HE ALWAYS LIVES TO INTERCEDE FOR US

Hebrews 7:1–28

Key Verse: 7:25

1. In describing Jesus our great high priest, note how the author has already mentioned Melchizedek (5:6; 6:20). Review the story of Melchizedek and Abraham (1,2a; Ge14:18–20). In what ways does Melchizedek resemble Jesus? (2b,3) What shows Melchizedek’s greatness, and why is this important? (4–10)
2. How is the priestly order of Melchizedek different from the Levitical priesthood? (11–17) What other impact does it have? (18,19) How does God’s oath uniquely sworn to this priesthood also point to Jesus? (20–22; cf. Ps110:4) How else is Jesus a contrast to the Levitical priests? (23,24)
3. Read verse 25. What makes Jesus far superior to any other high priest? What does it mean to “come to God through him”? How is Jesus “able to save completely,” and what does this mean? Think about the fact that Jesus “always lives to intercede” for us; how should this truth impact our lives?
4. What else makes Jesus better than any other high priest? (26) What distinguishes what Jesus did for us? (27)
5. What final contrast does the author make? (28) Why do we need to know these things about Jesus?