Study Guide on Hebrews 7:1-3 & 18-28

New International Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study. Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

- 1. What does this verse say?
- 2. What does this verse mean to me?
- 3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Hebrews 7:1-3 & 18-28

(Hebrews 7:1) This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him,

(Hebrews 7:2) and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, the name Melchizedek means "king of righteousness"; then also, "king of Salem" means "king of peace."

(Hebrews 7:3) Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.

(Hebrews 7:18) The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless

(Hebrews 7:19) (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.

(Hebrews 7:20) And it was not without an oath! Others became priests without any oath,

(Hebrews 7:21) 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."

(Hebrews 7:22) Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant.

(Hebrews 7:23) Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office;

(Hebrews 7:24) but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.

(Hebrews 7:25) Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

(Hebrews 7:26) Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

(Hebrews 7:27) 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.

(Hebrews 7:28) For the law appoints as high priests men in all their weakness; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

What does the verse say?
What does the verse mean to me?