A Better Priest Brings A Better Hope

Hebrews 7:1-28 Jeremy Bell April 7, 2024 <u>Sermon Audio</u> <u>Sermon Recap PDF</u>

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.-- Genesis 14:17–20

The Superior Priesthood of Christ (headings borrowed from Raymond Brown's commentary on Hebrews)

- His permanence (verses 23-24)
- His limitless power (verse 25a)
- His present ministry (verse 25b)
- His sinless character (verse 26)
- His perfect offering (verses 27-28)

Application: What difference does this make for us today?

- 1. We can be absolutely sure of our salvation!
- 2. Be encouraged daily that Christ prays for you!

Questions for Discussion/Application:

- Consider taking time to read Hebrews 7:1-28 out loud. What initial insights or observations of the text do you have?
- Read again verses 23-28 and then review and consider each of the points above regarding Christ's Super Priesthood (His permanence, His limitless power etc.)
- Which aspects of Christ's Superior Priesthood (see Recap) stand out to you and encourage you the most?
- How does it encourage you to know that Christ Himself is interceding for you (verse 25)?
- Consider taking time to pray, asking God to help us to more fully trust in who Christ is for us as our Great High Priest.