

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Hebrews Bible Study — Hebrews 6:19-20 & 7:1-6 Lesson #15

****INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the entire section of Scripture in Hebrews before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God's word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

19-20 This hope we have as an **ANCHOR of the SOUL, both SURE and STEADFAST**, and which **enters the Presence BEHIND the VEIL, where the forerunner has ENTERED for us, even JESUS**, having become High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

• **Matthew 27:50-51** “Jesus, when He had cried out again with a loud voice, yielded up His spirit. And behold, the _____ of the _____ was _____ in _____ from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split.”

Definition: “An **ANCHOR of the SOUL, both SURE and STEADFAST** - An anchor is something that **SECURES** a boat, a ship or **anything that needs to be kept from drifting away**. **We need something to hold us and keep us from DRIFTING AWAY from JESUS**, and reading and studying the **WORD of God** is the most important thing to keep us close to Jesus. **STEADFAST** means firm, fixed, settled, established, not wavering.

• **Hebrews 2:1-3** “Therefore we must, give the more _____ heed to the things we have heard _____ we _____. For if the _____ spoken through _____ proved _____, , and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we _____ so great a _____, which at the first began to be spoken by the _____, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him.”

• **II Peter 3:17-18** “You therefore, beloved, since you know these things beforehand, _____ lest you also _____ from your own _____, being led away with the error of the wicked; but _____ in the _____ and _____ of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.”

Definition: “**Enters the Presence BEHIND the VEIL, where the forerunner has ENTERED for us, even JESUS**” – The “veil” that covered the entrance to the “holy of holies” or “the most holy place” in the tabernacle, and later in the temple, was NOT what we think of as a veil. In other words, it was not a filmy, transparent or lacy cloth, but rather **a heavy, thick tapestry covering**. The priests were not allowed to go in there except once a year on the Day of Atonement, and that was only for the High Priest. **When Jesus died on the cross, He had paid for the sins of the world, and NOW the veil was torn in two from top to bottom, signifying that believers in Christ could enter the most holy place** and come before His presence at God's very throne. **When it says, “the forerunner has ENTERED for us, even JESUS”** it means Jesus led the way for us through His death and resurrection in His body of FLESH.

• **Leviticus 16:2** “And the Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell Aaron your brother _____ to come at simply any time into the _____ inside the _____, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he _____; for _____ will _____ in the cloud above the mercy seat.’”

• **Hebrews 9:3 & 7-8** “And behind the second _____, the part of the tabernacle which is called the _____ of _____.” (Verses 7-8) “But into the second part the high priest went alone _____ a _____, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance; the Holy Spirit indicating

this, that the _____ into the _____ of _____ was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing.”

• **Hebrews 10:19-20** “Therefore, brethren, having _____ to _____ the _____ by the _____ of _____, by a _____ and _____ way which He _____ for us, _____ the _____, that is, His _____.”

Chapter 7

1-4 For this **Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God**, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated ‘KING of RIGHTEOUSNESS’, and then also KING of Salem, meaning king of PEACE, **without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the SON of GOD**, remains a PRIEST continually. Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.”

• **Hebrews 5:5-7** “So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him, ‘You are My _____, today I have _____ You.’ As He also says in another place, ‘You are a _____ forever _____ to the _____ of _____.’”

Definition: “You are a PRIEST forever according to the order of Melchizedek” – Long before God appointed Aaron and his sons as priests for the nation of Israel, there were priests in various places throughout the world, and believers in the one true God. After a victory in the life of Abraham, he came to a place where a **man named Melchizedek lived, and he was a priest of God, and Abraham gave him tithes and offerings.** The Bible says Melchizedek was king of Salem, which was probably later named Jerusalem, His name means “king of righteousness” and “king of Salem” means king of PEACE Bible scholars say **Melchizedek is a TYPE or SYMBOL of Christ**, but he was a real person.

• **Psalms 110:4** “The _____ has sworn and will not relent, ‘You are a _____ according to the order of _____.’”

• **Genesis 14:18-20** “Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out _____ and _____; he was the _____ of God Most High. And he _____ him and said” “_____ be _____ of God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth; and _____ be _____ Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand.’ And he _____ him a _____ of all.”

Definition: “Even the patriarch Abraham GAVE a TENTH of the spoils” “And he GAVE him a TITHE of all” – The word “**tithe**” means **one tenth of something**. The Israelites were required by the law of Moses to give ONE TENTH of all their income, whether in actual money or in the fruits of their fields, or other goods they received. **The TITHE belongs to the Lord**, and should be **given to God FIRST**, before we pay our bills or spend our money on other things. Abraham lived before the law of Moses, but here we see the TITHE was even then a part of their worship of God. **The fact that Abraham gave his tithes to Melchizedek means he recognized Melchizedek as a PRIEST of the Most High God.**

• **Malachi 3:10** “Bring all the _____ (offerings) into the storehouse, so that there will be provision in _____; and prove (test) Me now in this, says the _____, whether I will _____ the _____ of _____, and pour you out a _____ until there is _____ than _____.”

Definition: “Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of

days nor end of life, but made like the SON of GOD” – Melchizedek was a real person, and he did have a mother and father, but what it means here is that **there is NO genealogical RECORD of his family. He was not connected to the line of levitical priests from the family of Aaron and Levi.** We don’t really know much about him, and it seems as though he “just appears” to Abraham, and in that sense he is a “type” or is symbolic of Jesus, the Son of God.

