

GOD IS ABLE

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Week Two: Hebrews 7:25

²³ The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵ Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶ For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever. (Hebrews 7:23-28)

The Big Idea: God is able to _____ all who trust in Jesus.

Introduction

- The book of Hebrews is part theological treatise, part sermon, part letter.
- The book of Hebrews focuses on the _____ of Jesus and the New Covenant.
- Hebrews 7:25 is part of a discussion about the inferiority of the “Levitical priesthood” and the superiority of the “order of Melchizedek.” (Genesis 14, Psalm 110, Hebrews 6-7)
- The discussion about Melchizedek explains how a man from the line of _____ (not _____), could serve as our Great High Priest.

“Throughout Hebrews the author argues that Jesus is superior to all who came before: the angels, Moses, Aaron, Joshua, and the entire priesthood. He concludes his argument in 7:22: ‘Jesus has also become the guarantee of a better covenant.’ ... A better covenant would seem almost impossible to the Jewish mind. What could be better than the covenant God made with Abraham? The answer is simple: a covenant that _____.” (R. Albert Mohler, Jr, *Exalting Jesus in Hebrews*)

Hebrews 7:23-28

- Why was the old priesthood deficient?
 - The priests were all _____.
 - The priests had to offer sacrifices for _____ sins.
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 - The priests all _____.
 - The priests were appointed by the _____ (Hebrews 7:28, Galatians 3:23-26).
- Why is Jesus the Great High Priest?
 - Jesus is _____, innocent, unstained, and separated.
 - Jesus did not have to offer a sacrifice for _____ sins.
 - Jesus offered a _____ sacrifice.
 - Jesus died, rose from the dead, and _____ today.
 - Jesus was appointed by an _____ (Hebrews 7:20-22, Psalm 110:1-7).

Application

- The only way to draw near to God is to _____ in Jesus (Hebrews 7:25).
- Jesus will save to the uttermost _____ who believes in him (Hebrews 7:25).
- Jesus died for sinners, but today he lives to _____ for his people (Hebrews 7:25).