

# Radiant

Who You Are...

Because of Who He Is.

~ Lesson Seven ~  
Hebrews Chapter Seven



Dwelling Richly Bible Study

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Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ***h***

# ...SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP...

📖 **God's Word is our standard.** We'll use the Bible - not personal opinion, popular teachers, or church tradition - as our guide for everything. We are using the English Standard Version (ESV) Bible for this study.

♥ **We come from varying faith backgrounds,** so please be thoughtful of denominational and religious differences.

🚫 **Avoid commentaries or study notes in your Bible.** Trust God, pray, ask for wisdom then read and answer on your own.

👂 **We're all learning.** Be gracious and patient with yourself and with others. No one has it all figured out.

✓ **This isn't a personal opinion study. This is a Bible study.** So, there are going to be "right" and "wrong" answers. Try your best and have a humble and teachable spirit.

🗨️ **You don't have to share,** but if you did the reading and the study this week, why not chime in? We all benefit from one another's thoughts and questions. I bet you have something great to share! 😊

🕒 **Didn't finish the study this week?** That's ok. Life gets busy. You're here! Yay you! This will be a good week for you to listen and perhaps jot down answers as others share.

⌚ **Be considerate of your "slice of the pie"** and how much time you are taking to talk. Share your thoughts, and allow time for others to do the same.

🕒 **Watch the time.** Please return to our teaching session on time. 7:40pm (evening) or 10:40am (morning) group.

## ...AS WE GATHER...

1. Where are you in your approach toward Bible study, church, spiritual growth...? Q2/pg 131
2. What was your "case profile" of the audience of Hebrews? Q2/pg 138
3. What is God willing to do to his own children so they will repent? Q9/pg 140
4. How will what you learned about hermeneutics impact the way you approach Bible study? Pg 141
5. What do you think the author means by saying "though we speak in this way..." Q2/pg 143
6. In contrast to this sluggish, dull life, the author wants us to be what? Q10/pg 144
7. How is Abraham a model for you today? Q7/pg 146
8. Share your "Create & Share"
9. Recite as a group, Hebrews 6:19-20

## ...JOIN JENNIFER "LIVE OR LATER" ...

...LIVE 7:00AM...



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## ...MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- OUR NEXT STUDY MEETS...

MONDAY, JANUARY 8 – OR – TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

*Please invite a friend for our 2018 New Year's kick-off! It's a great way to begin the year – in the Word and in fellowship together!*

Something special...several have memorized and recited the entire book of Hebrews! It's a powerful way to experience this message. Here are two renditions you will enjoy: <https://youtu.be/W1D0WDyKk5k> or <https://youtu.be/OPF0KP9cG6U>

# Hebrews - Radiant Bible Study Notes

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## “HOLD FAST TO HOPE”

You can hear this message at: <http://www.dwellingrichly.podbean.com>

# ~Lesson Seven Overview~

## Hebrews Chapter 7

 Memorize Hebrews 7:25

- Day 1 – Read & Write Chapter 7 (Tues. 11/12)
- Day 2 – Hebrews 7:1-28 Overview (Wed. 12/13)
- Day 3 – Hebrews 7:1-28 Overview (Thur. 12/14)
- Day 4 – Hebrews 7:1-3 (Fri. 12/15)
- Day 5 – Hebrews 7:4-10 part 1 (Mon. 12/18)
- Day 6 – Hebrews 7:4-10 part 2 (Tues. 12/19)
- Day 7 – Hebrews 7:11-19 (Wed. 12/20)
- Day 8 – Hebrews 7:20-28 (Thurs. 12/21)
- Day 9 – Create & Share (Thurs. 12/22)

The dates in parenthesis are the dates of the Live online lesson. Join us on [Facebook.com/lmccwomen](https://www.facebook.com/lmccwomen) at 7am on these days, or watch the lesson later on [YouTube.com/c/JenniferGRichmond](https://www.youtube.com/c/JenniferGRichmond) or the Dwelling Richly podcast

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# ...Lesson Seven - Day One

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 7:25



## ...READ AND WRITE HEBREWS CHAPTER SEVEN...

Please join me “Live or Later” today (12/12) and every weekday as I teach through this lesson. **Live** at 7am on Facebook at LMCC Women or on [Zoom.us/j/221173257](https://zoom.us/j/221173257)

**Later** enjoy the recorded sessions on YouTube.com/c/JenniferRichmond or the Dwelling Richly podcast. As you read in the introduction, we are reading and writing the entire book of Hebrews over the course of this study. At the end of this lesson packet I have provided several blank pages for you to “WRITE THE WORD.” Use these or any pages – perhaps a special journal? – to write each chapter of Hebrews. At the end of this study, you’ll have written the entire book! What a treasure!