5-6 And indeed those who are of **the SONS of LEVI, who receive the PRIESTHOOD, have a commandment to receive TITHES from the people** according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham; but **he whose genealogy is not derived from them received TITHES from ABRAHAM** and blessed him who had the promises.

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Definition: “The SONS of LEVI, who receive the PRIESTHOOD, have a commandment to receive TITHES from the people” – The descendants of Aaron were the priests, but ALL of the descendants of LEVI were the ones who did all the work in the tabernacle and later, in the temple. So, the priests handled the animal sacrifices, but **the Levites took in the tithes from the Israelites, and did all the other work and cleaning up in the tabernacle and temple.**

• **Numbers 18:21** “Behold, I have given the _____ of _____ all the _____ in _____ as an inheritance in return for the _____ which they _____, the work of the _____ of meeting.”

Definition: “He whose genealogy is NOT derived from them received TITHES from ABRAHAM” – God’s word tells us here, and in many other places, that the Law of Moses was just a TEMPORARY set of laws for the nation of Israel, and it did NOT apply to the people who lived before Moses, or to the people who lived after **Jesus died and rose again and brought in the NEW COVENANT. Melchizedek lived many years before Moses, and yet we see that he is considered a legitimate PRIEST of the one true God.** Melchizedek is one whose “**genealogy is NOT derived from**” the descendants of Levi, and **Jesus takes up the same type of priesthood, as He is also NOT of the descendants of Levi;** Jesus was from the tribe of Judah.

• **Galatians 3:17** “And this I say, that the _____, which was _____ and _____ years _____, cannot annul the _____ that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the _____ of no effect.”

Definition: “The LAW, which was FOUR HUNDRED and THIRTY YEARS LATER” – The law was given **to Moses and the Israelites FOR a LIMITED TIME**, and was never meant to take the place of the promise made to Abraham. The penalty of disobeying God’s laws was death in many cases, and to disobey was to bring a curse upon oneself, one’s family, and even the whole nation of Israel. **The four hundred and thirty years** was the time between when the children of Israel first went into Egypt, and when Moses brought them out of Egypt, and then **gave them the law upon Mount Sinai. God RECONFIRMED the PROMISE He made to Abraham** by repeating it to Jacob (Israel) just before his family went to live in Egypt.

• **Galatians 3:18** For _____ the _____ is of the _____, it is _____ of _____; but _____ gave it to _____ by _____

_____.”

• **Romans 11:6** “And if by _____, then it is no longer of _____; otherwise _____ is no longer grace. But if it is of _____, it is no longer _____; otherwise _____ is no longer work.”

• **Luke 16:16** “The _____ and the _____ were until John (the Baptist). Since that time the _____ of _____ has been _____, and everyone is pressing into it.”

Definition: “IF the INHERITANCE is of the LAW, it is NO LONGER of PROMISE” – This is the same as in Romans 11:6, “If it is of works, it is no longer grace.” **GRACE** means unmerited or UNEARNED favor - **being accepted and loved by God when we have done NOTHING and CAN DO NOTHING to EARN or DESERVE it.** **An inheritance is also something that is NOT earned,** it is just given to someone. The promise that God made to Abraham and his descendants was simply by GRACE and a GIFT of God. **God said He would bless Abraham** and his descendants, and it was not because Abraham kept any special rules or regulations.

• **Ephesians 2:8-9** “For by _____ you have been saved through _____, and that _____ of _____, it is the _____ of _____; _____ of _____, lest anyone should boast.”

Definition: “The KINGDOM of GOD has been PREACHED” – We think of the Bible telling us to **preach the Gospel** or “good news” of Jesus Christ, but actually, the “gospel of the grace of God” and the “**preaching of the kingdom of God**” are the same, according to Acts 20:21-25. The good news is that **all that is required for salvation and to enter the Kingdom of God is “repentance toward God and FAITH toward our Lord Jesus Christ” (Acts 20:21).** Jesus preached that **the kingdom of God was “at hand” or “near.”** It could not be fully in effect during the Old Testament time of the Law, because it would be ushered in by **the death of Jesus on the cross, and His resurrection from the dead.** Just as the veil of the temple was torn in two to symbolize that the way was now open to God, so also the kingdom of God was actually brought to mankind by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. **The Day of Pentecost,** when the Holy Spirit came to indwell all believers, **was the official FIRST DAY of the KINGDOM of God on EARTH.** However, there are **different “stages”** or dispensations of the Kingdom of God on earth: (1.) now, it is an unseen kingdom **within the hearts** of the Believers in Jesus Christ, because of the Holy Spirit who lives in each Believer; (2.) at the Second Coming of Jesus, it will be a literal kingdom on earth **ruled by Jesus Himself** for a thousand years (Rev. 20:6); and (3.) then throughout all eternity, we will live with God in His heavenly kingdom which will come down to the new earth (Revelation 21:1-27).

• **Acts 20:21 & 24** “Testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, _____ toward God and _____ toward our Lord _____ Christ.” (Verses 24-25) “But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord _____, to testify to the _____ of the _____ of God. And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone _____ the _____ of _____, will see my face no more.”