

For the Week Beginning March 1, 2026

“The Perfect Priesthood”

✦ Hebrews 7:11-19

¹¹If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the law was given to the people), why was there still need for another priest to come — one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron?

¹²For when there is a change of the priesthood, there must also be a change of the law. ¹³He of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, and no-one from that tribe has ever served at the altar. ¹⁴For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

¹⁵And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears, ¹⁶one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life. ¹⁷For it is declared:

“You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”

¹⁸The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless ¹⁹(for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.

Write down 5 significant observations. Raise 2 significant questions and try to answer them.

Observations	Interpretation (Questions)	Applications

✦ Opening Question:

- When something is broken, do you usually try to fix it or replace it? How do you decide?

✦ The Living Word: Please read our text for this week.

- Highlight words or phrases that stand out to you.
- Please narrate using your own words.

Verse 11

1. What does verse 11 say about the limitation and the design of the Levitical priesthood?

Why could perfection not come through the Levitical priesthood?

2. Why is it significant that Psalm 110 (a messianic Psalm that speaks of a priesthood in the order of Melchizedek) comes after the Law?

Verses 12-14

3. Why does a change in the priesthood require a change in the law?

4. Why emphasize Jesus’ tribe (Judah)?
Why is this so striking?

Verses 15-17

5. According to verses 15-17, how is Jesus’ priesthood fundamentally different from the Levitical priesthood?

6. What is “the power of an indestructible life”?
Why is resurrection essential to Jesus’ priesthood?

Verses 18-19

7. What does “set aside” mean?
Why call the commandment “weak and useless”?

8. What was the Law’s purpose in redemptive history?
How does Christ fulfill the Law’s intention?

9. What is the “better hope” in verse 19?
Why is this hope better?

✦ Living the Word/Application:

- What does it mean for you personally to live in the “better hope” we have in Christ?
- How can this passage encourage you when you feel weak or condemned by your failures?