



Hebrews 7

-We've talked about how amazing Jesus is, the hope that he gives us of eternal rest, we've been challenged to be faithful to him

-Jesus is a great high priest because he can empathize with us and also has power to help

What did the priests do?

What did they have to do to connect people with God?

Numbers 8:5-15, 24-25

-only those of a select family group

-bath and shave

-sacrifice two bulls and some grain

-presented to the people

-offered to God as a wave offering

-can only serve from age 25-50

-Only these people can then go into the presence of God.

-If you want to connect to God you have to go through them

*shows how holy and special God is and what a privilege it is to connect with him

However, Jesus changes things (Hebrews 7:12-13)

-He wasn't a Levite so he wasn't going to follow the Old Testament system

How is Jesus different?

ver 23-27

-Jesus isn't going to die and be replaced

-Jesus priesthood lasts forever

-he doesn't temporarily remove sin, he removes it completely

-there is no need for continual sacrifice

-he is always making intercession between God and us (ver 25)

-we don't go to the temple once a year and make an offering and connect with God for a few minutes

-we don't even go to church once a week and connect with God for an hour

*through Jesus we can have connection with God any time and anywhere

*even when we sin, we can still have connection because he has already paid for our sin

I don't have to ask a pastor to pray for me

I don't have to be at a special service

I don't have to make amends before I can go to God

Through Jesus, I can just go to God

**dial-up vs Wifi

Small Group Questions

1) What does it mean for you personally that Jesus Christ is your perfect High Priest forever?

2) How can what we talked about tonight give you more confidence to draw near to God in any and every circumstance?

3) What changes need to take place in your prayer life?