While you study Hebrews, write any notes, thoughts, questions, even drawings, that will help you engage and understand the Scripture. Before you read and write, pray that God would open the eyes of your heart to see clearly the wonders in His word (Psalm 119:18) and that He would give you wisdom (James 1:5) to grasp and apply what you are reading.

### TODAY:

- 1) **READ HEBREWS CHAPTER 7** - If you haven’t read chapters 1-6 yet, be sure to read them as well
- 2) **WRITE HEBREWS CHAPTER 7** – If you haven’t written chapters 1-6 yet, set aside time this week.
- 3) **WRITE & MEMORIZE** Hebrews 7:25. I’ve provided space at the opening of each lesson for this.

*Why not take a picture of your writing today and share it! Text it to a friend, send it to me (562.755.4964), post it on Facebook or Instagram and tag @LMCCWomen don’t forget to use the hashtags:  
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*Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.  
Hebrews 7:25*

# ...Lesson Seven - Days Two & Three...

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 7:25

## ...HEBREWS CHAPTER 7 OVERVIEW...

Let's study together! Join us "Live or Later." **Live** on Dec. 13 at 7am on Facebook or [Zoom.us/j/221173257](https://zoom.us/j/221173257) or **Later** on [YouTube.com/c/JenniferRichmond](https://www.youtube.com/c/JenniferRichmond) or the Dwelling Richly podcast at a time convenient for you. Two days are scheduled for this overview. Use your time to enjoy the Word and see the big picture.

### ...WELCOME...

Knowing how great Jesus is as your Savior and your great High Priest will change literally everything in your life – that is, if you know it and believe it. There's not a soul reading this today that isn't dealing with big problems and big sins. Truly grasping the greatness of Jesus as your Savior and Priest means knowing the one who is big enough to deal with big problems and sins. All of this teaching about Melchizedek is designed to help you understand something about Jesus, to strengthen your hope and assurance, to help you know that you have a Savior big enough to deal with your problems and a Priest who is able to deal with your sins.

### ...PRAY...

Heavenly Father please open my eyes to see Jesus and to understand what I am being taught about Jesus as I am being taught about Melchizedek. Give me wisdom and discipline to apply this truth to my heart so that I would understand and believe and have hope and peace. In Jesus' name, Amen

### ...READ & ENGAGE...

[Hebrews 5:6-11, 6:19-7:28](#)

\*\*\*As you read, complete the chart on the next page. Do this **BEFORE** completing questions 1-3.

### ...REVIEW & CONNECT...

1. (Did you read the "Read & Engage" note first?) Hebrews 7:1 picks up where Hebrews 5:10 left off. Why the big break? (Hebrews 5:11)  
|
2. What do you already know about the connection between Jesus and Melchizedek from our reading thus far? (Hebrews 5:5-6)  
|

### ...BACKGROUND...

3. Read and summarize the account of Abraham's encounter with Melchizedek recorded in [Genesis 14:1-24](#) "The Slaughter of the Kings" – keep it super simple and brief

v1-9 \_\_\_\_\_

v10 \_\_\_\_\_

v11-12 \_\_\_\_\_

v13-16 \_\_\_\_\_

v17 \_\_\_\_\_

v18-20a \_\_\_\_\_

v20b \_\_\_\_\_

As you read today's passage, use this chart to take notes. You'll refer back to this throughout Lesson 7. Collect information about each person or group of people mentioned. Consider their significance. Record questions about words, phrases, ideas you are unsure about. **TIPS:** 1) Include the verse reference along with each of your notes. (2) Leave space to add details and answer your questions later on in this study. (3) Note in your Bible repeated words, phrases, and concepts.

