

# HEBREWS

## STUDY 08 – HEB 7:1-28



### **Read Hebrews 7:1-10**

*(Questions 1 and 2 can be done effectively by splitting into two groups, and providing each group with butcher's paper and textas do draw the images)*

1. In the space below 'draw' together an image of **Melchizedek**. (You might like to actually draw him, or just note down his qualities).

*Get them to focus particularly on what was special and unique about him. Think about why he was greater than Abraham or Levi. (It may be worth looking at the actual story of Melchizedek in Genesis 14:17-24)*



### **Read Hebrews 7:11-28**

2. In the space below 'draw' together an image of **Jesus**. (You might like to actually draw him, or just note down his qualities). Focus on Jesus as a High Priest.

*Get them to focus particularly on ways in which he is distinct to Melchizedek.*

3. What are the key distinctions that the writer is highlighting about Jesus acting as a High Priest?

*He is superior as the priesthood lasts forever (v15-19); superior as it has been announced by God to be so (v20-22); superior because of its permanence (v23-25); superior because of the character of Jesus (v26-28) – in particular, Jesus offers a ‘once for all’ solution.*

4. Why would this have been significant for the original people to whom this letter was written?

*It is a radical shake up of the old Jewish notion of priesthood. These readers were being tempted to return to the old system. This points out that Jesus is clearly the better option!*

5. What implications does this passage raise for our own understand of:

- a. The hope we have?

*If Jesus’ priesthood is forever, then it is still in operation today – ie we fall under that system, and can be certain that our sins too are forgiven through Jesus’ actions.*

- b. The nature of our salvation?

*It is certain if we accept Jesus as our ‘High Priest’, and achieved through his actions (particularly look at v25). It means we don’t need to ‘do’ anything to work towards being saved – it has been ‘done’.*

- c. The way in which we relate to God?

*It means we can come directly to him for forgiveness – no need to go through earthly priests etc. We can be certain that he is faithful, and ‘strong’ (v28).*

6. How might you personally need to adjust:

*Some personal application of the points raised above in Q5.*

- a. The hope you have?

- b. Your understanding of salvation?

- c. The way in which you relate to God?