

# Come, Follow Me: November 11 – 17

## Hebrews 7 – 13

### “An High Priest of Good Things to Come”

By Third Hour



Abraham and Melchizedek

#### The Melchizedek Priesthood (Hebrews 7):

This chapter in the New Testament is one of the most beautiful of all. It's worth reading over and over until fully understood. It begins with Abraham gives tithes to Melchizedek, the King of Salem, who now bears the name of The Priesthood After the Order of the Son of God. It makes the point that Melchizedek was not a Levite (Levi would not be born for generations) and was so righteous and so great that he received tithes from Father Abraham, from whom we receive much.

The Priesthood of Melchizedek is received by an oath and a covenant and holds the keys to eternal life, wherein the Priesthood of Aaron is temporal. But Christ's priesthood continues forever. Two verses near the end of the chapter are especially compelling:

For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself (verses 26, 27).

### **A new covenant (Hebrews 8):**

Christ as eternal high priest serves in the heavenly tabernacle at the right hand of God.

Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man (verses 1, 2).

The tabernacle in the wilderness built by Moses was a shadow of things to come and was built after the pattern dictated by the Lord. The new covenant, however, is a better covenant with better promises. Under the new covenant, all shall know God.

### **The Holy of Holies (Hebrews 9):**

Verse 7 refers to Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, in the fall. It was the only day that the high priest entered into the Holy of Holies to sprinkle blood on the veil, the Ark of the Covenant, and elsewhere. This was to atone for the sins of himself and all the people. These were carnal ordinances for Israel to practice until the Savior came (verse 10).

But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us (verses 11, 12).

Verse 22 says, "without shedding of blood is no remission." Through the blood of Christ, we receive salvation.

### **Mosaic sacrifice can never make us perfect (Hebrews 10):**

Remember that the writer is trying to keep Jewish converts to Christianity from lapsing back into Judaism and the Law of Moses. He must convince them that Mosaic law is a type without the power to exalt us. He depicts Christ fulfilling the law by acting as a high priest. The Jews could visualize this. They could imagine Christ serving in a heavenly tabernacle as both the sacrificer and the sacrifice.

The pattern in ancient animal sacrifice was to place one's hands upon the head of the sacrificial animal and transfer one's sins to the beast. The animal's blood was then shed in atonement for the sinner.

This video from the online Come Follow Me materials for Sunday School explains this well and associates Mosaic sacrifice with Melchizedek Priesthood sacrament:

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The chapter ends with a caution for those tempted to draw back from the knowledge and testimony they've received:

Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul (verses 38, 39).

### **The power of faith (Hebrews 11):**

Chapter 11 begins with the famous verse..."Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

- The worlds were framed by the power of faith
- By faith Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice than Cain
- By faith Enoch was translated
- Without faith it is impossible to please God
- By faith Noah prepared an ark
- By faith Abraham sojourned in a strange land
- By faith Sarah conceived Isaac
- In faith the righteous descendants of Abraham looked forward to salvation
- By faith Abraham offered up Isaac
- By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau
- By faith Jacob blessed the sons of Joseph
- By faith Moses' parents hid him from the Egyptians
- By faith Moses abandoned Pharaoh's house
- By faith the Israelites crossed the Red Sea
- By faith the walls of Jericho fell
- By faith the prophets wrought miracles and faced death

"God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect" (verse 40).

### **The Church of the Firstborn (Hebrews 12):**

We are surrounded by witnesses. We need to endure chastening: he whom God loves, He chastens.

But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect...(verses 22, 23).

### **An acceptable sacrifice (Hebrews 13):**

We are counseled on what behavior is seemly for converted Christians. We should be hospitable; mourn with those who mourn; we should be chaste; we should avoid covetousness. We should respect those who rule over us; we should not chase after strange doctrines; we should praise God continually.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BOOK OF HEBREWS - LITTLE BOOK

**Materials:** Printable page (below)

**Instructions:** Print out book pages and cut out on the dotted line. Create book by stapling edges or using a hole-puncher to tie together with a string or a metal ring.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE  
**THE BOOK OF  
HEBREWS**  
*especially for kids*



THIRD HOUR



For every house is built by some man; but he that built all things is God

*Hebrews 3:4*



To day if you will hear His voice,  
harden not your hearts...

*Hebrews 3:7-8*



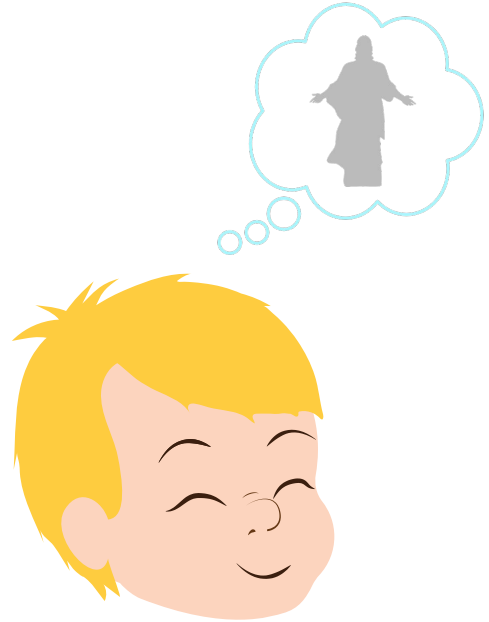
Let us therefore come boldly unto the  
throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy,  
and find grace to help in time of need.

*Hebrews 4:16*



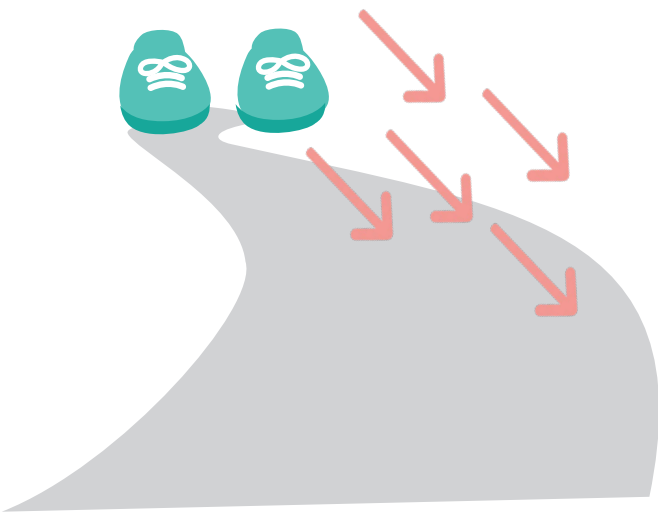
For ye have need of patience, that,  
after ye have done the will of God,  
ye might receive the promise.

*Hebrews 10:36*



Now faith is the substance  
of things hoped for, the  
evidence of things not seen.

*Hebrews 11:1*



Let us lay aside..the sin which doth so  
easily beset us, and...run with patience  
the race that is set before us.

*Hebrews 12:1*



Looking unto Jesus, the author and  
finisher of our faith.

*Hebrews 12:2*