



Jesus  
Is Supreme

Our Forever  
Hope

| Hebrews 6:13–7:2

# Hope

## □ Hope

- We all want to have hope fulfilled
- Is a word with many nuances
- Definition: to desire with anticipation of fulfillment
- Fulfillment is not guaranteed

# Hope

- The hope we are talking about today is
  - A different hope
  - Anticipated
  - Assured
  - Fulfilled
  - Guaranteed

# The Importance of the Oath

## ❑ Human Oath

- Sworn by someone greater than the oath giver (v16)

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## ❑ God's Oath

- Sworn by himself because there was no one greater (v13)

## ❑ An oath

- a solemn promise invoking a witness to be a guarantee
- an understanding of truth in the oath

# The Importance of the Oath

## The Oath

*“I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, <sup>18</sup> and through your offspring<sup>[b]</sup> all nations on earth will be blessed,<sup>[c]</sup> because you have obeyed me.”*

# The Importance of the Oath

## □ God's Oath

- The beginning of the revelation of God's grace
- We are part of this oath
- Grace and salvation are extended to us

# The Importance of the Oath

□ God gave this oath because:

- He desired to show us his unchangeable purpose
- So that we would be greatly encouraged
- The oath is true and assured
  - Confirmed in v13 – there are none greater
  - Confirmed in v18 – he cannot lie
- So that we can hold on to the hope set before us

# The Hope is...

## □ The hope is:

- An anchor for our soul, our entire being
- Sure
- Steadfast
- Gives us safety and a reliable basis for living
- Enters into the inner sanctuary
  - This is strange language
- JESUS himself, the promise fulfilled!

# The Hope is...

## □ The hope is:

- Jesus
- The forerunner
  - He went before
  - He prepared the way
  - He set the course
- He is a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek

# Christ Our Forever Hope

## □ The Importance of Jesus as High Priest

- We need a high priest because we are sinners who need atonement
- He had to become human to make propitiation for us

# Christ Our Forever Hope

## □ The order of Melchizedek

- Confirms Jesus is different from Israel's high priests
- From the tribe of Judah not Levi
- Not a descendant of Aaron
- Superior to the Levitical high priests

# Christ Our Forever Hope

## ❑ Who was Melchizedek?

- Only seen in Genesis 14 and in the book of Hebrews
- The priest of the Most High God that Abraham meets after rescuing Lot and his family from the four kings who defeated the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah
- He blesses Abraham and Abraham tithes a tenth of the plunder to him

# Christ Our Forever Hope

❑ From Hebrews 7 we learn that Melchizedek is:

- King of Salem
- Priest of the Most High God
- His name means king of righteousness
- First of all
- King of peace
- Without father, mother or genealogy
- No beginning or end
- Comparable to Jesus
- A priest forever
- A pre-incarnate appearance of Christ to Abraham – a theophany

# Christ Our Forever Hope

- ❑ Melchizedek confirms Jesus, the high priest we need for atonement is superior to all!
  - Jesus is first, begotten not created
  - He is Messiah – a priest and a king
  - He has no beginning or end
  - He is our forever hope

# What does this mean for us?

- ❑ Our hope is Jesus, guaranteed, confirmed and fulfilled.
- ❑ Be encouraged and take hold of the hope, take hold of Jesus
  - Sin, Satan, death and the grave are defeated
  - We are his children
  - This is for now
  - No need for fear

**CHRIST IS OUR FOREVER HOPE THAT IS GUARANTEED!**

