interesting and important.

- ☞ **One of the more interesting** subjects is this guy “Melchizedek”.
- ☞ **Who is he?** Is he Jesus in the Old Testament, before He became a man.
- ☞ **Why is Jesus a Priest Forever**, according to the order of Melchizedek?
- ☞ **Every Old Testament Priest** had to come from the Tribe of Levi.
- ☞ **Why now**, is Jesus coming under this new order of Melchizedek?
- ☞ **Why did Jesus come** from the Tribe of Judah, and Not Levi, if He is our High Priest Forever?

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1 For this **Melchizedek, king of Salem**, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,  
2 to whom also **Abraham gave a tenth** part of all, first being translated “**king of righteousness**,” and then also king of Salem, meaning “**king of peace**,”  
3 **without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.**  
4 Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.

In our previous study of Hebrews Chapter 6, we looked at this Battle that Abraham fought in The book of Genesis 14, where Abraham defeated Chedorlaomer and 3 other Kings and rescued Lot his nephew and all of the things Lot possessed that had been taken captive also by these four kings.

- ☞ **After this battle was over**, Abraham was met on the Road by a guy by the name of “**Melchizedek**”, who brings Abraham “**Bread**” and “**Wine**”.
- ☞ **Abraham** so highly regarded Melchizedek that He paid Him a “**Tithe**” off all that he had taken back from the 4 kings.
- ☞ **We learned** that the name “**Melchizedek**” means “**King of Peace**”, and “King of Righteousness”.
- ☞ **There was no record** of when He was ever born, or a record of the day He died.

☞ **Melchizedek** is called “**A Priest Forever**”.

**There are many who struggle over who Melchizedek is:**

1. Is He Jesus in the Old Testament before He came as a man?
2. Is he just an Old Testament Priest of God?

Verse 4 says that “**Melchizedek**” was made “**Like the Son of God**”

- ☞ **The real question** is not whether Melchizedek is Jesus, the point is here is that **Melchizedek was a Priest Like Jesus**.
- ☞ **The Phrase in verse 4:** “*Made Like the son of God*” is from the Greek word “**Aphomoimenos**”.
- ☞ **This Greek word** is not used any other place in the New Testament except here in verse 4 of Hebrews 7.
- ☞ “**Aphomoimenos**” means “**A Facsimile, Copy, or Model**”.

**Melchizedek was a Facsimile or Copy of who Jesus is.**

- ☞ **So in answer to the question “Who was Melchizedek?”**, He was a Copy or Model of Jesus.
- ☞ **The Father was showing us** in the Old Testament, long before the Sacrifices in the temple ever came into existence, that His true intention was that His Son would be “*Our priest forever*”.

This is one of the things that makes Christianity different from all Religion. Only Jesus promised to “**Ever live to make Intercession for you**”.

- ☞ **Think of that.** There will never be a moment now while you are here on earth, or when you enter eternity, that Jesus will fail to be there praying and interceding before the Father for you.

**In · ter · ces · sion**

1. *The action of pleading on somebody's behalf*
2. *The action of attempting to settle a dispute*
3. *Prayer to God, on behalf of somebody*

Verse 4 also says: “**Melchizedek remains a priest forever**”.

- ☞ **There are only 2 people in the Bible** that are spoken of as Remaining a Priest Forever, Jesus and Melchizedek.
- ☞ **Either this is refereeing to** the fact that Jesus is a continuation of the priesthood of Melchizedek or that Melchizedek was actually Jesus appearing in the Old Testament.
- ☞ **We never read again** of anything Melchizedek did after Genesis 14, but we do read and understand that Jesus is our Great High Priest even to the present time.

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5 And indeed **those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood**, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham;

6 but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.

7 Now beyond all contradiction **the lesser is blessed by the better**.

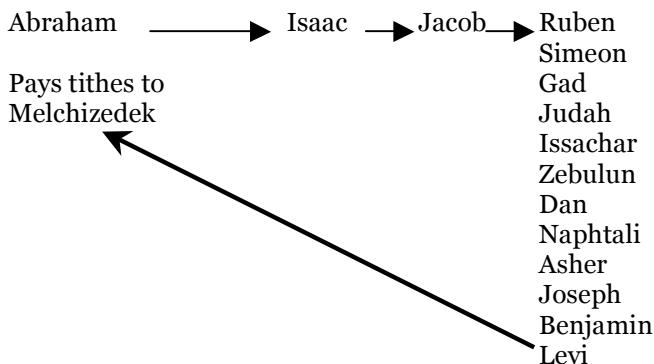
8 Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives.

