

The Order of Melchizedek

Hebrews 7:1-10

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Genesis 14:17-20 After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) And he blessed him and said, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!” And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Psalm 110: 4 The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

I. The History of The Melchizedek Priesthood

Hebrews 7:1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2 and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. 3 He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever.

II. The Hope Found in The Melchizedek Priesthood

Hebrews 7:4 See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils! 5 And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, though these also are descended from Abraham. 6 But this man who does not have his descent from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. 8 In the one case tithes are received by mortal men, but in the other case, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. 9 One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, 10 for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.

Discussion Questions:

1. What did you learn from this sermon/passage?
2. What is Melchizedek’s purpose in the Bible?
3. Why is scripture silent about Melchizedek’s genealogy, life and death?
4. What other types point to Jesus in the Old Testament?
5. Has there been a time you wanted to abandon a new/better change in your life (because you had trouble adapting to it or understanding the benefits of it)? What was it and what did you do?