

Sunday – May 3, 2020

**Pastor David Higa
A Perfect and Eternal Priest
Hebrews 7:11-28**

Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron? [Hebrews 7:11]

There was [and is] a need for another priestly order that would supersede Aaron's. The Aaronic order came under God's *special revelation* to the nation of Israel; Melchizedek's order came under God's *general revelation* to all mankind. "God's general revelation is greater than His special revelation in two ways: it is older, and it influences 100 percent of mankind (see Ps. 19) instead of just a small percentage! Thus it was fitting that Abraham, as the representative of a younger, less universal kind of revelation should pay his tithes of acknowledgment to the representative of the general revelation." [Eternity in Their Hearts by Don Richardson]

Jesus, no doubt, must be of the greater priestly order; firstly because He is a Perfect High Priest, and secondly because He is an Eternal High Priest. The Perfect and Eternal are expounded on in our passage this morning.

"Perfection," "perfect," and "perfected" in vv.11, 19, and 28, respectively, speak of *completion, complete, and completed*. It is sanctification, an ongoing process in this life of faith through the work of the Holy Spirit. The point is that our Perfect High Priest [without sin] is the One who helps us unto completion; and this He does behind the veil from the Holy of Holies. He [our Great High Priest, Jesus] "is able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them." [Heb 7:25]

Saving to the uttermost ["completely"] speaks of the perfection [the sanctification]; "always lives to make intercession" points to His *eternal* work as Priest; and "those who come to God through Him" beckons us to Him behind the veil in the Holy of Holies.

There is a definite need for a Perfect and Eternal High Priest Who reveals Himself to all mankind; and that is the Great High Priest Jesus Christ who comes after the order of Melchizedek.

This Week:

Sun Morning Services – Livestreamed Only

- 7:30 am **Hebrews 7:11-28 – Receive Communion.**
- 9:30 am **Hebrews 7:11-28 – Receive Communion.**
- 11:30 am **Hebrews 7:11-28 – Receive Communion.**

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 15-17**

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: 05/04 – 05/10: 1 Chronicles 9 – 2 Chronicles 1. 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 **Prayer Card** 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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