

SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 5:5–6

5 In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,

“You are my Son;

today I have become your Father.”[a]

6 And he says in another place,

“You are a priest forever,

in the order of Melchizedek.”

Hebrews 7:11–27

11 If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood—and indeed the law given to the people established that priesthood—why was there still need for another priest to come, one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron? 12 For when the priesthood is changed, the law must be changed also. 13 He of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, and no one from that tribe has ever served at the altar. 14 For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. 15 And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears, 16 one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life. 17 For it is declared:

“You are a priest forever,

in the order of Melchizedek.”

18 The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless 19 (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.

20 And it was not without an oath! Others became priests without any oath, 21 but he became a priest with an oath when God said to him:

“The Lord has sworn

and will not change his mind:

‘You are a priest forever.’”

22 Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant.

23 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. 25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

26 Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. 27 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.

1. Jesus offers life to anyone anywhere.

2. Jesus intercedes for us in the present.

3. Jesus as king is the person of truth. Jesus as priest is the person of tears.

Two Questions

1. What shame in my life am I holding onto and not letting Jesus offer life?

2. Where am I currently trying to be "good enough" to please God? What step can I take this week to rely on Jesus more fully in my everyday life?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Please read the passage of Scripture together as a group.

Look at verse 18. What does it say that Jesus does? What is the better hope that he introduced?

What did Jesus bring that the law never could? What do you think that would have meant to those living under the law?

Look at Hebrews 7:25, it says that Jesus is interceding for us. What do you think he is praying for you right now? How would you like him to pray for you?

In this passage it talks about how we are under grace and not under the law. Do you ever struggle with falling back under the law?

How can our group pray for you this week as it pertains to this passage?