# First Mount Zion Baptist Church Wednesday Bible Study November 6, 2024 Hebrews 7:1-28 "God is Still GOD in the Old and in the New"

Presenter: Rev. Kathy Russell - - 11:00 a.m. Presenter: Rev. Josephine Cherry - - 7:30 p.m.

Background: Welcome to the Book of Hebrews which proclaims the centrality and supremacy of Jesus Christ, as well as the finality of the revelation that Jesus gave through His apostles. This revelation is that Christ is greater than ALL the angels and ALL the prophets who have gone before Him. He is the only Potentate, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords. Jesus is the origin and goal of human history. As the very image of the Father and the reflection of the Father's glory. The Book of Hebrews uniquely emphasizes the High Priesthood of Jesus, nowhere else is He named specifically a Priest. The writer of Hebrews draws our attention to Jesus' holy, pure, and sinless humanity (7:26). And though He was tempted in every way, He never sinned, so He is a High Priest who can sympathize with our weaknesses. No other book in the New Testament fully discusses the relationship between the Old Covenant and the New. The author of Hebrews most scholars agree remains anonymous. This Book is presented as a legal argument to the Jews, to prove that Jesus is the Christ, the fulfillment of the law.

#### **Outline:**

- I. Melchizedek is > the Levitical Priests (7:1-17) which continues from (Chapter 5:10)
- II. Jesus Christ is a Priest Forever, the Guarantor of a Better Covenant (7:18-28)

**Objective:** In our study, we discover why Christ is able to do what Levitical priests could not do.

# Chapter 7: Verses 1-3

- 1. Who is Melchizedek? (Ref. Gen. 14:18-20)
- 2. What do Melchizedek and the Son of God appear to have in common?

#### Chapter 7: Verses 4-10

3. Why is Melchizedek greater than both Abraham and Levi?

### Chapter 7: Verses 11-19

4. Why was there a need for a change in the priesthood? How is Christ's priesthood perfect?

# Chapter 7: Verses 20-28 (Jesus, the Permanent Priesthood, A Better Covenant)

- 5. List some of the qualities of Jesus' priesthood.
- 6. What does the writer of Hebrews mean by declaring that Jesus is the "guarantee of a better covenant"? (v. 22-24)
- 7. What does **Hebrews 7:25** say that Christ is able to do?

# **Application:**

Our High Priest, Jesus' <u>perfect</u> sacrifice and <u>perfect</u> priesthood offer us <u>perpetual</u> access to the throne of God. Through Jesus Christ, we can enter the presence of the God of the entire universe, the Creator and Sustainer of all there is. Never hesitate to call on Him. As a child approaches his or her father, so can we come to God and ask of Him with confidence that he listens.

### **Summary:**

Jesus is the eternal mediator between God and man and the final authority as reigning King, soon to return and establish His physical kingdom in the same city where Melchizedek was from, *Jeru*Salem.