Lesson 7/Day 2 - Read & Engage through <a href="#">Hebrews 5:6-11, 6:19-7:28</a>			
	Details about Who they were/What they did	Significance Application/Connections	Questions I Have about This
Melchizedek			
Abraham			
Levi/Order of Aaron			
"our Lord" Jesus			



# ...Lesson Seven - Day Three...

## ...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 7:25

## ...HEBREWS 7:1-3...

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### ...WELCOME...

When you hear a message from God's word by your pastor he or she is hopefully bringing background, clarity, and understanding to that passage. This is part of "rightly diving the Word of Truth" and is called 'expository' teaching – teaching that exposes the verses. Based on their good exposition, we can take and apply God's word more effectively to our life. The author of Hebrews is doing that in this chapter. He's going back to the subject of Melchizedek from which he had to pause for some exhortation, and explaining the account of Melchizedek from Genesis. He is opening it up to give his audience back then and us today more understanding of this mysterious priest/king Melchizedek who appears in only two places in the entire Tanakh.

### ...PRAY...

*Heavenly Father, help me admire King Jesus, and to enjoy Him. My desire is to enter with delight into the full understanding of his name and character as my King of righteousness and my King of peace. In Jesus' name, Amen*

### ...READ & ENGAGE...

[Hebrews 7:1-3](#) Add any details to your chart from Day Two as you read.

### ...REVIEW & CONNECT...

1. In chapters 1-6, who/what has the author contrasted Jesus with? Skim through your notes and these chapters and see if you can recall at least 5 ways Jesus is better or offers something better. Include the reference with each.

*1:1 prophets; 1:5; 2:5 angels; 3:3 Moses; 4:8 Joshua; 4:9 Sabbath; 4:15 high priest;*

2. **\*\*\*All through Hebrews the author is making a case and a call to action to his audience. How would you summarize the case and the call the author has made to this point?**

The Case:

The Call to Action:

### ...THINK & ENGAGE...

3. **How is Melchizedek introduced in 7:1-2? Note the two titles and the two actions...**

...explaining who he was:

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

...explaining what he did:

1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

4. The titles of Melchizedek clue us in to the *where* and *who* of his unique role. What does the translation of Melchizedek mean? (7:2) \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he priest and king? \_\_\_\_\_

Read and highlight [Psalm 76:1-2](#) for more background.

Locate Salem on your Bible map or [bibleatlas.org/Salem](http://bibleatlas.org/Salem)

For whom was he priest? \_\_\_\_\_

There are many theories about the origin of Melchizedek. Jewish tradition has held that he was actually Shem – the first of Noah’s sons. We do know that he was living between the pagans of Sodom and Canaan. Knowing that, what does the fact that he was a priest of the Most High God say about God’s will to work through all people?

5. Knowing the significance of the names used for God\* will bring you deeper understanding. When God called Moses 500 years after his covenant with Abraham, God answered an important question about His identity. Read [Exodus 3:14](#) along with any footnotes in your Bible for clarity.

What name does God give to Moses?  
\_\_\_\_\_

*\* I recommend “[Praying the Names of God](#)” by Ann Spangler for deeper study.*

*When Melchizedek was high priest, God had not yet revealed Himself as I Am/LORD to the Hebrews because, as we read later in chapter seven, Levi was still “in the loins” of Abraham.*

6. A priesthood is evaluated based on the deity being served. With this in mind, what does Melchizedek’s title as “Priest of the Most High God/El Elyon” tell you about the significance of his priesthood? Who is covered by his priesthood?

7. The author makes a point of saying that Melchizedek is “first king of righteousness...then king of peace.” What significance do you see in righteousness preceding peace? How does this point to Jesus?

8. In Exodus 28, the LORD established the Aaronic priesthood. These were men from the line of Abraham’s great-grandson, Levi. No one could just say, “Hey, I want to be a priest!” You had to have descended from Levi through Aaron. Considering this, what do you see as the significance of the point the author makes in 7:3 about Melchizedek’s priesthood? (The author expands on this concept later in chapter seven as well.)

Why/How does this “resemble the Son of God?”

