**Hebrews: Chapter Seven**

Melchizedek is the subject that this chapter examines, indicating that the Hebrews writers were apparently very occupied with his background and role in the Christian faith. Here, the emphasis is on how the high priest and king appears to have no beginning or ending in terms of his appearance in the text. The writers suggest that this is an indication that he is a high priest forever, pointing the way to a future high priest and king. Jesus is exalted as *the* High Priest and Son of God, and is in the order of Melchizedek as God the Father ordained. His reign will never end.

I. Melchizedek, the Forever High Priest, Honored by Abraham (1-10)

II. The Need for Another High Priest (11-28)

1. No perfection in the law
2. Jesus, who meets our needs
3. A promise forever

Questions for Study:

1. In the continued discussion of Jesus as the descendant of the order of Melchizedek, what is the most important point in this chapter, in your opinion?

2. What may be the writers’ rationale for going into such detail about the origin of Melchizedek and that of Jesus?

3. At the end of the chapter, the authors mention an oath or promise. What does this refer to, and what is its relevance to us today?

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