

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Hebrews Bible Study — Hebrews 7:7-19 Lesson #16

****INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the entire section of Scripture in Hebrews before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God's word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

7-10 Now beyond all contradiction **the LESSER is BLESSED by the better**. Here mortal men receive TITHES, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives. Even **Levi, who receives tithes, paid TITHES through ABRAHAM**, so to speak, for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.

• **Matthew 1:2** “_____ begot Isaac, Isaac begot _____, and _____ begot Judah and his _____.”

• **Genesis 35:22b-23** “Now the _____ of _____ were twelve: the sons of Leah were Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, _____, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun.”

Definition: “The LESSER is BLESSED by the better” – God blessed Abraham, not the other way around. Also, we see Melchizedek blessing Abraham, as he was a priest of the Most High God. If Abraham were greater than Melchizedek, then Abraham would have blessed him, but it is Melchizedek, the “better” one who blesses Abraham.

• **Genesis 14:18-20** “Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out _____ and _____; he was the _____ of God Most High. And he _____ him and said” _____ be _____ of God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth; and _____ be _____ Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand.’ And he (Abraham) _____ him a _____ of all.”

• **Genesis 17:4-8** “As for Me, behold My _____ is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be _____; for I have made you a _____ of many _____. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and _____ shall come from you. And I will establish My _____ between _____ and you and your _____ after you in their generations, for an everlasting _____, to be God to you and your descendants after you. Also, I give to you and your descendants after you the _____ in which you are a stranger, _____ the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”

• **Genesis 12:3** “I will _____ those who _____ you, and _____ will _____ him who curses _____; and in _____ (Abraham) all the families of the earth shall be _____.”

Definition: “Levi, who receives tithes, paid TITHES through ABRAHAM” – The emphasis here is that Levi and the Levitical order of priesthood **didn't even exist yet, at the time of Abraham**, except that the DNA for Levi was in with Abraham's DNA, or however you want to put it. Abraham was the great grandfather of Levi.

11-14 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?** For the priesthood being CHANGED, of necessity there is also a CHANGE of the LAW. For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. For it is evident that **our Lord arose from JUDAH, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing**

concerning priesthood.

• **Hebrews 5:4** "And no _____ takes this _____ to _____, but he who is _____ by _____, just as _____ was."

Definition: "NO MAN takes this honor to HIMSELF, but he who is CALLED by GOD, just as AARON was" – Just as we cannot choose what our spiritual gifts will be, God said the Old Testament priests were to be **chosen ONLY from Aaron and his descendants (Aaron was a descendant of the tribe of LEVI)**, and NOT from any human decision.

• **John 3:27** "John answered and said, "A man can _____ nothing unless it has been _____ to him from _____."

• **Exodus 28:1** "Now take _____ your brother, and his _____ with him, from among the children of _____, that he may _____ to _____ as _____, _____ and _____ sons: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar, and you shall make holy garments for _____ your brother, for glory and for beauty."

• **Numbers 16:39-40** "So Eleazar the _____ took the bronze censers, which those who were burned up had presented, and they were hammered out as a covering on the altar, to be a memorial to the children of _____ that _____ outsider, who is _____ a _____ of _____, should come near to offer incense before the _____, that he might not become like Korah and his companions, just as the Lord had said to him through Moses."

• **Psalms 133:2** "It is like the precious _____ upon the head, _____ down on the _____, the _____ of _____, running down on the edge of his _____."

Definition: "You are a PRIEST forever according to the order of Melchizedek" – Yes, we've been over this before, but **whenever God's word repeats itself over and over, it means it is something VERY IMPORTANT that God wants us to learn!** Some of the Jewish believers in Christ were still insisting they should go through the priests who were of the descendants of Levi and Aaron, but **God's word here says, "IF perfection were through the Levitical priesthood** (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there for another priest?" **Jesus is our PRIEST under the NEW Covenant.** God's word is repeating here that long before God appointed Aaron and his sons as priests for the nation of Israel, there were priests in various places throughout the world, and believers in the one true God. After a victory in the life of Abraham, he came to a place where a **man named Melchizedek lived, and he was a priest of God, and Abraham gave him tithes and offerings.** The Bible says Melchizedek was king of Salem, which was probably later named Jerusalem, His name means "king of righteousness" and "king of Salem" means king of PEACE Bible scholars say **Melchizedek is a TYPE or SYMBOL of Christ**, but he was a real person.

• **Psalms 110:4** "The _____ has sworn and will not relent, 'You are a _____ according to the order of _____.'"

• **Genesis 14:18-20** "Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out _____ and _____; he was the _____ of God Most High. And he _____ him and said" _____ be _____ of God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth; and _____ be _____ Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand.' And he _____ him a _____ of all."

15-16 And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises **another priest who has come NOT according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an ENDLESS LIFE.** For He testifies: **"You are a priest forever according to**

the order of Melchizedek.”

