

INTRODUCTION

A. THE BIG STORY (Gen.3:24 & Heb.10:19f)

B. DIFFICULT THINGS! (Heb.5:11f & 6:12; see 2Pt.3:15,16; 2Tm.3:14-17)

C. REQUIRE DILIGENT STUDY (Heb.7; see Gen.14; Num.18; Ps.110)

D. ALL PREVIOUS IS PREPARATION: SUPERIORITY OF CHRIST'S PRIESTHOOD

(Heb.1:1-3; > angels, Moses, Joshua; now > Aaron; note: superior kingship; Ps.110:1 with Mt.22:41f)

E. METHOD: SOUND OF SILENCE PROCLAIMED (Gen.14:18f in Ps.110:4)

F. PRIESTHOOD: MELCHIZEDEK & AARON & JESUS (Heb.7:1f & 11f & 20f; reveal, contrast, compare)

I. MELCHIZEDEK STATUS SUPERIOR TO AARON (Heb.7:1-10; Gen.14:18f; see 2/12/20 Bible study)

A. PERSPECTIVE: AARON IN LEVI IN ABRAHAM (9-11; see Rom.5:12; 1Cor.15:22)

B. KING & PRIEST (1; see 2Chr.26:8,16f; Zech.6:13; Ps.110:1,4f; i.e., Messiah)

C. RIGHTEOUSNESS & PEACE (2; Ps.72:3; 85:10; Rom.14:7; see Is.6:6,7; Ps.110:1f; i.e., Messiah)

D. GIVES BLESSING (1; 6,7; see Gen.14:18f)

E. RECEIVES TITHES (2; 9,4-10; see Num.18:21f; see Dt.16:10; 2Sam.8:2/2Kngs.17:4)

F. LIVES FOREVER (3; 8; Ps.110:4)

G. SUMMARY: SUPERIOR TO AARON IN PERSON & WORK (see Ps.110:1,4)

II. MELCHIZEDEK'S PRIESTHOOD SUPERIOR TO AARON (Heb.7:11-19; see Ps.110:4)

A. PERFECTION: ACCOMPLISHES WHAT IT PROMISES (11 & 18,19; see 9:11f; 10:4f)

B. LAW BASED ON PRIESTHOOD: CHANGE PRIESTHOOD, CHANGE LAW (11,12;

see Mt.5:18f (Mt.19:2f; 1Cor.7:12f); see Mk.7:19)

1. clear change: priest from Judah vs. Levi (13,14; Num.18; see Ps.110:1f)

2. clearer change: like Melchizedek vs. descended from Aaron (15f)

C. CHANGE OF LAW: REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIESTHOOD (16,17)

1. from formal & dying & temporary (16a & 18(8; 7:23) & 18(8:13))

2. to essential & living & eternal (16b(Acts 2:24) & 16c(3,8) & 17(Ps.110:4))

D. CHANGE OF RESULT: INEFFECTIVE TO EFFECTIVE (18,19)

1. one hand: set aside weak and useless (18; 11,19a; see 10:4; i.e., picture vs. reality; 9:23)

2. other hand: bring in strong and useful (19b; see 9:11f; 10:19f; i.e., reality vs. picture; 9:23)

E. CHANGE OF EXPECTATION: DRAW NEAR TO GOD (19, 25; see 6:11,18-20; 10:1f; 19f,22,23 /4:16)

III. REJOICE IN A PRIESTHOOD SUPERIOR TO AARON! (Heb.7:1-19)

A. COMPARE JESUS TO MOSES, DAVID & AARON! (Acts 3:22; Lk.1:32; Heb.7:1f)

B. CONFESS JESUS AS YOUR LORD & SAVIOR! (Rom.10:9; 1Cor.12:3; see Heb.7:2f; Gen.14:18f; 28:22; see Rom.13:7; Mt.23:23)

C. REJOICE IN THIS SUPERIOR EXPECTATION OF ACTUALLY DRAWING NEAR TO GOD!

(7:19; see 4:16; 7:25; 10:1,19f; 12:22f; see Gen.3:24 & Heb.10:19f; 12:22f)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)