

# Bible Study Questions

## ***Everything You Ever Hoped For: Peace and Righteousness***

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### **Focus**

The significance of Jesus being a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek is that Melchizedek was prior to and greater than the Levitical priests. Therefore, Jesus' priesthood is the true and superior priesthood.

### **Read**

[Hebrews 7:1-17](#)

### **Listen**

CCNYC teaching on Hebrews which can be found on our [website](#)

*As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.*

### **Questions for Review**

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage – for example:
  - What's the context? (Where are we in Hebrews; the New Testament; and the Bible as a whole?)
  - Who are the people and/or situations that this passage is addressing?
  - What clues are there about the author and his circumstances?
  - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (What is the structure of this passage that builds to that point?)
  - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday's sermon?
  - What surprises are there in this passage?
2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you'd like to discuss?

### **Questions for Reflection and Application**

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

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1. What did you know about Melchizedek before reading Hebrews 7? Read Genesis 14 and Psalm 110 and discuss what these passages further reveal about him.
2. Why does the author compare Melchizedek to Abraham and the Levitical priests? What point is he trying to make?
3. How does what you've learned about Melchizedek relate to and give understanding to the priesthood and kingship of Jesus?
4. Consider how this passage reads and interprets the Old Testament. Do you normally read the Old Testament in this very Christ-centered way? How does this passage help you do that better?
5. Read Luke 24:25-27, 44-47. How does Jesus teach us in these passages to read the Old Testament?
6. Consider the implications of what this passage says about the Levitical priests with all the laws regarding ceremonies, sacrifices, etc. What does this teach us about God's plan of salvation and what God is like?
7. Spend some time reflecting together on the greatness of Jesus the Priest-King. Consider what it means for Him to be Priest forever. Consider what it means for Him to be King. Consider what it means for Him to be the King of righteousness and peace.

### Ongoing questions to ask of any passage:

1. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like? If so, how so?

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2. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life? If so, how specifically will you address it?
3. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?