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LSF / LCMS U Bible Study – Hebrews  
Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

## A Study of the Book of Hebrews: God Speaks to Us through His Son

*Lesson 7: Hebrews 7, “Jesus is a Priest Forever, after the Order of Melchizedek”*

### **Part 1: Heb 7:1-10, “Who is Melchizedek?”**

1. What does “Melchizedek” mean? (v2)

Melech=

tzedek=

2. Read Gen 14:17-24 again. Luther and many other early Church fathers and rabbis thought that Melchizedek might actually have been Shem. Recalling our Bible study on Genesis 10 last semester, is this possible?

3. Yet if this is the case, how can the author to the Hebrews say that Melchizedek is “without father or mother or genealogy”? (v 3)

4. What then is the connection that the author is making?

5. What is the nature of the Melchizedek order of priesthood?

6. What are the similarities between Melchizedek and the Levitical priesthood?

7. Which is the superior priesthood?

### **Part 2: Heb 7:11-17, “How Is Jesus Connected to Melchizedek?”**

8. What was lacking in the Levitical priesthood?

9. How did God split the priestly and kingly lines in the covenant on Mt. Sinai?

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10. What is the reason that Jesus is considered as a second Melchizedek?

11. Read Psalm 110. How is this another source for the author's argument?

**Part 3: Heb 7:18-28, "Jesus Is the Guarantor of a Better Covenant"**

12. We often say that Jesus fulfilled the ancient Law in our place. How does verse 18 say this in another way? What is introduced that is better?

13. What is the guarantee that we have in Christ?

14. What else makes Jesus' priesthood superior to the Levitical priesthood? (v23-25)

15. Hebrews often talks about Jesus being able to understand our suffering, having been made man (2:18), but it also speaks of Jesus as totally separate from sin and sinners. What is the purpose of this? (7:27)

16. The doctrine of "substitutionary atonement" uses verse 27 as a primary source. Why is substitutionary atonement so important for us?

**Don't Forget!**

**Every Sunday:**

Services at 8:00 and 10:30, with Bible study hour at 9:15.

**Every Tuesday:**

Dinner at 6:30 and Bible study at 7:00.

**Upcoming Events:**

March 29<sup>th</sup>: Paintball?

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