

Hebrews 6:19-7:10

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Introduction: How did we get back to Melchizedek? We were reminded of the need to be always growing, because of the danger of sliding back (5:12-14). Since Jesus Himself is the foundation (6:1-3), sliding back can turn into a falling away that is deeply scary and deeply sad (6:4-8). But rather than be continuously anxious about our souls, God wants us to live in confidence as we diligently serve His saints (6:9-12), and delightedly savor His promises and oaths (6:13-18). This is the *how* (the means) of confident hope, but what is the *why* (the substance) of confident hope? Jesus Christ Himself. And, specifically this morning, Jesus as our eternal priest. *Now we are ready* to learn something about Him via Melchizedek!

1. Jesus Christ, our Anchor in glory, 6:19-20

2. Jesus Christ, our King of Righteousness and King of Peace, 7:1-2

3. Jesus Christ, our Forever Priest, 7:3

4. Jesus Christ, the greatest possible priest
 - a. Abraham's Mediator, 7:4, 6a

 - b. Levi's—and every Levitical priest's—Mediator, 7:5, 9-10

 - c. Abraham's Bless-er, 7:6b-7

 - d. The resurrected, New Testament High Priest, v8

Conclusion: What cause you have for confidence, if you cling to Jesus Christ! So cling to Him, and have that confidence, and let your heart gush forth with His praise!