**SERMON NOTES**

**Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus: The Superiority of Christ In All Things**

**A Sermon Series Through the Book of Hebrews**

**“Jesus: The True and Better Melchizedek”**

**Hebrews 6: 19-7:21**

**BIG IDEA: Abraham recognized the greatness of the earthly person Melchizedek. Jesus is the true and better Melchizedek, and therefore in the same we are called to recognize the surpassing greatness of Jesus Christ.**

**In scripture there are “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” of Christ – i.e. things, persons, or symbols that foreshadow, preview, or point us to and help us understand the person and work of Christ better and more clearer (example: the bull and scapegoat in Leviticus 16 or the bronze serpent in Numbers 21).**

**The historical person of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ teaches us something about the eternal person and work of Jesus.**

**Not only was Melchizedek a king, he was also a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Years before the priesthood of Israel even existed, Melchizedek served the most high God in this role.**

**Melchizedek was a king and priest whose rule and service was right and peaceful and thus in line and instep with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and His ways.**

**Unlike so many in the Bible, nothing of Melchizedek’s birth and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is given to us when we meet him in Genesis 14.**

**Though himself chosen by and given the promises of God, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ recognized the greatness of the priest king Melchizedek.**

**In the Bible, the superior \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the inferior.**

**The author of Hebrews – laboring by the power of the Holy Spirit – wants us to see that Melchizedek is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and superior to Abraham (Abraham knew this) and therefore the priesthood of Melchizedek (called here the order of Melchizedek) is greater and superior to the Levitical priesthood of the law that would follow from Abraham .**

**Jesus is superior to and better than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ things.**

**Perfection, that is to say lasting and perpetual right-standing before God, was not attainable in the Levitical priesthood. Therefore there was a need for another priest to arise after the order (order means similar or like) of Melchizedek. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is that other priest, true and better.**

**Jesus is that better hope, indeed the only hope, by which these Hebrews and anyone can draw \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God.**

**All that has been spoken this morning concerning the Levitical priesthood, the law, and the person of Melchizedek is intended to point us to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and give us grand and great views of all that He has done for the one who repents and believes in Him (v13).**

**Melchizedek is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and “type” of Jesus who is the ultimate King of righteousness and peace (Ephesians 2; Isaiah 11).**

**It is Jesus, who similar to and yet far surpassing Melchizedek, is the true and better priest of God who makes intercession to God for those who repent of sin and believe in His work. He needs not to atone for His own sin first (for He has none) and therefore is able to give Himself as the sufficient, satisfactory, and permanent sacrifice that turns God’s wrath away from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 8; Hebrews 4).**

**Though Jesus didn’t come from the priestly tribe of Levi (He came of the tribe of Judah), He was given His role as priest not by the commandment of the law but by the very declaration and appointment of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Unlike the Levitical priesthood which ultimately ceased, God spoke that Jesus’s priesthood would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v20).**

**Jesus is the promised \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of whom Psalm 110 is speaking of when it says “you are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”**

Blanks: types; Melchizedek; priest; God; family history; Abraham; blesses; greater; all; Jesus; near; Jesus; foreshadowing; sinners; God; forever; Messiah;

**Congregational Scripture Reading – Romans 7: 18-25**

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!...