

## A Greater High Priest

*Hebrews 7*

In the same way that Melchizedek was a superior High Priest *(to the Levitical Priests descending from Aaron)*, so Jesus is an EVEN GREATER HIGH PRIEST!

### 1. **Melchizedek was a greater High Priest then the Levitical Priests**

- a. He was a King-Priest
- b. He was a King of Righteousness
- c. He was a King of Peace
- d. He was a Priest appointed by God, not by tribal lineage
- e. He was honored by Abraham and he gave a blessing to Abraham

### 2. **In the same way, Jesus is a greater High Priest than the Levitical Priests (11-22)**

- a. Jesus is also a King-Priest
- b. He is a priest by virtue of an indestructible life

- c. He offers a greater hope
- d. He offers a greater covenant
- e. He offers a greater salvation

### **3. Jesus is a perfect High Priest**

#### **For Further Study and Reflection**

*The Story of Reality* by Gregory Koukl

*According to Plan* by Graeme Goldsworthy

#### **Small Group Questions:**

1. Read Genesis 14. What do you discover about Abraham? How are the King of Sodom and the King of Salem (Melchizedek) contrasted with one another?
2. What similarities are there between Melchizedek and Jesus? In what way is Melchizedek a “type” pointing to Christ?
3. How was the Old Testament saint saved (on what basis, and by what means)? How is the New Testament believer saved (on what basis, and by what means)? What then was at stake if one repudiated Christ?
4. How is Jesus a greater High Priest than any Israel would have known?
5. How should this knowledge encourage Christians today?