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Digging deeper: Hebrews 7:23-28 (Superior Higher Priest, cont)

Slide 1 (7 min)

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- Exodus 32:1-8 and 19-24
- Ezekiel 8 (all)
- Hosea 4:4-13
- When God is quiet in showing himself, or “taking too long” to answer your requests, what might you be trusting in more than Him?

Slide 3 (7 min)

Read Matthew 5:44, Mark 11:25, Ephesians 6:18-20, and Colossians 1:9-13

- How are believers called to intercede for others to the Father through Jesus, by the Holy Spirit?
- Discuss together how you organize your prayer time for others.

Cathy's Observations

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Re-read Hebrews 7:23-25, Luke 22:31-34, and John 17.

- What do you *think* Jesus is interceding with God about today? (probably the same things: for believers to be united and to be one as Christ and the Father are one; for believers to be kept safe from the evil one; for God to make us holy/sanctified; to teach us His truth; and to be resurrected. I love that Jesus guards our salvation.)

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- Exodus 32:1-8 and 19-24 (Aaron building golden calf)
- Ezekiel 8 (all)
(worshipped and burned incense to detestable gods in the temple, causing the glory of the Lord to leave the temple – “he was no longer in the house”)
- Hosea 4:4-13 (priests offering sacrifices and burning incense to idols and leading the people into sin)
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- How are believers called to intercede for others to the Father through Jesus, by the Holy Spirit? (pray for enemies and those who persecute us; forgiving others who have hurt us, pray for strong testimony and sharing the gospel, and pray to grow in our faith and in our love for one another)
- Discuss together how you organize your prayer time for others.