• **Hebrews 5:5-7** “So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him, ‘You are My _____, today I have _____ You.’ As He also says in another place, ‘You are a _____ forever _____ to the _____ of _____.’”

Definition: “Another priest who has come NOT according to the law of a **FLESHLY COMMANDMENT**, but according to the power of an **ENDLESS LIFE**” – Even though the Law of Moses was given to him by God, it was still a series of “fleshly commandments” in that the **Hebrews (children of Israel) were NOT born again, they were NOT indwelt with the Holy Spirit, and they did NOT have their minds renewed by the word of God.** The Hebrew people who were under the Law of Moses only had their own **FLESHLY POWER** and ability to try to keep God’s commandments, and that is why we see them failing over and over again. **As a contrast to the human priests, JESUS is a priest with an ENDLESS LIFE.** The priests under the Law of Moses each **died** and had to be replaced by younger priests. Jesus **LIVES** forever and does NOT have to be replaced.

• **Hebrews 7:22-27** “By so much more _____ has become a surety of a better covenant. And there were many _____, because they were prevented by _____ from continuing. But He, because He continues _____, has an unchangeable _____. Therefore He is also able to _____ to the uttermost (completely) those who come to _____ through Him, since He ever _____ to make intercession (pray) for them. For such a _____ was fitting for us, who is _____, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does _____ need daily, as those high priests, to offer up _____, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, for this He did _____ for _____ when He _____ up _____.”

• **Galatians 3:24-26** “Therefore the _____ was our _____ to _____ us to _____, that we might be justified by _____. But _____ faith has come, we are no longer under a _____. For you are all _____ of _____ through _____ in _____.”

• **Colossians 2:20-23** “Therefore if you _____ with _____ from the _____ principles of the _____, why, as though living in the world, do you _____ yourselves to _____ – ‘Do not _____, do not _____, do not handle,’ which all concern things which perish with the using – according to the _____ and _____ of men? These things indeed have an _____ of wisdom in self-imposed _____, _____ humility, and _____ of the _____, but are of _____ value against the _____ of the _____.”

Definition: “These things indeed have an **APPEARANCE** of **WISDOM** in **SELF-IMPOSED RELIGION**” – People who are involved in religious activities and rituals that “seem to be so holy” (that’s what it means by “have an appearance of wisdom”), especially if they are “neglecting their body” by fasting, living in poverty, or not being allowed to legitimately get married (teaching that celibacy is somehow “more holy”), are in fact only following the “traditions and commandments of men” rather than living for God. **The Bible calls this “SELF-IMPOSED RELIGION” - it is man-made.** Colossians 2:20-23 tells us that this “false humility, and neglect of the body” has **“NO VALUE against the indulgence of the flesh.”**

• **Romans 8:3-4** “For what the _____ could _____ do in that it was _____

through the _____, God did by sending His own _____ in the _____ of sinful _____, on account of sin: He condemned _____ in the _____, that the righteous _____ of the _____ might be _____ in us who do _____ walk _____ to the _____ but _____ to the _____."

• **Matthew 15:3** "But He answered and said to them, 'Why do you also transgress (disobey) the _____ of _____ because of your _____?'"
(Verses 8-9) "These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the _____ of _____."

Definition: "WEAK through the FLESH" — "Flesh" in this context means primarily our HUMAN WILL. Our HUMAN WILLPOWER is too WEAK to keep us from sinning or to give us the POWER to OBEY GOD at all times. **We cannot live the Christian life (and in the Old Testament they could NOT KEEP GOD'S LAWS) by GOOD INTENTIONS and human WILLPOWER.** Jesus came in the LIKENESS of sinful flesh, meaning He had a true human body, but just not the sin nature that we have. Jesus was completely without sin.

• **James 2:10** "For whoever shall _____ the _____ law, and yet stumble (FAIL to keep it) in _____ point, he is _____ of _____."

• **Hebrews 4:15** "For we do not have a _____ who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but [He] was in all points _____ as we are, yet _____."

17-19 For He testifies: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment **because of its WEAKNESS and unprofitableness. For the law made NOTHING PERFECT**; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a BETTER HOPE, through which we draw near to God.

• **Hebrews 9:9** "It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices (keeping the law) are offered which _____ make him who _____ the service _____ in regard to the conscience."

• **Hebrews 10:1** "For the _____, having a _____ of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can _____ with these same _____, which they offer year by year, make those who approach _____."

Definition: "For the law made NOTHING PERFECT" – Hebrews 10:1 says, "For the law, having a SHADOW of the good things to come, can NEVER make those who perform the sacrifices perfect." The Law given to Moses was just a SHADOW of what would come into being when **Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the world, and then rose from the dead to bring in the NEW COVENANT.**

• **Matthew 26:41** "_____ and _____, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the _____ is _____."

• **Matthew 26:28** "For this is My _____ of the new _____, which is shed for many for the _____ of sins."

• **Luke 22:20** "Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is the _____ in My _____, which is _____ for you.'"