9 **Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham**, so to speak,

10 for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.

1. **The priests** all came from the **tribe of Levi**.
2. **Melchizedek** didn't come from the tribe of Levi
3. **Yet Abraham** was giving Melchizedek a tithe.
  - ☞ **When you give your tithes and offerings** you are not giving them to **Calvary Chapel or Pastor Rob**, you are giving them to Jesus, as an act of your worship and submission to His Lordship over your life.
  - ☞ **You wouldn't tithe to me**, I am not greater than you, I am just a man just equal to you.
4. **In a sense then**, even Abrahams future **Great Grandson Levi**, who hadn't even been born yet was also paying tithes through Abraham.

Because Abraham was going to have a son who would eventually bring the Tribe of Levi into existence, and Abraham himself was tithing to Melchizedek, this makes the Melchizedek Priesthood of Jesus greater than The Levitical Priesthood.



**That's Great information Rob, now what do we do with that!**

- ☞ **This means that Your Great High Priest** Jesus is Superior to all of the Old Testament Priests!

**Why were priest necessary in the first place?**

- ☞ Because of Gods law.
- ☞ God gave His Law, Man Broke gods Law.

- ☞ God therefore brought legal charges against man.
- ☞ The priest acted as a representative of man.
- ☞ The priest brought man and God together by the death of someone who was standing in the place of the Guilty.

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11 Therefore, **if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood** (for under it the people received the law), **what further need was there that another priest** should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?

### Good question right?

- ☞ **If the purpose of the Priest** was to help man do something about his sin problem, and priest were already given through the Tribe of Levi, why do we need Jesus to come as a Different kind of Priest?

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12 For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law.

Here we learn that the Old Testament Sacrifice was not really complete.

- ☞ **All the sacrifice of the animal did** was “cover” your sin.
- ☞ **It did not** remove your sin.
- ☞ **A sacrifice** was required for **every sin**.
- ☞ **Sacrifices** had to be **offered continually**.

Jesus came to put a stop to the Old Testament Sacrifice, by becoming a better, more complete Sacrifice.

14 For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.

15 And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest

16 who has come, **not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life**.

17 For He testifies:

“You are a priest forever  
According to the order of Melchizedek.”

Jesus being from the “**Order of Melchizedek**”, is a drastic change from the “**Order of Aaron**” from the Tribe of Levi.

1. **The Priests under the order of Aaron were limited on how much they could do for you.**

- ☞ **You could bring a sacrifice** to the priest and they could offer it up to the Lord for you, but all that it did was “**Cover Your Sin**”, it did not remove it.

- ☞ **Jesus brings His own life** for you and lays it on the Altar. Because it is so precious and valuable, (*Verse 16: “the power of an endless life”*) Jesus sacrifice **“Removes your sin as Though it Never Existed”**.
2. **Under the order of Aaron, the Position of a King and a Priest were separate positions that could not be held at the same time.**
- ☞ **Jesus actually holds Three Positions** at the same time: PROPHET, PRIEST AND KING.
  - ☞ **That is the first time** that this has ever happened in the Bible.
  - ☞ **When you come to Jesus**, He can minister to your needs, as your Priest, bring you to the Father Perfect and Acceptable.
  - ☞ Jesus is also “King of Kings” so when you speak to Him, you are speaking to the Boss of the whole Universe. You have direct Access into His presence any time you desire.

### **Hebrews 4:16**

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- ☞ **In the book of Revelation**, it says that those that give their lives to Jesus now, before the Tribulation begins, will be both “Kings and Priest” during the Millennium”.

### **Revelation 1:6**

and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

### **Revelation 5:10**

And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”

## 3. **The Priests under the order of Aaron ministered in the Temple daily.**

- ☞ **If you study the furniture** that is in the Temple, you will see *The Table of the Showbread, The Golden Candlestick, and The Altar of Incense*.
- ☞ **There is no place for the priest to sit down** because the priests work of bringing the sacrifice to cover the sins of the people was endless.
- ☞ **When Jesus came**, by His ONE sacrifice of HIMSELF He completed the whole purpose of the sacrifice: To remove sin forever.
- ☞ **Therefore when Jesus had finished** His sacrifice for us on the Cross, and ascended back to Heaven, the Bible says that He **“Sat Down”**.

