

A Snapshot of the Priesthood

Hebrews 7-8:6

Outline:

I. The inferior priesthood of Aaron

1. In relation to Abraham – Submissive

7:5; 8-10

2. In relation to the Law – Subjected

7:12; 19; 23; 27-28; 8:3

Conclusion: This legal priesthood, while necessary, was insufficient as a long-term arrangement.

II. The prototypical priesthood of Melchizedek

1. In relation to Abraham – Superior

7:1-4; 6-7

2. In relation to the Law – Preceded

7:9-10

Conclusion: This prototypical priesthood was a vivid type of the ultimate priesthood.

III. The ultimate priesthood of Christ

1. In relation to Abraham – Completion

8:6 (6:13-20 covered this too)

2. In relation to the Law – Fulfillment

7:11-8:5

Conclusion: This priesthood is the perfect arrangement wherein sinners can approach God.

Hebrews 7 – 8:6 at a glance:

	Concerning Abraham	Concerning the Law	Conclusion
Aaron	Descendent of Abraham	Structured by the Law	Legally required priesthood
Melchizedek	Over Abraham	Preceded the Law	A prototypical priesthood
Christ	Descendent and Lord of Abraham	Fulfillment of the Law	The final and great priesthood