



Entering the True Veil

- ^{NAS} **Isaiah 66:1** Thus says the LORD, "Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest? ² "For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," ...
- ^{NAS} **John 1:14** And the Word became flesh, and dwelt [tabernacle] among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 6:19** This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, ²⁰ where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.



Our High Priest's Legitimacy and Eternity 7:1-28

1. Melchizedek is greater than Levi (1-10).
2. The priest in the likeness of Melchizedek displaces Aaron (11-25).
3. This is exactly the kind of priest we need (26-28).



Meet Melchizedek

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 7:1** For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham as he was returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, ² to whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all the spoils, was first of all, by the translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace.
- ^{NAS} **Genesis 14:17** Then after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸ And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High. ¹⁹ And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; ²⁰ And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tenth of all.



Aside: It all Matters and is Reliable

- ^{NAS} **John 20:30** Many other signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.
- ^{NIV} **2 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,
- ^{ESV} **2 Peter 1:19** And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, ... ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.



Sola Scriptura

- *Sola Scriptura* meant Scripture was the supreme authority over the church. The Bible ruled reason and tradition because *it alone* was infallible as God's word. All other authorities (including church leadership) were fallible and must submit to Scripture. - *The Gospel Coalition*
- *Sola Scriptura* simply means that all truth necessary for our salvation and spiritual life is taught either explicitly or implicitly in Scripture. It is not a claim that all truth of every kind is found in Scripture. The most ardent defender of *sola Scriptura* will concede, for example, that Scripture has little or nothing to say about DNA structures, microbiology, the rules of Chinese grammar, or rocket science. This or that "scientific truth," for example, may or may not be actually true, whether or not it can be supported by Scripture—but Scripture is a "more sure Word," standing above all other truth in its authority and certainty. - *John MacArthur*



Greater than Levi

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 7:3** Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he abides a priest perpetually. ⁴ Now observe how great this man was to whom Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth of the choicest spoils. ⁵ And those indeed of the sons of Levi who receive the priest's office have commandment in the Law to collect a tenth from the people, that is, from their brethren, although these are descended from Abraham. ⁶ But the one whose genealogy is not traced from them collected a tenth from Abraham, and blessed the one who had the promises. ⁷ But without any dispute the lesser is blessed by the greater. ⁸ And in this case mortal men receive tithes, but in that case one receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives on. ⁹ And, so to speak, through Abraham even Levi, who received tithes, paid tithes, ¹⁰ for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.



Aaron Displaced by Better

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 7:11** Now if perfection was through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the people received the Law), what further need was there for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be designated according to the order of Aaron? ¹² For when the priesthood is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also.
- “As the writer’s critics would undoubtedly point out, Scripture made the Levitical priesthood permanent. The writer counters by noting that Ps 110:4 promises a different and better kind of priesthood. Since it was better, it superseded the need for the lesser priesthood. (Normally, no one complained when God sometimes did more than what he promised rather than less.)”
 - *NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible*



Jesus is the Better Priest

- ^{ESV} **Hebrews 7:17** For it is witnessed of him, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." ¹⁸ For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness ¹⁹ (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God. ²⁰ And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, ²¹ but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, 'You are a priest forever.'"



Jesus Brings a Better Hope

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- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 6:19** This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, ²⁰ where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.



