

“Hold Firm!”
Swartz Creek / Lads to Leaders
Family Bible Study - Week 16
Hebrews 7:1-7

Read the text in the NKJV. Suggested memory verses: 7:6-7. In lieu of *memorizing* the verses, read the assigned text every single day for a week.

FOR ADULTS:

The main idea is: “Melchizedek was made like the Son of God.”

Read Genesis 14:17-20 and Psalm 110:4, the only two OT passages which discuss Melchizedek. From the Genesis passage, note any points made relative to his parentage or successors in his priesthood.

Since Melchizedek was *not* from the family of Abraham, what does it mean for Christ’s priesthood to be after the pattern of Melchizedek?

Since there is no plan for replacing Melchizedek’s priesthood (in Gen. 14) and there is no record of his death, how does that relate to the duration of Christ’s priesthood (7:3)?

FOR TEENS:

Observe that Christ’s high priesthood was important to the Hebrews writer: 2:17; 3:1; 4:14; 5:1ff. Here, he gets into the details, what that means for us.

In your own life, how have you seen a relationship between righteousness and peace?

Who could be priests under the Law of Moses (Exo. 28:1)? Contrast that information with what we are told about Melchizedek and replacing him.

Since Jesus “remains a priest continually” (cf. 5:5-6), what does that mean for you and me?

Who gives a “tithe”? The superior to the inferior or the inferior to the superior?

Why is focusing on the excellence of Christ such a great way to help us “hold firm!”?

FOR KIDS:

What does “Melchizedek” mean? “Melchi” means “king” and “zedek” means “righteousness”. How do these ideas relate to Jesus?

“Salem” means “peace” and the city is related to Jerusalem in Psa. 76:2. How does this idea relate to Jesus?

Abraham gave 1/10 to Melchizedek, the priest, after he returned from war. Since you have no job, what can you give to God?

FOR PRE-SCHOOL:

How can someone be “without father” or “without mother?” In Genesis 14, there is no *reference* to Melchizedek having any parents and there is no plan for him to be replaced, like there is with the priests under the Law of Moses.

When Abraham returned from war, he gave the priest 1/10 of everything he received. What can you give to God, even if you have no job?

Draw a picture of you and your parents.

Keep a notebook with your “Hebrews” study notes in them.