### ...IN CLOSING...

In one of his great [sermons](#), Charles Spurgeon closed his message on this passage encouraging those in his church to consider Jesus our king of righteousness and peace and think: “It is well. It is all well. It is well from beginning to end — from top to bottom. Being justified by faith, I have peace with God. The peace of God that surpasses all understanding keeps my heart and soul by Jesus Christ.” With that thought I want you to close today in thankfulness that he is your righteousness and your peace. Meditate on that beautiful truth exemplified in Melchizedek and fulfilled in Christ.

### IT'S Hebrew TO ME

**God Most High** - The Hebrew word for “Most High God” is [עֶלְיוֹן אֱלֹהִים](#) (el-elyon) and points to the character of God being above all and emphasizes the exalted character of God. It always has a global reference – to all people.

**LORD** - When you see ‘LORD’ it always refers to the Hebrew name for God: Yaweh – the transliteration of [יְהוָה](#) (yod-heh-vav-heh) This name for God is the name given especially to the Hebrews.

# ...Lesson Seven - Day Four...

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 7:25

## ...HEBREWS 7:4-10 PART 1...

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...WELCOME...

Melchizedek serves as what we call a "type." He is not Christ...he is a type of Christ. He, as the author says, **resembles** the Son of God. Types occur throughout Scripture. Let's take a closer look at this important concept.

...PRAY...

*Heavenly Father, through your Word you speak to me. Thank you for your love and for the way you have provided for me to listen and speak to you. Be the center of my focus in my study today. In Jesus' name, Amen*

...READ & ENGAGE...

[Hebrews 7:1-10](#) Did you notice anything new as you read? Make notes in your chart from Day Two.

...REVIEW & CONNECT...

1. Read [Hebrews 1:1-2](#) –

How did God speak then? \_\_\_\_\_

How does he speak now? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Moses, the author of the account in Genesis 14, was one such prophet. He wrote of our father Abraham and the priest-king, Melchizedek. What connection is the author of Hebrews making between Melchizedek and Jesus?

[Hebrews 7:3](#)

***Bible Notetaking Tip:** highlight the word "resembling" (7:3) and "likeness" (7:15) We'll be studying this more.*

Is Melchizedek Jesus? Explain:

...INTRO TO TYPES...

From the time that sin broke our relationship with God in the Garden we have needed ways for our relationship to be restored. In every book of the Bible we can find open and implied types of people, objects, and events that point to Jesus - the one who came to restore that broken relationship. A type someone, something, or some event that points to Jesus or to what Jesus has done. Understanding types can result in a kind of "ah-ha!" experience as you read the Bible and come across one. If you're unfamiliar with the backstory, you'll miss how it points to Jesus.

Below are a few of the many, many types that point to Christ. I've provided the reference that points to Christ. Go back to the Tanakh to understand the background if you are unfamiliar with the account.

3. Read [Romans 5:12, 17, 21](#) and [1 Corinthians 15:21-22](#) –

Who/What is the type? \_\_\_\_\_ To whom/what does it point? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the similarities/differences?

4. Read [John 3:14-15](#) and [Numbers 20:4-9](#) –

Who/What is the type? \_\_\_\_\_ To whom/what event does it point? \_\_\_\_\_ What are the similarities/differences?

5. Read [John 1:29](#); [1 Corinthians 5:7](#); Refer back to Exodus 12 (for reference)

Who/What is the type? \_\_\_\_\_ To whom/what does it point? \_\_\_\_\_ What are the similarities/differences?

6. **BONUS! Find one other type on your own and write about it here:**

Who/What is the type? \_\_\_\_\_ To whom/what event does it point? \_\_\_\_\_ What are the similarities/differences?

*There are many other types in the Tanakh that point to Christ and His work...Jonah, Noah, Joseph, the Tabernacle, etc. Take note as you study to look for these types. Don't get carried away, but examine and see how a person, practice, or event foreshadows or typifies Christ. We'll see more of this in Hebrews chapters nine and ten. Maybe you'll peek ahead and find them on your own today? In the margin of my Bible, I make a note of a person, practice, or event that points to Jesus by marking "TYPE." Consider doing this also.*

...IN CLOSING...