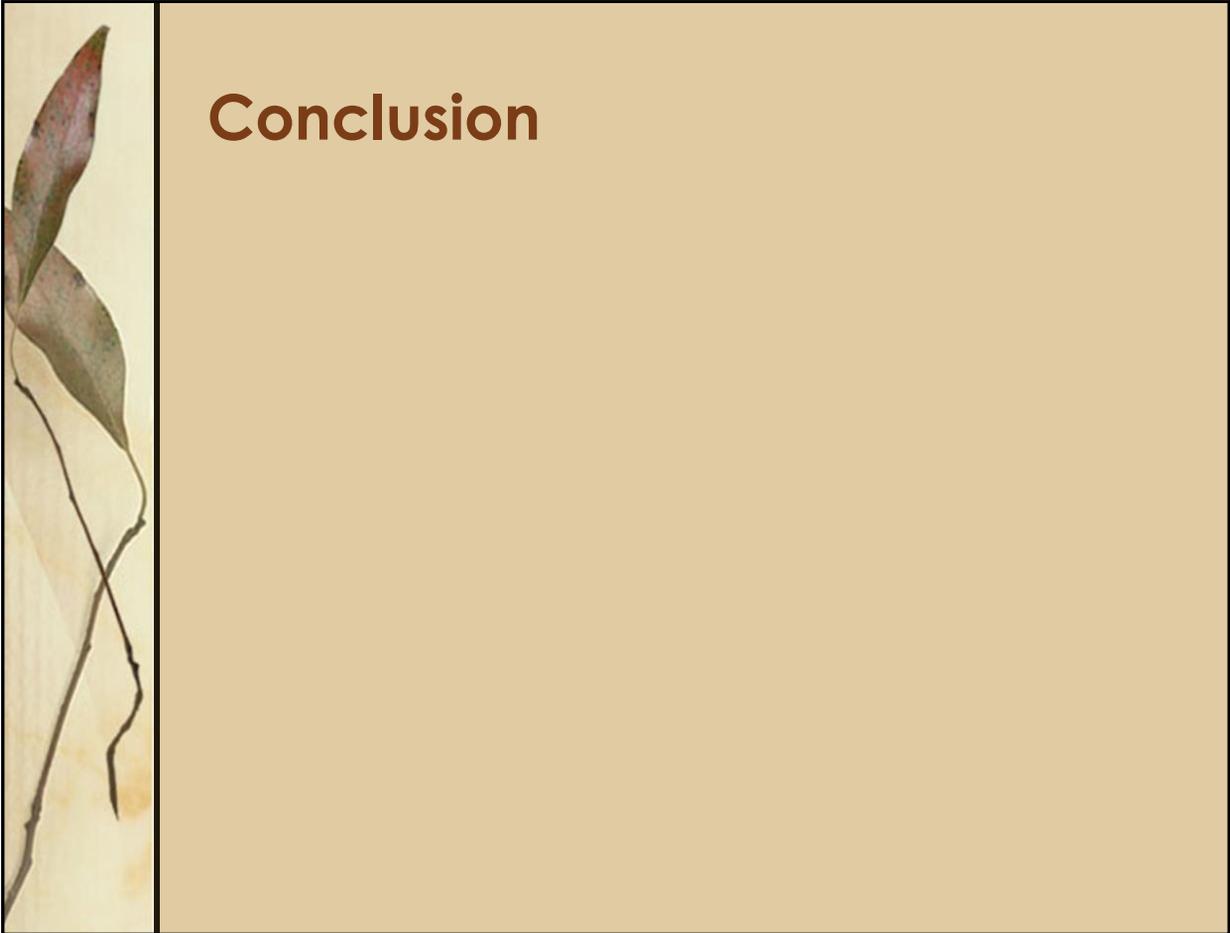
Jesus Brings a Better Covenant

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 7:22** so much the more also Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant. ²³ And the former priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers, because they were prevented by death from continuing, ²⁴ but He, on the other hand, because He abides forever, holds His priesthood permanently. ²⁵ Hence, also, He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.



Jesus is the Perfect High Priest

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 7:26** For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens; ²⁷ who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins, and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. ²⁸ For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son, made perfect forever.



Conclusion



Jesus – The Perfect Priest

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Jesus – The Source of Righteousness

- ^{NAS} **Romans 3:21** But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;
- ^{NAS} **Philippians 3:8** ... I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ, ⁹ and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, ¹⁰ that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; ¹¹ in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.



Come to God, Be Saved Forever

- ^{NIV} **Hebrews 7:22** ... Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant... ²⁵ Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.
 - *all-complete, all-perfect (forever – NASB)*
 - *The continually coming to God ones*
- ^{NAS} **John 6:37** "All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.
- ^{NAS} **2 Timothy 1:12** For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.

