

## A Priest Forever

### **Hebrews 7:1—28**

LG Questions for 05/11/08

#### **Getting Started**

- 1) **Have you ever felt** in your walk with Jesus that you needed to offer something for your guilty condition before Him? Describe ways you've done this in the past and what the results of your efforts were.

#### **Getting into the Bible**

- 2) **Read Hebrews 7:1–10.** Melchizedek's name means "king of righteousness" and "king of peace." (Note: Verse 3 presents exegetical question because it gives no record of his birth or death making it sound like he's eternal. But he is not. It is his priesthood that has no beginning or end. This is a word picture pointing to our king of righteousness and peace who longs to give life and strength to those who are completely His.) Verse 4 adds that the Patriarch Abraham also gave Melchizedek a tenth of his plunder. Who does all of this foreshadow? How?
- 3) **Read Hebrews 7:11.** Answer the question presented in this passage. Refer to verse 19 for help. What does verse 19 mean when it says that the law made nothing perfect? How is Jesus a better priest than the OT Levitical priests? See verses 11-12, 15-16, 18-21, 23-24, and 26.
- 4) **Read Hebrews 7:27-28.** The first part of verse 27 speaks of the continual need of sacrifices being made to atone for sin under the old system. With Jesus as our new high priest, is the altar open or closed for sacrifices? Read the second half of verse 27 again. What sins were atoned for by Jesus' sacrifice? Refer to verse 25. What can you or I offer to help our condition? See Romans 8:3-4 for help.

#### **Getting Personal**

- 5) **Consider the ways** you've tried to offer Jesus sacrifices that He will not and cannot accept. Pray that you will be able to accept the fullness of God's grace to you through the slaughter of Jesus on the cross.