Have you ever wondered, "Why didn't God just give us Jesus right away and make things right immediately after Adam sinned? Why go through all this time and trouble before Jesus?" I have. But consider this, by patiently working through the ages and through people and systems God has given us a chance to see His love and glory! Imagine if – BAM! – right after Adam sinned Jesus was born to take away our sins, how could we have ever grasped our need? (besides the fact of never being born!) Instead, wanting relationship, "in love he predestined us...to the praise of his glorious grace" (Eph. 1:5) and He spoke "at many times in many ways" over time. Now, that He has spoken through His Son we can look back and see and love and have that "ah-ha!" moment! This is the wonder of allowing the "word of God to dwell in us richly!" (Col. 3:16). We see Him and we understand all the more why we so desperately need Him...I pray that you do exactly that today.

DRAW OR PLACE  
A MEMENTO TO ILLUSTRATE  
EACH TYPE POINTING TO  
JESUS.

Adam

Serpent Lifted Up

Passover Lamb

\_\_\_\_\_

# ...Lesson Seven - Day Five...

## ...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 7:25

### ...HEBREWS 7:4-10 PART 2...

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#### ...WELCOME...

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#### ...PRAY...

*Heavenly Father, there are so many things calling for my attention today. I pray for peace and focus as I enter into my study time today. Thank you for the amazing power of your living Word. In Jesus' name, Amen*

#### ...READ & ENGAGE...

[Hebrews 7:1-10](#) – Review and add to your notes from Day Two.

#### ...BACKGROUND...

Recall that Abraham, after waiting 25 years, fathered Isaac, who then fathered Jacob. Jacob's name was changed to Israel and he had 12 sons who became the fathers of the 12 tribes of Israel. One of these tribes, Levi, was set apart by God to be the priests and among them was chosen a high priest to offer sacrifices to God. The other 11 tribes in the nation of Israel were instructed to give a tenth (tithe) to the priests for the running of the temple and to support the priests

#### ...THINK & ENGAGE...

1. \*\*\*What word of exhortation do you find in the first 6-7 words of 7:4?

Depending on your translation, it reads "See..." or "Just think..." or "Consider..." or "Observe..." how great this man was! What do you think the author's goal is by opening with such a phrase? (Remember his audience and the challenges they have faced.)

2. What did Abraham give Melchizedek?

The Greek word is ἀκροθινίων (akrothiniōn) and refers not just to the "spoils" but the **best** of the spoils, the "choicest." Was Abraham commanded to give tithes to Melchizedek? \_\_\_\_ Why did he do it? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you think is the significance of emphasizing this? Consider the biblical principle in [Proverbs 3:9-10](#)

3. The author now sets up a comparison between Melchizedek and whom? (7:5) \_\_\_\_\_  
 | *This focuses us on these two distinct priesthoods – Melchizedek’s and Aaron’s.*
4. On what authority did the Levite priests receive tithes from the people? (7:5) \_\_\_\_\_
5. How does the author answer his own exhortation to “see how great this man was” in the following verses?  
 7:4-6a \_\_\_\_\_  
 7:6b-7 \_\_\_\_\_  
 7:8 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (note the emphasis on *mortal* – not just “men”)  
 7:9-10 \_\_\_\_\_

Once again, it’s important to keep the audience in mind as you read. Otherwise, you might be thinking, “Who cares about all this Melchizedek stuff!” But, the Messianic Jews receiving this message needed to really grasp the greatness of Jesus.

6. What had the author exhorted them to do earlier in [3:12-15](#)?
7. What does it mean that Levi “was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him?”

For the Jews, the belief was that a descendant couldn’t be greater than his ancestor. How much more impossible could it be for Levi to be greater than a man who was his great-grandfather's superior.

8. So, by emphasizing the greatness of Melchizedek, the author is by comparison setting his audience up to receive who as an even greater priest? \_\_\_\_\_
9. \*\*\*Think about the sweeping lineage from Melchizedek to Abraham to Levi and ultimately to Christ. How do you picture the point being made by the author? Take a moment to do exactly what 7:4 asked and literally create a way to “see how great this man was.” Illustrate how you see this passage in the space below:

...IN CLOSING...

