



Hebrews

Chapter 7

What is the theme?

LET US GO ON TO MATURITY

(Hebrews 6:1)

CHAPTER 5 ENDS:

...High Priest according to the order of **Melchizedek**,
of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain...
... you have come to need milk and not solid food.



CHAPTER 6:

Leaving the elementary doctrine of Christ,
let us go on to maturity,
not laying again the foundation...



“Surely blessing I will bless you...”

... the forerunner has entered for us, **Jesus**,
High Priest forever according to the order of **Melchizedek**.



Now, in chapter 7...

- We begin to build on the foundation
- We see God's provision to bring us to maturity
- Our hope is strengthened and encouraged



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1. Before meeting Melchizedek...

Abraham rescues his nephew, Lot...
(Genesis 14)

2. Meeting Melchizedek

An early name for **Jerusalem**:

*“In **Salem** also is His tabernacle,
And His dwelling place in Zion.”*

(Psalm 76:2)

Then Melchizedek, king of Salem,
brought out bread and wine;
he was the priest of God Most High.

And he blessed him and said:

*“Blessed be Abram of God Most High,
Possessor of heaven and earth;
And blessed be God Most High,
Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.”*

Or Creator of heaven and earth

And he gave him a tithe of all.

(Genesis 14:18-20)

3. After meeting Melchizedek...

I have raised my hand to the LORD,
God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth,
that **I will take nothing...**
lest you should say, “I have made Abram rich” ...
(Genesis 14:22-23)

**“Do not be afraid, Abram.
I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.”**
(Genesis 15:1)



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Hebrews 7:1-3

Ancestors?



Father? Mother?



Birth?



Death?



Melchizedek

King of Salem and priest of God

...made [to look] like the Son of God, [he] remains a priest continually.

(Hebrews 7:3)

Hebrews 7:4-10

Melchizedek

The blessing

*The lesser is blessed
by the better*

The tithe

Abraham

↓
Isaac

↓
Jacob

↓
Reuben, Simeon, **LEVI**, Judah, Zebulun + 7 more

↓
High Priests
appointed
according to the Law

Now consider how great this man was...



Melchizedek ... *blessed him* [Abraham] *who had the promises.*



BUT...

The Messiah:

“You are a priest forever

According to **the order of Melchizedek.**”

(Psalm 110:4)

The priesthood
according to
the order of Levi



**When there is a change in the priesthood,
there is necessarily a change in the law as well.**

(Hebrews 7:12)

Hebrews 7:11-19

1. A High Priest was promised “*according to the order of Melchizedek*”.
2. Under the Law, the priesthood is with Levi, through Aaron.
3. Jesus, the Messiah, is High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek
4. His priesthood is “*according to the power of an indestructible life*”
- 5. Therefore the Law is now set aside – a new era has begun.**

Hebrews 7:11-19

On the one hand,
a former command is **set aside**
because it was weak and useless,
for the law made nothing perfect;

on the other hand,
a **better hope** is introduced,
through which **we draw near to God.**

(Hebrews 7:18-19)

Hebrews 7:20-28

High Priests under the Law	Jesus – the great High Priest
The order of Levi / Aaron	The order of Melchizedek
Without an oath	He was made priest by God's oath
Many priests because of death	An unchangeable priesthood
Daily offering of animal sacrifices	Once for all He offered up Himself
Men with weakness	He is risen and perfected forever

*Such a **High Priest** was fitting for us,
who is **holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners,
and exalted above the heavens...***

(Hebrews 7:26)



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The Better Hope - through Jesus Christ

- We now **draw near** to God (7:19)
- He **guarantees** the better covenant (7:22)
- He is able to save to the **uttermost** because He always lives to intercede for us (7:25)

Completely, perfectly

Christ Jesus, risen and glorified

The heavenly

The earthly

Jewish Law AND all the world's religions

The earthly

We want ease

We look at appearances

We care most about here and now

The heavenly


God wants righteousness

God looks upon the heart

God cares most about there and then

My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways.

