

## Melchizedek

### Hebrews chapter 6 v 19 – chapter 7 v 28

Themes running through Hebrews

#### 1) Jesus is superior

- Angels (1v4 - 2 v18)
- Moses-the law giver (3 v1-19)
- Joshua-the deliverer into the promised land (4 v1-11)
- Aaron-the High Priest (4 v14 - 5v10)
- Abraham - the “Father of Israel” (6 v13 - 7 v28)

#### 2) Jesus is *THE* Messiah/Christ/anointed one

- Perfect prophet-Superior to all other prophets (1 v1-2: He IS the Word of God)
- Perfect King-Superior to all other Kings (1 v8-9)
- Perfect High Priest-Superior to all other Priests (6 v13- 7 v28)

### Specific Themes running through Hebrews 7

#### 1) Jesus superior to Abraham

##### “Father of Israel” (6 v13-7 v10)

Why Abraham?

Significance of Abraham (Rom 4 v1) “Our Forefather” Also:-

- John 8 v33 -Pharisees’ reaction ;
- Luke 16 v19-31- Rich Man, Lazarus AND Abraham

Mistakes Jews made re: Abraham

- Racial privilege not instruments of blessing
- Righteousness through covenant and heritage not faith

Superiority demonstrated:

(a) Comparing Abraham with Melchizedek

- He took tithes from Abraham- Greater takes from lesser (eg Rulers-subjects)
- He blessed Abraham : Greater blesses the lesser (Gen 49v 28)

#### Melchizedek is superior to Abraham



## **2) Jesus is the perfect high priest**

Jesus' appointment based on:

### a) Promise

- Promise of new covenant (Jer 31v 31-34)
- Oath Superior to Law (Ps 110v 4)

### b) Permanence

- Indestructible life - Levitical priests all died
- Law only a "custodian" (Gal 3v 19)

### c) Perfection

- Law limited - can only point out wrong - cannot reform, cannot save!
- No need to sacrifice for own sin.
- Sacrifice is once for all and for all time!

### **Conclusions:**

- Old Testament as well as New all about Jesus
- Faith not works
- Relationship not religion