The word translated “see” in 7:4 (ESV) is *θεωρεῖτε* (theōreite). We get our English word "theater" from this root. In other words, it is where people go to check out the scene and **concentrate on the meaning** of actions. It’s not passive. It’s involved. Is that you today? Are you actively involved in considering the greatness of what you are studying? Are you enthusiastically concentrating on the meaning in this scene? I’m going to suggest strongly today that we do exactly what the author of Hebrews exhorted his audience to do: *θεωρεῖτε*! When asked what the greatest commandment was Jesus affirmed the answer that one of his followers recited: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength and your neighbor as yourself.” That is precisely what we are doing in God’s word when we concentrate on its meaning – we love him with our mind! You may feel more inclined to love God with your heart, and that is needed, but let’s not forget that we are to love him with our minds as well. Remain diligent in your studies of His Word! Love God emotionally and intellectually – they come together to round out our faith beautifully.

# ...Lesson Seven - Day Six...

## ...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 7:25

## ...HEBREWS 7:11-19...

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### ...WELCOME...

At this point in our study about priesthoods, Melchizedek, and how the Hebrew audience was resistant to seeing Jesus as better than all, you may be thinking, "Yeah, but I get it! Jesus is better. What is wrong with these Hebrews that they couldn't just see Jesus?!" Yet, I have found in my own life as well as my ministry with others that knowing that Jesus is better and truly living a surrendered life to Him are two entirely different things. We may say with our words "Lord, I'm all yours!" but our hearts drift far from him – we don't deny him and shake our fist at heaven – nothing as dramatic and obvious as that! Instead, we just craft for ourselves a "Jesus And" sort of religion. Jesus and my health. Jesus and my family. Jesus and my career. Jesus and my hopes. Before we sigh with impatience at the audience in this book, let's examine our own hearts and repent of anything in which we seek perfection outside of Jesus.

### ...PRAY...

*Heavenly Father, open my heart to any tendency I have to seek perfection in anything other than you.  
Forgive me for putting my own efforts, systems, or religious activities before you.  
Help me see my need for you and only you in my studies today. In Jesus' name, Amen*

### ...READ & ENGAGE...

[Hebrews 7:11-19](#) – Review and add to your notes from Day Two.

### ...THINK & ENGAGE...

1. Read Hebrews 7:11 and 19. Was it possible to attain perfection through the Levitical priesthood? Why or why not?

*Bible Notetaking Tip: Highlight the words "perfection" and "perfect."*

2. If perfection was possible, would Jesus have needed to come as our high priest? Why or why not? Read [Hebrews 7:11-12 and Galatians 2:21; 3:21-22](#)

*Amongst the Jews there was a deep sense of specialness and ethnic pride. God had chosen them. God had given them the Law. God provided a way to engage with him through the family tree of Levi – the priests. In order for the author to successfully make a case for Christ, he needs to show that the Law that the Jews had was not going to bring them to perfection and that they cannot hold to their system under Levi if they want true perfection. The law was never designed to do that. But, so*



entrenched in their thinking is the need for the Law that they had even created laws around the original Law just to make sure that they would be super perfect. If the line that the Law drew was “here” the priests and scribes drew a line a few feet from there to ensure they’d never come close to breaking the Law. Then they enforced their extra laws – their “fence around the Law” and created a completely unattainable system ruled by the Pharisees whom Jesus condemned in Matthew 23. But they had all along missed the point! The Law could never have brought them to personal perfection! The Law was a means for imperfect, unholy, sinful people to be able to approach a perfect, holy, righteous God. There was never any perfection to be attained in the Law. But in focusing on it, they had taken their focus off of the Law Giver and the One whose prerogative it was to provide a better system, through a better priest – Jesus.

3. Without quoting it directly like he’s already done, Hebrews 7:11 points back to Psalm 110 as a reminder to the Jewish audience of what they have (or should have) known all along. What kind of messiah should they have been expecting? Read [Psalm 110:1-4](#) (Hint: Look for words that describe the dual role of the messiah – as priest and king.)

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4. \*\*\*In 7:13-14, the author speaks of the tribe that the “one of whom these things are spoken.” That tribe was Judah. Read [Genesis 49:1, 8-12](#) and [Deuteronomy 33:7](#). Before they died, each of these patriarchs – Jacob then Moses – spoke a prophecy over each tribe. What was said about Judah?