(Isaiah 55:8)

A woman wearing a grey headscarf and a purple robe is shown in profile, drawing water from a well. She is using a wooden bucket and a rope. The well is constructed from large, flat stones. In the background, there is a dry, hilly landscape with sparse vegetation and a small, gnarled tree. A pack animal, possibly a mule or donkey, is visible near the well, carrying a large red bag. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

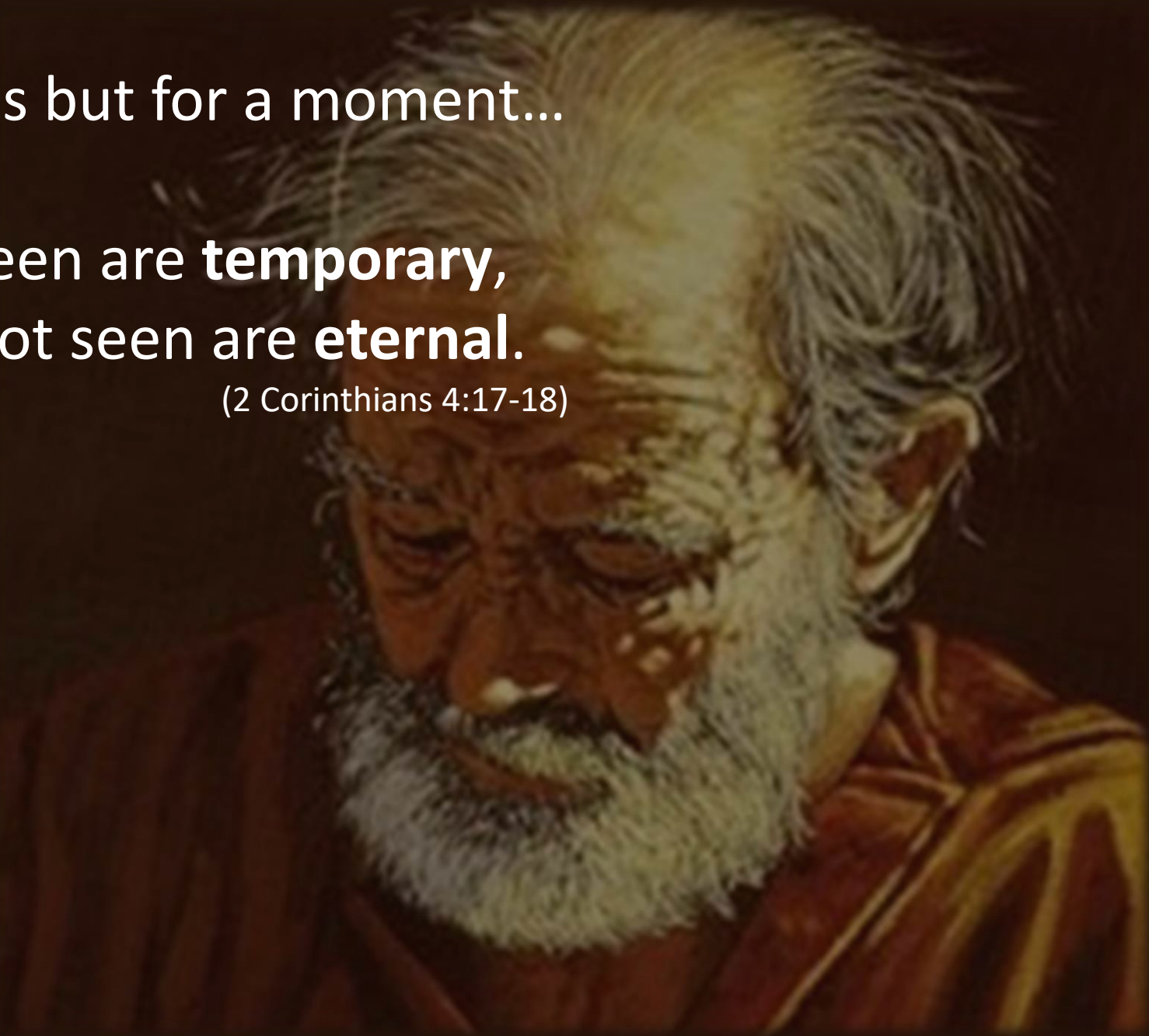
The hour is coming, and now is,
when the true worshipers
will worship the Father
in **spirit and truth**...


(John 4:23)

Our light affliction, which is but for a moment...

For the things which are seen are **temporary**,
but the things which are not seen are **eternal**.

(2 Corinthians 4:17-18)





We desire ... that you do not become sluggish,
but imitate those who through **faith and patience**
inherit the promises.

(Hebrews 6:12)

What is the message?

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