

## Discussion Questions for Hebrews 6 (Part 2) and Hebrews 7

### Hebrews 6:13-20 • Anchor for the soul

- The latter part of Hebrews 6 (:13 to 20) deals with Abraham and God's promise to him and his descendants. Part of God's promise to Abraham was that **"through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed"** (Genesis 22:18). How have all the nations on earth been blessed through Abraham's offspring?
- What does Abraham's life show about the meaning of waiting patiently for what God has promised?
- Why did God swear an oath with His promise to bless Abraham and give him descendants (see 6:16–18)?
- Read **versus 19-20** again. What does it mean to you personally that you possess an eternal inheritance that is secure for you in heaven?
- Why should this hope be an **"anchor for [your] soul, firm and secure"** (6:19)?
- What does that tell you about God's heart and character?
- What are the **"two unchangeable things"** (6:18) that together provide a double assurance that God won't retract His promise? (**Answer:** God's oath and His promise.)
- What aspect of **6:13–20** seems most personally significant to you?

### Hebrews 7 • A Superior Priestly Order

- Who was Melchizedek?
- How does **7:4–10** show Melchizedek's greatness?
- What is the author's point in proving that the historical Melchizedek was greater than Abraham and Levi?
- What did the Levitical priesthood fail to accomplish (see 7:11)?
- Multiple times in this chapter the author cites **Psalms 110:4**, which was written a thousand years before the time of Christ. What does this tell you about how God already regarded the Levitical priesthood at that time?
- The Law of Moses assigned the priesthood to the tribe of Levi. Why did there have to be a change in order for Jesus to become high priest in the order of Melchizedek (see Hebrews 7:12–14)?
- What is and is not the basis of Christ's priesthood (see 7:15–17)?
- **Romans 7:12** says the Law is **"holy, righteous and good."** Why, then, does **Hebrews 7:18** say the regulation regarding the Levitical priesthood **"was weak and useless"**?
- What is the "better hope" (7:19) provided by Christ and His priesthood?
- How does Christ's "permanent priesthood" (7:24) relate to His ability "to save completely those who come to God through him" (7:25)?
- What would you consider to be the main goal or message of this chapter?