

Jesus Our Great High Priest
An Exposition of the Book of Hebrews

A Sure and Steadfast Hope
Lesson 8
Hebrews 6:13-7:10

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Message of Hebrews

- ▶ Jesus Christ, High Priest of the Order of Melchizedek
 - The High Priest of our confession
 - The New Covenant – the divine plan of salvation
- ▶ Exhortation to draw near and hold fast
 - The just shall live by faith (10:37-39)
 - Draw near (10:22-25)
 - Run the race with endurance (12:1)
 - Show diligence (6:11-12)

Hebrews Outline

1. Introduction (1:1-4)
2. Jesus Christ, God/Man (1:5-2:18)*
3. Jesus Christ, Apostle of our confession (3:1-4:13)*
4. Jesus Christ, High Priest of our confession (4:14-8:6)*
5. Jesus Christ, Mediator of a better covenant (8:7-10:18)
6. Jesus Christ, Author of a new and better way (10:19-13:19)**
7. The Benediction (13:20-25)

*Pauses for warning and exhortation

(2:1-4; 3:7-4:13; 5:11-6:20; 10:26-39; 12:25-29)

Lesson 8: A Sure and Steadfast Hope

Hebrews 6:13-7:10

- ▶ The Promise Made to Abraham (6:13-18)
- ▶ A Sure and Steadfast Hope (6:19-20)
- ▶ Melchizedek, the Priest of the Most High God (7:1-3)
- ▶ The Greatness of Melchizedek (7:4-10)

Review Exhortations

▶ Exhortation #1 (2:1-4)

- God has spoken through His Son
- Hear the Word of the Son of God
- No escape if we neglect “so great salvation”

▶ Exhortation #2 (3:7-4:13)

- Do not harden your hearts to the Son of God
- The example of Israel’s unbelief
- Do not miss the rest

3rd Exhortation (5:11-6:20)

- ▶ Confidence in our Great High Priest (4:14-16)
 - The Levitical high priest
 - Christ, High Priest of the Order of Melchizedek
- ▶ 3rd exhortation (5:11-20)
 - Dull of hearing
 - Worst case – those who have fallen away
 - We are convinced of better things concerning you (6:9)
 - Show diligence – not slow to hear – imitate (6:11-12)
- ▶ A lesson from history to bolster confidence (6:13-20)

God's Promise to Abraham (6:13)

- ▶ Why should we care about this ancient promise?
- ▶ An outline of God's plan for His creation
- ▶ *Protoevangelium* – Genesis 3:15
- ▶ A general statement of God's plan – Genesis 9:8-17
- ▶ The basic plan given to Abraham – Genesis 12:1–3, 7; 13:14-17; 15:1-21; 17:1-22; 18:18; 22:15-19
 - Blessing – salvation
 - A great nation – Israel's salvation
 - Blessing to the nations – Gentile salvation
 - The Seed – The Savior

3 English Words for the Plan of God

- ▶ Promise
 - Hebrew – to say or speak
 - Greek – promise
- ▶ Covenant – agreement or contract
 - Hebrew – BERIT – unilateral or bilateral (Law of Moses)
 - Greek – *diatheke* – unilateral
- ▶ Oath
 - Hebrew – swear an oath – appeal to higher power
 - Greek – swear an oath
- ▶ An unconditional (gracious) agreement by God
- ▶ A promise or covenant and an oath
- ▶ Promise to Abraham is the promise of salvation

The Sure and Steadfast Hope

- ▶ God shows us the unchangeableness of His purpose
- ▶ The promise to Abraham is secured by God's oath
- ▶ Strong encouragement for hope (Romans 11:29)
- ▶ An anchor of the soul – within the veil (in heaven)
- ▶ Jesus entered heaven as our High Priest (4:14)

Melchizedek (7:1-10)

- ▶ Melchizedek and Abraham (Genesis 14:17-20)
 - King of Salem (Psalm 76:2)
 - Brought bread and wine
 - Priest of God Most High
 - Blessed Abraham
 - Abraham gave him a tenth of all
- ▶ Melchizedek (Hebrews 7:1-3)
 - Priest of the Most High God
 - King of peace
 - King of righteousness
 - No genealogy – no link to the Levitical family
 - Perpetual priest – figurative

The Greatness of Melchizedek (7:4-10)

- ▶ Priest blesses the people of God (Deut 21:5)
- ▶ Greater blesses the lesser (7:7)
- ▶ Melchizedek greater than Abraham and blessed him
- ▶ Abraham, father of all who believe (Gal 3:7, 9)
- ▶ Abraham, father of the Davidic monarchy (Ps 89:3, 35; 132:11)
- ▶ Levi less than Melchizedek – tithed in Abraham
- ▶ Blessing comes from the Melchizedek High Priest

A SURE AND STEADFAST HOPE

- ▶ The blessing – certain by God’s promise and oath
- ▶ The blessing – through the priesthood of Melchizedek
- ▶ Therefore, we draw near with confidence (10:19-24)