

Weekly Sermon Reflection Guide

July 5, 2021

Getting Back in the Game of Grace

Revive

[Hebrews 7:11-12, 15-17, 22, 25-28](#)

EXPLORING THE SERMON

- * What did you hear?
- * What did you think or feel about what you heard?
- * What is one thing you can take away from the sermon this week?

KEY VERSES

*26 For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. 27 Unlike the other[[b](#)] high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. 28 For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever. **Hebrews 7:26-28***

REFLECTION

This week, as we explore the second half of Hebrews 7, we gain even more insight into the significance of Melchizedek and how he connects us to the life and ministry of Jesus. Melchizedek's encounter with Abram in [Genesis 14](#) reveals our need for Christ alone, and is affirmed throughout the Old Testament as the priesthood continually falls short. ***How would you describe the connection between the mysterious priest-king Melchizedek and the ultimate priest-king, Jesus? Why do you think God shows us in detail throughout scripture the failure of the levitical system of priests?***

Human nature and sin caused the priesthood to constantly fall short, creating a perpetual gap between God and humanity. As our own imperfection continues to drive us toward Christ as our royal priest, we are offered a salvation that depends on Him and not us. ***Read [Romans 23:23-25](#), and consider how God relates to us on the basis of grace rather than goodness.***

As we continue to re-emerge and learn how to be revived, we can draw confidence from Jesus our internal priest who offers us a new way of living. In response, we are equipped to extend grace to others. ***How are you doing in the process of building back habits and healthy routines? Have you been able to extend a decent measure of grace to yourself?***

Heavenly Father, thank you for your limitless grace. May we experience a new awakening that comes from your love for us, and may that love flow from us. Help us to be agents of grace and beacons of light to those around us. Amen

For further exploration on the topic of priests, check out ["The Royal Priest" podcast](#) series by The Bible Project.