



# HE IS GREATER

SERMON GUIDE

## A PRIEST FOREVER

Hebrews 7:1-22 | Pastor Tim Prince

May 21, 2023

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## SERMON NOTES

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OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Lam. 3:24-25 (Hope/Trust)  
"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Monday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- S**cripture that stands out to you while you read
- O**bservations you are making about a passage
- A**pplications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- P**rayers that invite God to participate in all that you do

**Conversation Questions**

**Getting to Know Me:** In your extended family, are there any "lines" of aunts, uncles, cousins, siblings, etc. who seem to have become responsible for specific roles in your family at large? What does it look like?

**Note About the Passage:** In this passage, Hebrews is going to compare and contrast the priesthood of Melchizedek to the priesthood of Levi (you can read about Melchizedek in Genesis 14:17-20). Levi was one of the 12 tribes of Israel that God commanded to be the people who served in the temple. All priests in Israel had to come from the tribe of Levi. In the sections around this passage, Jesus is identified as being in the order of Melchizedek.

**Read Hebrews 7:1-10**

**S:** What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated," surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?

**O:** Which priesthood is the writer calling greater, Melchizedek or Levi? How do you know?

**O:** Why do you think it matters to the writer and the readers of Hebrews that Jesus is in the order of Melchizedek?

**O:** Why does it matter to followers of Jesus today that he is in the order of Melchizedek?

**A:** Are there any external, religious rituals you are tempted to practice in your life for salvation? Do they allow Jesus to be a high priest in the order of Melchizedek in your life?

**A:** Are there any made-up, personalized spiritual practices in your life you adhere to for salvation? Do they allow Jesus to be a high priest in the order of Melchizedek in your life?

**A:** Do you ever struggle with doubts about whether or not the work of Jesus really is enough to save you and make you right with God? How is this passage speaking to those doubts today?

**A:** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?

**P:** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.