### **Hebrews 1:3**

Jesus, who being the brightness of Gods glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, **when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,**

### **Hebrews 10:12**

But this Man Jesus, **after** He had offered **one sacrifice** for sins **forever**, **sat down** at the right hand of God,

### **Hebrews 12:2**

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and **has sat down** at the right hand of the throne of God.

### **Revelation 3:21**

**To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down** with My Father on His throne.

**Why did Jesus sit down, when the Priest in the Temple never sat down?**

- ⊕ **Because the Work of Salvation is Over**, Complete, there is nothing else that needs to be done!
- ⊕ **This is why** there is nothing that you can do yourself to make yourself acceptable to God, except take for your own, the Sacrifice Jesus made for you.
- ⊕ **When you give your life to Jesus** and accept His sacrifice for your sins, you also can **“Sit Down”** and cease from seeking to be righteous by something YOU DO.

This is why it is totally wrong for anyone to try and add something else to Jesus sacrifice.

- ⊕ **If a Church or organization**, or an individual tells you that you must keep their rules of conduct to be acceptable to God, **THEY ARE LYING TO YOU!**
- ⊕ **Jesus “Sat Down”**, because the work is FINISHED”.

### **John 19:30**

So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, **“It is finished!”** And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

It is interesting that the Greek word that Jesus used for “It Is Finished” is **“Tetellisti”**.

- ⊕ **It is the same word** that a person would write or stamp on a contract that had been **“Paid in full.”**
- ⊕ **Jesus said that** *“It is finished”*, so your work is also finished, don’t let anyone convince you that you have to add something to Jesus work to be righteous.
- ⊕ **Baptism**, Speaking in Tongues, Works of Righteousness, Going door to door, Any work that is added to Jesus **“Completed Work”** is a LIE!.

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13 For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar

4. **The tribe of Levi was the only tribe that could represent the people before God.**

- ☞ **Jesus being from the Tribe of Judah**, was the “**Royal Line**”, it was where King David was from.
- ☞ **You are now from this Royal line** because you belong to Jesus, **you are also Royalty!**
- ☞ **The Son or daughter of the King** does not have to go through someone to get to the king. Because they are a member of the Kings Family, they have “**Direct Access**” into the throne room.
- ☞ **You are The son or daughter** of the greatest king in the Universe, **you have access to your father any time you need His help**, His Love, His Encouragement, His Healing, His Power, His Protection, whatever your need, Enter Boldly!

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18 For on the one hand **there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness,**

19 for **the law made nothing perfect**; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

Did you get that? “**There is an Annulling of the Former Commandment**”.

- ☞ **What was the former commandment?** That no one can approach God, until their sin is covered by a sacrifice,

The problem with the Old Testament Sacrifice is that it did not have the power to make you perfect.

**When you brought the animal to the temple and offered it up for your sins, it could not remove those sins, just cover them.**

- ☞ **Jesus became** the ONE sacrifice that is so perfect that **it lasts forever** to every person on the Earth that has ever been born.
- ☞ **Because Jesus has paid for your sin**, if you accept His sacrifice, then you become perfect in the eyes of the Father.

**Remember that “The Price has Already been paid”, Every person that has ever been born has had their sin paid for already.**

- ☞ **You might say then**, “Why doesn’t every person just already have God’s forgiveness and automatically goes to heaven.”
  1. **God will not force you** to accept His offer of forgiveness, He holds it out to you as an offer, it is up to you to say Yes or No.
  2. **It is important to understand** that this is “**The Only Offer**” God has made to mankind for forgiveness.

Remember the Angels all received Eternal Judgment for their sins, they did not ever have the opportunity to be forgiven, there was no sacrifice for their sin.

- ☞ **If a person misses this offer**, refuses to believe it, refuses to accept it, then there remains no other place for them than “Out side of the presence of God Forever”...Outer Darkness, with all of the others who have rejected Jesus Sacrifice.

### **Matthew 22** Jesus Told the story of how this works:

2 “The kingdom of heaven is like **a certain king** FATHER who arranged **a marriage for his son**, JESUS

3 and **sent out his servants OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS to call those who were invited** to the wedding; and **they were not willing to come. REJECTED THE MESSAGE**

4 Again, **he sent out other servants**, APOSTLES/US saying, “Tell those who are invited, ‘See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. **Come to the wedding.**’” THE INVITATION

5 But **they made light of it** DIDN’T TAKE IT SERIOUSLY/WERE TOO BUSY and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business.

