



SERMON NOTES

KEEP MOVING FORWARD

Promised Hope

When you think about the names, attributes, and qualities of God, what comes to mind?
Why is it important for us to recognize Christ as our Great High Priest?

The Promised Hope (Hebrews 6:13-20):

- God's promise is unchangeable and unbreakable (v. 13).
- God's promises are not bound by our timetables (v. 14-15).
- We are heirs of the promise through the New Covenant (v. 17).
- This hope is secure and unchanging (v. 19).
- The promised hope is our high priest – Jesus (v. 20).

Why do we need a Great High Priest (Hebrews 7:11-28)?

- The Levitical method was never meant to be perfect but to point us to the one who is (v. 11-19).
- We still carry the baggage of sin in our lives and, on our own, we cannot approach a holy God (v. 11).
- Priests stand in the gap for us before a holy and just God.
 - The problem is they have just as much baggage as we do (v. 23).
- Melchizedek highlighted our need for someone greater (v. 22).
- Christ is the perfect sacrifice and now intercedes on our behalf (v. 26-28).

Application:

- Remember that there is hope of something greater.
- Understand that God's promise provides us with stability and allows us to weather the storms of this life.
- Don't settle for complacency or comfortability; embrace your relationship with the Great High Priest.
- Release your baggage and lay it at Christ's feet.

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Sermon Overview

Weariness. Sluggishness. Apathy. We have all experienced these feelings at some point—they drain our excitement and energy for living well. So, what do you do when you find yourself in a season of exhaustion and fatigue?

The book of Hebrews is written to a group of Christians who had found themselves in that type of season. In the midst of opposition and life's complications, they were in danger of losing interest in following Christ. So, this book reminds them of the resources they have in Christ and the nature of the journey they are on. All along the way, the author's challenge to them and to us is simply this—keep moving forward!

Praying Scripture

The prayer focus this week is Hebrews 7:25.

"Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them."

Below is an example of how to pray the passage:

Heavenly Father, thank you for your son who has saved and sanctified me and is daily interceding for me. Praise your wonderful name. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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DAY ONE

Breathe, listen, pray and ask the Spirit to guide your time.

Read: Hebrews 6:13-7:28.

1. What words or concepts occur over and over again in 6:13-20?
2. Why did God swear an oath with his promise to bless Abraham and give descendants in 6:16-18?
3. What hope do the promises in these verses give to the hearers? Why should this hope have been such an encouragement to the believers' suffering persecution for their faith? (6:18)
4. What does the author refer to when he mentions the inner sanctuary in 6:19?

Reflect on 6:13-20. What aspects in this passage are most personally significant to you?

DAY TWO

Breathe, listen, pray and ask the Spirit to guide your time.

Read Hebrews 6:13-7:28.

1. What titles are given to Melchizedek in 7:1-2? Read Isaiah 9:6-7 and Jeremiah 23:5-6 and compare the titles in those verses to the ones in Hebrews 7:1-2?
2. What contrast does the author make between the Levitical priesthood and Melchizedek's priesthood in verses 7:4-10? How do the verses show Melchizedek's greatness?
3. What did the Levitical priesthood fail to accomplish? (7:11)
4. How does the priesthood of Christ introduce a better hope to believers? (7:19b)

Reflect on the access we have to God because of the priesthood of Christ. How does this reality impact how we should think about the reality of access we have to God when we think about our sin? Our suffering?



DAY THREE

Breathe, listen, pray and ask the Spirit to guide your time.

Read Hebrews 6:13-7:28.

1. How does the author contrast the priesthood of Christ and the priesthood of Levi? Look at 7:20-28 and fill in the chart with the ways the two are contrasted. Include both what is directly stated and what is inferred.

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2. What is the significance of Jesus becoming a priest with an oath? (7:20-22)
3. How does Jesus' permanent priesthood (7:24) relate to his ability to "save completely those who come to God through him?" (7:25)

Reflect on the thought that Jesus saves us completely and lives to intercede for us. How does this reality give you hope and encouragement?

Respond and Apply: Take time to praise and worship Jesus for being your holy, blameless, and superior high priest. Thank him for guaranteeing you covenant relationship with God, for interceding on your behalf, and for saving you completely and forever. Pray and ask him to help you live confidently with the assurance of his salvation and intercession. Draw near to God with confidence.

Spend a few minutes worshipping to the song [Goodness of God](#) as you remember that Jesus is your high priest who has saved you for now and eternity.

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. In your experience, how would you describe the role of a priest? How would describe Jesus' role as a priest? Why is it important to think of Jesus as our High Priest?
2. Look at Hebrews 7:1-2, how is Melchizedek described? Who do you think Melchizedek was?
3. Hebrews 6:19 states that, "we have this hope as an anchor for the soul." What is the hope that the author is referring to? Why do you think the author chose to use the image of an anchor to describe this hope?
4. Why does it matter that Jesus as our high priest is superior to the work of any other priest?
5. Nick shared an illustration in his sermon using rocks. How does that illustration relate to the work of Jesus as our high priest? How does Christ's role as our high priest impact our relationship with him?
6. As you reflect on thought that Jesus saves us completely and lives to intercede for us, how does this reality give you hope and encouragement. Keeping this reality in mind, what is some baggage that you need to release and lay it at Jesus' feet because he is your high priest?