



From Anchor to Access: Hebrews

7

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Intro

Hebrews 7 reveals why the anchor of our soul is unshakable. Our access to God is not maintained by effort, system, or consistency, but secured by Jesus, our eternal High Priest. Unlike the old system that depended on temporary priests and repeated sacrifices, Jesus established a permanent, living access through His finished work. He is not only the way to God but the One who continually sustains our position. Maturity is no longer striving to reach Him, but living confidently from a place already secured in Him.

My Intention and Assumptions

I hope that your relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is strengthened through this teaching. My assumption is that you have read or are reading all 66 books of the Bible for context. This is meant to be salt and make you thirsty. You're welcome.

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Walking in Kingdom Maturity

Hebrews 7 – Living From Secured Access

Intro – Bridge from Hebrews 6

Last week, we stepped into Hebrews 6.

We saw that maturity is not about what you know.
It's about what remains steady in you when life applies pressure.

We talked about moving beyond foundations...
not abandoning them, but allowing them to become how we think.

We addressed the tension that you can be around truth, experience truth,
even agree with truth...
and still not be formed by it.

And then everything landed on one image:

The anchor.

Hope as an anchor for the soul.
Secure. Steadfast.
Not anchored into your situation... but anchored in Heaven.

And we said this:

You don't stay steady by controlling your world.
You stay steady by being tied to another one.

But Hebrews 6 leaves us with a question:

Why is that anchor so secure?

What makes it unshakable?

Because if your anchor is only as strong as your grip...
you're still in trouble.

Hebrews 7 answers that question.

Focus

Hebrews 7 reveals that your access to God is not maintained by effort, system, or consistency.

It is secured by a living High Priest who cannot fail.

This chapter is not theological filler.

It is the explanation of why your anchor holds.

Key Truth

You are not anchored because you are holding on.

You are anchored because Jesus is holding your position.

Teaching Flow

1. A Priest Before the System (Hebrews 7:1–10)

Before the Law.

Before the priesthood of Levi.

Before the structure people trusted in.

There was Melchizedek.

He shows up in Genesis 14:18-20 like he's always been there.

- King of righteousness
- King of peace
- Priest of God Most High

No genealogy.

No origin story.

No record of beginning or end.

And Abraham... the patriarch... responds.

He gives a tenth.

He receives a blessing.

This matters.

Because Scripture makes a point:

The lesser is blessed by the greater.

Which means Abraham recognized something.

Not a system.

Not a structure.

A reality.

Truth

God's Kingdom reality existed before religious systems were ever introduced.

Deeper Insight

The system did not create access.

It pointed to a reality that already existed.

Gold Nugget

You are not anchored in something that came later.

You are anchored in something that existed before everything you've known.

2. The System Could Never Finish the Job (Hebrews 7:11–14)

Now the writer brings tension.

If the Levitical priesthood could bring perfection...
why would God introduce another?

He quotes the reality:

Another priest is coming.

Not in the order of Levi... but in the order of Melchizedek.

And then comes the problem.

Jesus doesn't qualify under the old system.

He's from Judah.

Not Levi.

Which means this:

He cannot function inside the system.

So what does God do?

He doesn't adjust the system.

He replaces it.

Truth

If the system could produce what God wanted, it would not have been changed.

Deeper Insight

God didn't improve the system.

He removed its authority.

Gold Nugget

Maturity requires letting go of systems that cannot produce what only relationship can.

There is a way of relating to God that feels right...
structured... measurable... familiar...

But it cannot produce life.

3. A New Order Built on Life (Hebrews 7:15–19)

Now the foundation shifts completely.

This new priesthood is not based on law.
Not based on lineage.

It is based on something entirely different.

The power of an indestructible life.

This is not about rules.

This is about life that cannot be undone.

The Law is described as weak.

Not because it was wrong...

but because it could not make anything complete.

So something better comes.

A better hope.

Not a better system.

A better reality.

Truth

The Kingdom does not operate on qualification.

It operates on life.

Deeper Insight

The Law told you how to approach God.

Jesus became the access point Himself.

Gold Nugget

You are not trying to qualify for access.

You are living from access.

This is where maturity begins to separate from immaturity.

Immature thinking tries to approach.

Mature understanding realizes you've already been brought near.

4. Secured by God Himself (Hebrews 7:20–22)

Then the writer takes it even deeper.

Levitical priests were installed without an oath.

But Jesus?

God swore.

“The Lord has sworn... and will not change His mind.”

This is not symbolic language.

This is God placing His own unchangeable nature behind this reality.

Truth

Your access to God is not temporary or conditional. It is established by God Himself.

Deeper Insight

God didn't just provide a way.
He guaranteed it.

Gold Nugget

Your confidence is not based on your consistency...
It is based on God's commitment.

This is where striving begins to lose its grip.

Because striving assumes instability.

But this is not unstable.

This is settled.

5. Your Anchor Is Alive (Hebrews 7:23–25)

Now the contrast becomes undeniable.

Under the old system:

There were many priests.

Because they kept dying.

Their ministry was temporary.

But Jesus?

He lives forever.

Which means His priesthood never ends.

Which means His intercession never stops.

Which means your position is never unattended.

Truth

Your anchor is not an idea. It is a living person actively sustaining you.

Deeper Insight

You are not holding onto God.

He is holding your position.

Gold Nugget

You don't stay secure because you hold on...

You stay secure because He never lets go.

This is what Hebrews 6 was pointing to.

The anchor is not just in Heaven.

There is a living High Priest there...

actively representing you.

6. The Work Is Finished (Hebrews 7:26–28)

And finally, the writer brings it home.

This High Priest is:

- Holy
- Blameless
- Pure
- Set apart

And unlike every priest before Him...

He does not need to offer sacrifices repeatedly.

He offered Himself.

Once.

And that was enough.

Not temporarily enough.

Not partially enough.

Completely enough.

Forever.

Truth

Nothing needs to be added to what Jesus has already accomplished.

Deeper Insight

Immaturity revisits effort.

Maturity lives from completion.

Gold Nugget

You are not working toward being right with God.

You are living from the reality that you already are.

What Hebrews 7 Is Really Doing

Hebrews 6 anchored you.

Hebrews 7 explains why that anchor cannot fail.

It removes the last place your confidence tries to hide:

Yourself.

Immature life:

- Tries to maintain access
- Relates through effort
- Measures position based on performance
- Feels unstable when circumstances shift

Mature life:

- Lives from secured access
- Relates through identity
- Trusts what has already been established
- Remains steady because the anchor is alive

Deep Activation

Where am I still relating to God through effort instead of access?

What system-thinking am I holding onto that Jesus already fulfilled?

Where do I feel like my position with God is unstable?

What would it look like to live this week like my access is already secured?

Declaration

My life is anchored in a reality that cannot be shaken.
My access to God is secured by Jesus, not maintained by me.
I do not strive to be accepted. I live from acceptance.
My confidence is rooted in what God has established.
I am steady because my High Priest is alive and unchanging.
I live from a finished work, not ongoing effort.

Final Thought

Hebrews 6 tells you that you are anchored.
Hebrews 7 tells you why that anchor holds.
Not because you are gripping tightly...
But because there is a living Priest in Heaven
who will never let you drift.