6 And **the rest seized his servants**, OTHERS NOT ONLY REJECTED THE MESSAGE BUT PERSECUTED THE MESSENGERS treated them spitefully, and killed them.

7 But **when the king heard about it, he was furious**. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, ANGELS FROM HEAVEN and burned up their city.

8 Then he said to his servants, “The wedding is ready, but **those who were invited were not worthy**. WORTH IS BY JESUS RIGHTEOUSNESS

9 Therefore **go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite** to the wedding.’

10 So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, **both bad and good**. THE INVITATION IS TO EVERYONE And the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 “But when the king came in to see the guests, **he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. ONE WHO TRIED TO COME WITHOUT JESUS RIGHTEOUSNESS**

12 So he said to him, “Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN SAY, YOU WILL KNOW YOU ARE GUILTY

13 Then the king said to the servants, “**Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness;** there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

14 “For many are called, but few are chosen.”

“YOU LOVE DARKNESS, YOU WONT COME INTO THE LIGHT, I WILL GIVE YOU DARKNESS FOREVER...”

**So, the Old Testament law could not make you perfect, it just showed us that we were all equally guilty before the Lord, because none of us can keep the commandments of God...**

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20 And inasmuch as Jesus was not made priest without an oath

21 (for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him:

“The LORD has sworn

And will not relent,

‘You are a priest forever

According to the order of Melchizedek' ”),  
22 by so much more **Jesus has become a surety** of a better covenant.

“**Sur·e·ty** “

1. Somebody who assumes responsibility for another's obligations in case of default, particularly by giving a guarantee
2. The condition or quality of being sure (formal)

**Jesus became the One Responsible for our Eternal Life, at the moment we accepted His sacrifice.**

- ☞ **It is Jesus who holds the responsibility** for us being saved, not we ourselves.
- ☞ **There is nothing we can do** to loose our salvation, there is nothing we can do to Earn our salvation.
- ☞ **Notice** that Jesus becoming our “**Surety**” also applies in those situations where we “Default”, that is, when we fail to be perfect ourselves.
- ☞ **Jesus became the guarantee** the perfect sacrifice for all of our sins, so that even when we sin after we have accepted Jesus, His Blood continues to cleanse us.

### **1 John 2:1-2**

1 My little children, these things I **write to you, so that you may not sin.** And **if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father,** Jesus Christ the righteous.

2 And He Himself is the propitiation (*Payment*) for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

### **1 John 1:7**

... and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

### **1 John 1:9**

**If we confess our sins,** He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and **to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

### **Oswald Chambers**

*“When Jesus shed His blood on the Cross, it was not the blood of a Martyr, or the blood of one man for another, it was the life of GOD poured out to redeem the world”*

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23 Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing.

24 But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood.

25 Therefore **He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him,** since He always lives to make intercession for them.

**This is one of my personal favorite verses:**

- ☞ **I love to change** one of the words in verse 25 just a little.
- ☞ **I like to add** a “**G**” to the word “*Uttermost*”
- ☞ **Jesus saved me** from the **Gutter—most.**

- ☞ **When I finally surrendered** my life to Jesus, my life was literally in the gutter.

**That was OK with Jesus, He delights in saving people who are in the gutter.**

- ☞ **You can never reach a place** where Jesus will not get down on His knees to reach you.
- ☞ **There is no sin**, no thing that you could ever do, that Jesus will not come and lift you out of, cleanse you from, to make you PERFECT AND WITHOUT ONE STAIN.

**But notice “To those that Come to Him...”**

- ☞ **You have to come** to Jesus with your messed up life.
- ☞ **You must make the decision** that you are going to come to Him and give all of that junk up to Jesus.
- ☞ **And to those** who have come to Him...”He Ever Lives to Make Intercession for you”.

**Every moment of your life now, and forever, Jesus is interceding for you...**

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26 **For such a High Priest was fitting for us**, who is **holy, harmless, undefiled**, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;

27 who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, for this **He did once for all** when He offered up Himself.

28 For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son **who has been perfected forever**.

There was an Elderly woman that was badly crippled by Arthritis.

When she was asked if she suffered much, she said:

**“Yes, but there is no nails here”,** as she pointed to her hand, **“He had the nails, I have the Peace.”**

Then she pointed to her head. **“There are no thorns here, He had the thorns, I have the Peace.”**

Then she touched her side. **“There is no spear here, He had the spear, I had the Peace.”**

*“For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is Holy, Harmless, Undefiled...who died once for us all, and has Perfected us Forever...”*