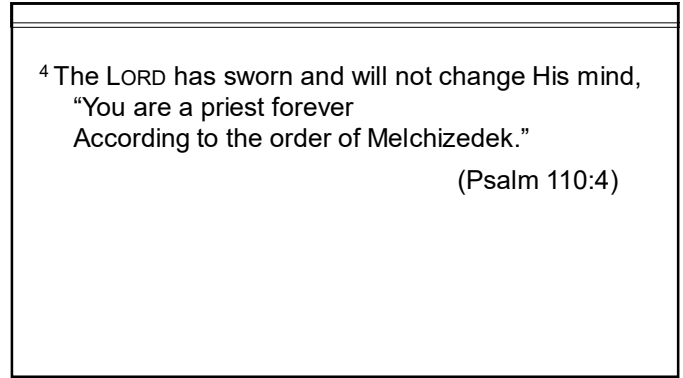


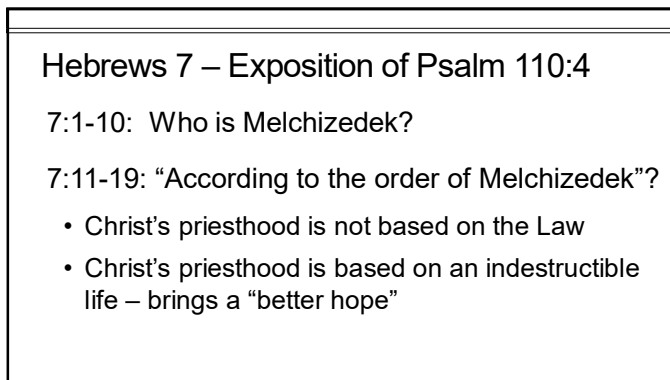


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<sup>4</sup>The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind,  
 “You are a priest forever  
 According to the order of Melchizedek.”  
 (Psalm 110:4)

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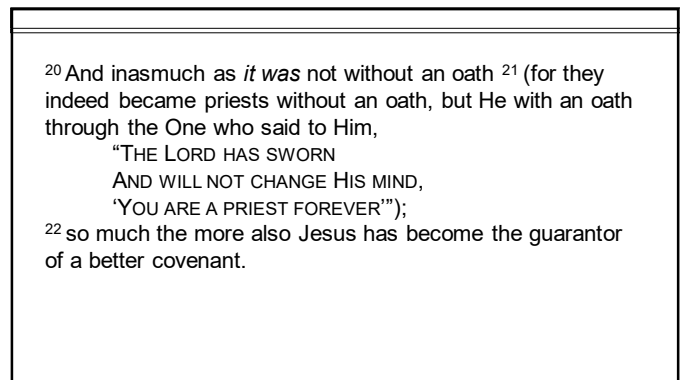
## Hebrews 7 – Exposition of Psalm 110:4

7:1-10: Who is Melchizedek?

7:11-19: “According to the order of Melchizedek”?

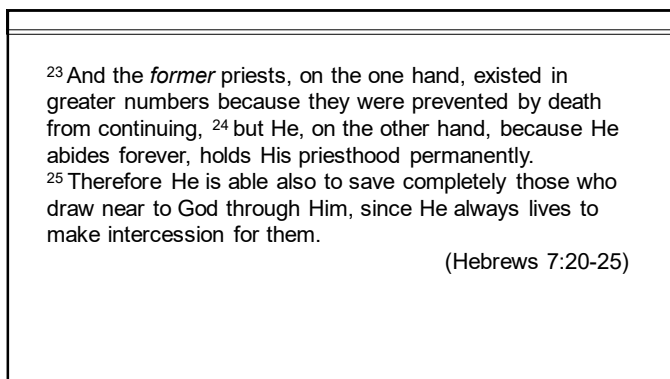
- Christ’s priesthood is not based on the Law
- Christ’s priesthood is based on an indestructible life – brings a “better hope”

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<sup>20</sup> And inasmuch as *it* was not without an oath <sup>21</sup> (for they indeed became priests without an oath, but He with an oath through the One who said to Him,  
 “THE LORD HAS SWORN  
 AND WILL NOT CHANGE HIS MIND,  
 ‘YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER’”);  
<sup>22</sup> so much the more also Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant.

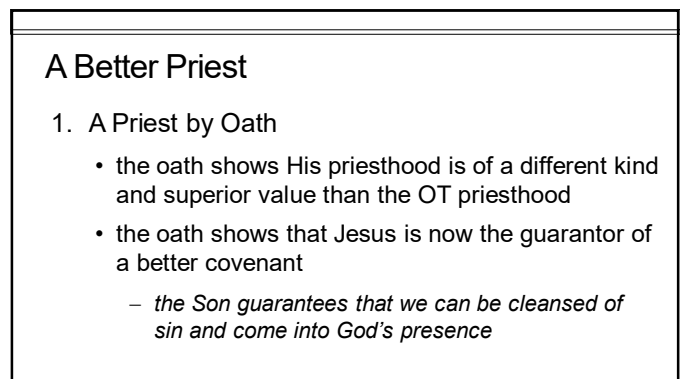
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<sup>23</sup> And the *former* priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing, <sup>24</sup> but He, on the other hand, because He abides forever, holds His priesthood permanently.  
<sup>25</sup> Therefore He is able also to save completely those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

(Hebrews 7:20-25)

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## A Better Priest

### 1. A Priest by Oath

- the oath shows His priesthood is of a different kind and superior value than the OT priesthood
- the oath shows that Jesus is now the guarantor of a better covenant
  - *the Son guarantees that we can be cleansed of sin and come into God’s presence*

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## A Better Priest

### 2. A Priest Forever

- the permanency of Christ's priesthood is based in the eternal nature of His person
- His priesthood is inviolable – permanent, final and unchangeable

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## A Better Priest

### ➤ Conclusion

*<sup>25</sup> Therefore He is able also to save completely those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.*

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## A Better Priest

### ➤ Conclusion

- He is able to save us to “completely”– to effect all that belongs to our full and final salvation
- His continual presence before God by virtue of His effective sacrifice secures our pardon, our access, and the unending supply of grace

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## A Better Priest

### ➤ Conclusion

- this complete salvation is for all those who draw near to God through Christ

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