

## Hebrews (February 28, 2021)

### OPENING QUESTION:

**SERMON DISCUSSION:** How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

### READ Hebrews 7:18-28

1. What is “the one hand” and what is “the other hand” mentioned in Hebrews 7:18-19 (read Hebrews 7:11-17)?

2. Why was the former commandment rendered weak and useless (Hebrews 7:18-19; Romans 3:10, 7:10-12, 10:5)?

3. “...a better hope is introduced through which we draw near to God” (Hebrews 7:19). What do the following scriptures disclose about drawing near to God?

Exodus 24:2

Psalms 145:18

Zephaniah 3:2

Hebrews 4:16

James 4:8

4. "The inauguration of the Aaronic priesthood rested on a divine command: 'bring near to you Aaron your brother,' said God to Moses, 'and his sons with him, from among the people of Israel, to serve me as priests' (Exodus 28:1). But there is no mention of a divine oath in the record of their appointment as there is in Ps. 110:4, where a new priest 'after the order of Melchizedek' is introduced." (The Epistle to the Hebrews p.170 by F.F. Bruce)

What is the difference between a priesthood resting on a command versus on an oath by God (Hebrews 7:11, 20-22; Psalm 110:4)? How does this make Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant?

5. Contrast the details concerning the Levitical High Priests with Jesus the High Priest from Hebrews 7:23-28, 9:12.

Levitical High Priests

Jesus the High Priest

6. Hebrews 7:26 gives Jesus qualifications that make Him fitting as a superior High Priest. Give definitions of those qualifications and how they epitomize Jesus.

Holy:

Innocent:

Unstained:

Separated (from Sinners):

Exalted (above the Heavens):

7. What is revealed about God, Jesus and humanity from Hebrews 7:26 & Romans 8:33-34?