By Jacob:

By Moses:

Anything about priesthood? \_\_\_\_\_

5. In 7:15-17 the author shows in two contrasts that Jesus’ priesthood trumps the Levitical – the weaker < the stronger.

“legal requirement” vs \_\_\_\_\_

“bodily descent” vs \_\_\_\_\_

*Bible Notetaking Tip:* Connect “indestructible life” at the end of v16 with “forever” in v17

6. How does the author describe the “former commandment” in 7:18?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

*Bible Notetaking Tip:* connect contrasting “power” in v16 & “weakness” in v18

7. \*\*\*Read [Hebrews 4:16; 6:19-20, and 7:19](#) –

What repeated phrase do you read? (4:16/7:19) \_\_\_\_\_

What do we find at the throne? (4:16) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

What compels us to draw near? (7:19) \_\_\_\_\_

At one point, the Law provided the way to draw near to God. What was the problem with that way?

Now, how can we draw near?

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Who is our hope? (6:19-20) \_\_\_\_\_!



### IT'S HEBREW TO ME

Psalm 110 is what is called a “messianic” Psalm because it not only points to David, the king who wrote it, but it points forward prophetically to the ultimate messiah king. It is the most quoted Old Testament passage in the New Testament and is referred unofficially as “God’s favorite Bible verse.” To this day, observant Jews cite Psalm 110 as they continue to look for their messiah. Pray that Jews would see Jesus and recognize him as the fulfillment of this messianic Psalm.



### IT'S GREEK TO ME

The word translated “indestructible” is the Greek word ἀκαταλύτου (akatalytou) and is unique to Hebrews! It’s the negative “a” prefix in front of the word “kataluó” which means “abolish.” Jesus used a related word when he said, “I have not come to abolish [the Law or Prophets] but to fulfill them.”



## ...IN CLOSING...

What do you do to better yourself? Exercise? Eat healthy? Read good literature? Do this Bible study? Go to church? There's not a thing wrong with any of those activities. All can have the effect of improving your mind, body, and spirits. However, no method will bring you to true perfection – not even a well-applied combination of methods can do that. At the core of our being is a longing for completeness – perfection. And while efforts in self-improvement may bring some satisfaction, at best it's all fleeting or worse, it keeps us from the source of true perfection - Jesus. Any pursuit that doesn't move toward, isn't indwelt by, and doesn't end in Christ is hopeless. When the author opened this passage by pointing out unattainable perfection through the Levitical priesthood, perhaps you set yourself aside from that concern as someone who hasn't even thought about trying to become perfect through the Law. But are you pursuing other things that are becoming your own version of this attempt? Perfect family? Career? Health? What if in your longing you have missed the point? You have Jesus, but you want "Jesus And?" My friend, come today to the throne and confess any tendency you have to fill your life with meaning in addition to what is found in the hope of Jesus Christ. You have a better hope! You have no need for anything or anyone else. He is your hope, your king, and your forever priest.

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H E I S A B L E T O S A V E

*To The Uttermost*

*those who draw near  
to god through him*

SINCE HE ALWAYS LIVES  
TO MAKE INTERCESSION

*for them.*

# ...Lesson Seven - Day Seven...

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 7:25

## ...HEBREWS 7:20-28...

Let's study together! Join us "Live or Later." **Live** on Dec. 20 at 7am on Facebook or [Zoom.us/j/221173257](https://zoom.us/j/221173257) or **Later** on [YouTube.com/c/JenniferRichmond](https://www.youtube.com/c/JenniferRichmond) or the Dwelling Richly podcast at a time convenient for you.

### ...WELCOME...

Do you ever get a little frozen considering whether this or that is a better deal? You don't want to waste your money on something that's less expensive but poorly made, on the other hand, you don't want to overspend on something if you don't have to...decisions decisions! Which is the better deal? I call this "deal paralysis." You check the websites, ask around and finally...hopefully, you just go for it and hope for the best. If only shopping could be as obvious of a sure thing as our hope in God, right? And it is a sure thing! Our hope is sure because it is secured by The Oathmaker – the One for whom it is impossible to lie. Let's prayerfully enter our study today assured of this!

