



Meet Mr. Melchizedek

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Hebrews 7:1-10

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What we have learned so far in our study ...

- The Theme of the Book - Jesus is "Better" ...
- The Outline of the Book of Hebrews ...
 - I. **A Better Person: Jesus (1-6)**
 - A. Jesus compared to the **prophets** (1:1-3)
 - B. Jesus compared to the **angels** (1:4-2:18)
 - An Exhortation: Let us not drift from the Word (2:1-4)
 - C. Jesus compared to **Moses** (3:1-4:13)
 - An Exhortation: Let us not doubt the Word (3:7-4:13)
 - D. Jesus compared to **Aaron** (4:14-6:20)
 - Exhortation: Let us not grow dull toward the Word (5:11-6:20)

What we are going to learn today in our study ...

II. A Better Priesthood: Christ and Melchizedek (7-10)

INTRODUCTION — Jesus the Superior Priest

- 1ST ... The Ministry - Of the Priesthood in Hebrews 5-10

- 2ND ... The Man - Melchizedek the Priest in Hebrews 5-7

Mentioned 1st in chapter 5 = **3** times (vs. 6,10,11)

Mentioned next in chapter 6 = **1** time (v. 20)

Mentioned final in chapter 7 = **5** times (vs. 1,10,11,15,17)

Note ... The goal is to get us to 7:25 "*Therefore He is ...*"

"... able also to save forever,"

"... those who draw near to God through Him,"

"... since He always lives to make intercession for them."

LESSON - Meet Mr. Melchizedek 7:1-10

I. THE PRESENTATION OF MELCHIZEDEK'S/JESUS' SUPERIORITY — WHO IS THIS GUY? vs. 1-3

The Suggestions

He is an **ANGEL** — That can't be true based on Hebrews 5:1

He is the **PRE - INCARNATE** Jesus — That can't be true based on Hebrews 7:3

The Truth — He is a **HISTORIC** human being; whose priestly ministry **ILLUSTRATES** the priestly ministry of Jesus Christ.

Genesis 14:18

Psalm 110:4

Hebrews 5:6,10; 6:20; 7:1,10,11,15,17

The Text vs. 1-3

5 ways Melchizedek (and Jesus) are Superior Priests

- 1) It was a **ROYAL** priesthood. "*... king of Salem.*" v. 1
- 2) It was **UNIVERSAL**, not **NATIONAL** (Jewish). "*priest of the Most High God.*" v. 1
- 3) It provided **RIGHTEOUSNESS** and **PEACE**. "*by the translation of his name, king of righteousness, and ... king of Salem, which is peace.*" v. 2
- 4) It was **PERSONAL**, not **HEREDITARY**. "*without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life.*" v. 3
- 5) It was **ETERNAL**, not **TEMPORARY**. "*... made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually.*" v. 3

II. THE PROOFS OF MELCHIZEDEK'S/JESUS' SUPERIORITY — WHAT MAKES HIM BETTER? vs. 4-10