



Hebrews: The Whole Way

A Bible Study with John N. Oswalt at the Francis Asbury Society

SESSION 6

Hebrews 7

Background: The oath being talked about in verses 20–22 that found in Psalm 110.

1. Look up and read Psalm 110. Now look up Genesis 14:18–24. List what is said about Melchizedek. Now look at your list and think about what is not said.
2. According to verse 6, why might we think that Abraham was “greater” than Melchizedek?
3. What is the line of argument in verses 9 and 10? What is the key point being established in verses 1–10?
4. According to verse 11, what was the goal of the Torah, one that it could not in fact attain (see also Hebrews 7:19)? What is the significance of that statement for our understanding of the intended work of Christ. (Look back at Hebrews 2:10–11.)
5. What argument against Jesus is he addressing in verses 11–14?
6. In verses 15–22, what are the reasons why a priest in the order of Melchizedek is better than a priest from the order of Levi?
7. In verses 23–25, there are two causal statements. What are they and what is their point?
8. In verse 26–28, why is Christ’s sacrifice perpetually effective?