

“Hold Firm!”  
Swartz Creek / Lads to Leaders  
Family Bible Study - Week 17  
Hebrews 7:8-14

Read the text in the NKJV. Suggested memory verses: 7:12-14. In lieu of *memorizing* the verses, read the assigned text every single day for a week.

FOR ADULTS:

The main idea is: “The priesthood being changed, there is also a change of the Law.”

Refresh your memory on Melchizedek (Gen. 14:17-20). He’ll be important for next week, too!

Note from Gen. 14 that there is no record of Melchizedek’s death. Yet, the priests from Levi were replaced frequently, at death (cf. Lev. 10:1-2).

Levi “paid tithes through Abraham” to Melchizedek in the sense that Levi was descended *from / through* Abraham. This being the case, whose priesthood is superior: Levi’s or Melchizedek’s?

If “perfection” were available under the Levitical priests, why did the psalmist promise *another* priest to come from the order of Melchizedek (This argument is based on the promise from Psalm 110:4)?

Since the priesthood must be changed (per his argument from Psalm 110:4), what must happen to the Law itself?

FOR TEENS:

“Tithe” is the Hebrew word for 1/10. The priests lived from the Hebrews paying a tithe to them. If your preachers lived on 1/10th of *your* income, how much would they have to live on?

What happened to King Uzziah (from the tribe of Judah, Christ’s tribe) when *he* tried to “officiate at the altar” (2 Chron. 26:16-21)?

Observe the writer’s argument in 7:14. If the Law was *silent* about priests serving from the tribe of *Judah*, therefore priests could not serve from the

tribe of Judah, then what does the argument mean for having instruments of music in worship when the NT is *silent* about their use in worship?

FOR KIDS:

Have your parents explain *why* “perfection” (being free from sin) was *not* fully available under the Law of Moses.

From which tribe of Israel did Jesus come?  
What is He called in Revelation 5:5?

Priests under the law of Moses were priests because they were in Aaron’s family. They were not priests because of their *character*. What could that mean for the temple itself? See Jeremiah 5:31.

Think about Christ sharing His blessings after He fought with Satan on the cross and won, in the resurrection.

FOR PRE-SCHOOL:

What do you think “perfection” means (7:11)?

Why do you think John calls Jesus a “lion” in Revelation 5:5?

Draw a picture of a lion.

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