

“Hold Firm!”
Swartz Creek / Lads to Leaders
Family Bible Study - Week 18
Hebrews 7:15-21

Read the text in the NKJV. Suggested memory verses: 7:20-21. In lieu of *memorizing* the verses, read the assigned text every single day for a week.

FOR ADULTS:

The main idea is: “He was not made priest without an oath.”

Refresh your memory on Psalm 110:4 and its relationship with Melchizedek and the promise of another priest. Observe also the mention of his priesthood “forever.”

The “fleshly commandment” (7:16) refers to the Law of Moses as a law which dealt with the *flesh* rather than with the spirit.

The power of the text is in the fact that Psalm 110:4 (quoted at verse 17 and verse 21) is an *oath* God swears. How does that make this promise powerful?

Did God swear an oath when He made priests from the tribe of Levi?

FOR TEENS:

How many priests from the family of Levi served “forever”?

What does it mean to you that Jesus serve as priest through the “power of an endless life”?

If God cannot lie (6:18), why would God *swear an oath*?

How was the “former commandment” “weak and unprofitable” (7:19)?

What (or Who) is the “better hope”? Why?

FOR KIDS:

Can you sacrifice animals without killing them? Could Christ sacrifice Himself without allowing Himself to be killed?

How is Christ’s sacrifice, then, superior to animal sacrifices?

If God swears oaths, why does He command us *not* to swear oaths?

Why did Christ “annul” the former commandment? Did the law stop being necessary?

What security do we have in the fact that Christ will never die (again)?

FOR PRE-SCHOOL:

Do you look more like your mom or your dad? Maybe you look like an uncle or aunt? The writer has been showing that the priest-king Melchizedek was made to *look like* Jesus Christ.

Draw a picture of Melchizedek standing beside Jesus.

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