### ...PRAY...

*Heavenly Father, let the sureness of your Word permeate my heart and mind today. Allow it to make me moveable toward you and away from sin. Thank you for you providing a way for me to draw near. I want to draw near to you right now in this study.  
In Jesus' name, Amen*

### ...READ & ENGAGE...

[Hebrews 6:13-20 and 7:20-25](#) – Our focus today is 7:20-25, but since the author picks up the theme of the certainty of God's promise that he had left off in chapter six we'll bring that with us as well.

### ...THINK & ENGAGE...

1. What does the "it" of 7:20a refer back to? (7:19)  
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2. How does the introduction of this "better hope" differ from those "who formerly became priests?"  
| *Consider also, 7:5 and your answer on Q4/pg 162.*
3. In Hebrews 7:21, to whom does "this one" refer? \_\_\_\_\_ ...who is "the one" \_\_\_\_\_ and what was his oath?  
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4. How does the way Jesus was made a priest differ from the way that former priests were made?  
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5. What was the result of that oath? Write it boldly here! It's such a great truth! Hebrews 7:22

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6. \*\*\*How is the truth of Jesus - our better hope - made even better? (7:22) (What was Jesus made?)

7. In 7:23-24, The author gives a sort of crude reality check about the reason why there were so many "in number" of the former priests. What was that reason and how is Jesus' priesthood in stark contrast?

8. As a result, 7:25 tells us that Jesus is able...

...to do what? \_\_\_\_\_

...for whom? \_\_\_\_\_

...through whom? \_\_\_\_\_

...why? \_\_\_\_\_

*We've been writing this all week! I love it!*

9. How does the author describe the "fitting" nature of Jesus' priesthood in 7:26?

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_ 5) \_\_\_\_\_

The author uses the same "it is fitting" phrase in 2:10 – only there he finishes with "that he..." then on to Jesus' fitting qualities. How is the "it is fitting..." phrase different in 7:26?

Why make us and what we have the emphasis? Consider how our human qualities contrast with the qualities of Jesus that the author lists:

Under each of the 5 qualities of Jesus that you wrote above, write your contrasting qualities. Like the priests of the old covenant, your weakness makes you needy!

*Bible Notetaking Tip: Circle the phrase "that we should have" in 7:26 – connect it to "He has no need" in 7:27*

10. In terms of frequency, how do the sacrifices of the Levitical priesthood compare with the sacrifice of Jesus?

This brings us back to our beginning study on "Types." When did Jesus "offer himself up?" [John 3:14-15](#)

11. How does 7:28 summarize the entire chapter?



### It's ΓΡΕΚ ΤΟ ΜΕ

The Greek word translated "guarantor" is ἔγγυος (engyos) and it is yet another Greek word unique to Hebrews. The root word is "guion" meaning "limb." Jesus literally gave his limbs to guarantee the better covenant, didn't He? (There are at least 175 Greek words unique to Hebrews! We could do a Bible study on those alone!)

## ...IN CLOSING...

I think a lot. I think about how things were, how they are, how they could be...but I also think about the what ifs.

All through this chapter I've been thinking, "What if we were still under the Law? What if we still had to offer sacrifices? What if we didn't have Jesus - the final, perfect, high priest?" Life would be so different in a practical sense, but it would be even more different in a spiritual sense. My hope, my life, my future is so connected to the final "once and for all" sacrifice of Jesus. I'm not under the "weak and useless" former commandment! I'm covered by the powerful and perfect blood of Jesus! I can draw near to God because he, through Jesus, drew near to me! I have been saved – saved to the uttermost! There is no "Jesus And" for me. His sacrifice, like his love is sufficient for me to the uttermost.

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## ...Lesson Seven - Day Eight...

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 7:25

## ...CREATE & SHARE...

This chapter's study comes before the Christmas season. Consider the greatness of the incarnation – God becoming flesh – and how the truth and triumph of this chapter could never have happened were it not for Christ coming as a baby in a manger. How do you see the truth of Christmas expressed in our chapter? Draw, sculpt, paint, collage, create and ornament or memento to share the truth of Hebrews as found in the story of Christmas. Keep it or share it...make one or make several...That's what our "Create & Share" days are for! I look forward to seeing your concept!



*Let the Word of Christ Dwell in You Richly*

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# Hebrews \_\_\_\_\_



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# Hebrews \_\_\_\_\_



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You are Loved  
and  
Prayed for.

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