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A Priest Forever in the Order of Melchizedek
Hebrews 6:13–7:9

This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. [Hebrews 6:19-20]

This, I believe, is the height of the Hebrews letter: Jesus is our Great High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. This takes us into Hebrews 7-10, which focuses on Jesus’ ministry behind the veil, in the Holy of Holies, as our Great High Priest. He for sure is better than Aaron, “according to the order of Melchizedek.”

So before we get into Jesus’ ministry as our Great High Priest, the Hebrews writer describes this “priest of the Most High God” [Heb 7:1], Melchizedek. Now, who in the world is Melchizedek? Because in our passage today, we see that he is very significant, someone who even Abraham gave tithes and was blessed by him [ref. Heb 7:6].

The way it worked in biblical times is that “the lesser is blessed by the better” [Heb 7:7] and tithes were given to a greater, usually an offering to God. So here we have Abraham, a prominent man of faith seemingly a lessor to Melchizedek because of the tithes and blessing. But we don’t *really know* who Melchizedek is. He appears out of nowhere in Genesis 14 and disappears just as fast. And then King David refers to him [or maybe Him] in Psalm 110. We will refer to both passages this morning.

There are so many opinions on Melchizedek’s identity, and from a lot of smart people. That should tell us [at least it tells me] to leave it alone until we get to heaven. We will for sure know for sure in heaven. I think, too, that perhaps why the writer of Hebrews didn’t just spell it out for us is maybe he didn’t know for sure either? What do you think? Do you think the Hebrews writer just didn’t want to tell us definitively or he simply didn’t know either?

The important thing we can know, however, is the message: Jesus is our Great High Priest Who is a better priest with a better ministry. And while we will touch on the question of who Melchizedek is this morning, we will more focus on the message of Jesus’ Great High Priestly ministry to us behind the veil inside the Holy of Holies.

“Let us go on to perfection” [Heb 6:1] and that we can do by focusing on what we clearly know: Jesus is our Great High Priest Who ministers to us inside the Holy of Holies. May we all enter in and grow up and mature.

This Week:

Sun Morning Services – Livestreamed Only

- 7:30 am Hebrews 6:13-7:9
- 9:30 am Hebrews 6:13-7:9
- 11:30 am Hebrews 6:13-7:9

Sun Evening Service – Serving “To Go” Meals Only.

- 6:30–7:30 pm Pickup “To Go” meals at HT Church Office.

Tue Evening Men’s Fellowship

- On hold until further notice

Wed Evening Service – Livestreamed Only

- 7:30 pm Proverbs 6-8

Thu Evening Ladies Fellowship

- On hold until further notice.



*** Services and Ministries Update ***

Sunday Morning Services [7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM] and **Wednesday Evening Services** [7:30 PM] are **ONLY LIVESTREAMED** until further notice. You can go to www.ccEchoPark.com or our Facebook or YouTube pages to watch these services.

Sunday Evening Services at our HT Church Office, 1822 W. Temple St., continues to be **ON HOLD** until further notice. **HOWEVER**, we will continue to provide “to go” meals between 6:30-7:30 pm to anyone who stops by to pick one up.

Tuesday Evening Men’s Ministry and **Thursday Evening Ladies Ministry** continues to be **ON HOLD** until further notice.

ONLINE GIVING is now available since we are only Livestreaming services. Go to www.ccEchoPark.com to get easily set up for this.

Check our website regularly for changes. If you need any extra assistance during this time please call our church office at **213.413.3865**.



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Daily Bible Reading: 04/27 – 05/03: 2 Kings 18 – 1 Chronicles 8. Reading plan at Information Table.

Spanish Translation is available during our services using small remote earpiece units. Please come to the Information Table.

Prayer Requests: We are available for prayer right after the service or you can fill out a **PrayerCard** and drop it in the offering box.

As a courtesy, please turn off cell phones and pagers during service.

Worship Services:

Sundays at 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.
Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
All Services Live Streamed at www.ccEchoPark.com

Sunday Evening at 6:30 p.m.
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