

The Book of Hebrews

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses that the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

This morning we study the sixth section of **Hebrews** – **7:1-8:6**. This section can be divided into three subsections.

Read Hebrews 7:1-10

- How is Melchizedek like the Son of God? (**7:1-3**).
- What is the significance of Abraham giving a tithe to Melchizedek? (**7:4-8**).
- The writer uses the story of Abraham's tithe to compare Levi (and the Levitical priesthood) with Melchizedek. Which is he saying is greater? (**7:9-10**).

Read Hebrews 7:11-22

- What is the critical question that the writer poses to his readers? (**7:11**).
- The writer ties the law with the priesthood (note **7:11**). What, does he say, must happen if the priesthood changes? (**7:12**).
- Jesus is not from the hereditary priesthood of Levi (**7:13-14**). Instead of ancestry, what is the basis of the Son's high priesthood? (**7:15-16**).
- Why was the "former regulation" set aside? (**7:18-19**).
- What has now been introduced, by which we can draw near to God? (**7:19**).
- Although others became priests without an oath, God made an oath at the inauguration of the Son's high priesthood. What was that oath? (**7:20-21**).
- Because of this oath, what has happened? (**7:22**).

Read Hebrews 7:23-8:6

- Why have there been many priests in the old Levitical order? (**7:23**).
- Why does Jesus have a permanent priesthood? (**7:24**).
- What does this permanent priesthood mean for us? (**7:25**).
- How does the Son, as High Priest, meet our need? (**7:26-28**).
- What is the point the writer is seeking to make? (**8:1-2**).
- Why was Moses warned to build the Tabernacle according to the pattern shown him on the mountain? (**8:5**).
- Why is the Son's mediation superior? What is its covenant founded on? (**8:6**).

Memory Verse

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

Hebrews 7:25

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!