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## King of Righteousness, King of Peace (7:1-28)

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### King of Righteousness & Peace (7:1-10)

1. Other than Hebrews, Melchizedek is only mentioned in Gen. 14:17-20 and Ps. 110:4. In your own words and looking at their immediate context, summarize these two passages.
  - a) Gen. 14:
  - b) Ps. 110:
2. Jesus' priesthood is after the "order of Melchizedek". Define "order".
3. Define the title "Melchizedek". How does his title indicate an obvious parallel to Jesus (Ps. 45:6-7; Isa. 9:6-7; Isa. 11:6-10)?
4. What are two major characteristics of Melchizedek's priesthood that differ from the Levitical priesthood?
5. Melchizedek's superiority over Abraham and the Levitical priesthood is emphasized in 7:4-10. The author invites the audience to "see how great this man was". What are three reasons why Melchizedek was great?

### Indestructible Life (7:11-19)

6. Why was perfection not attainable under the law (Gal. 2:16; 3:10-13; Rom. 3:20, 28)? If the law and Levitical priesthood were able to perfect us, then what would that imply about a new covenant and priesthood?

7. If the law was imperfect, what would that suggest about the Levitical priesthood? Why? If God was appointing a new order of priest, not from the tribe of Levi, what does this imply about the old covenant?
8. What enables Jesus to be priest forever (Rom. 6:9)? How is this an improvement over the Levitical priesthood?
9. In Heb. 7:18-19, the preacher uses a common, Greek sentence structure: “on the one hand...but on the other hand”. When Greek writers used this phrase, the emphasis was always on “the other hand”. In the climactic point in this section, what is the author specifically trying to emphasize about the forever priest and the new covenant (2:14-18; 4:14-16; 5:7-10; 6:19-20)?

#### Permanent Priesthood (7:20-28)

10. How can we be certain that the new covenant and the new priesthood are permanent?
11. What is the role of a guarantor (Gen. 43:1-14; Heb. 6:19)? How is Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant?
12. According to 7:25, why are we able to “draw near to God through him”?
13. List five characteristics of our high priest (7:26).
14. What are three unique truths that elevate Jesus’ priesthood over the Levitical priesthood (7:27-28)?