



Meet Mr. Melchizedek, Part 2

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Hebrews 7:4-10

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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 ...

A Better Person: Jesus (1-6)

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

I. THE PRESENTATION OF MELCHIZEDEK'S/JESUS' SUPERIORITY — WHO IS THIS GUY? 7:1-3

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 then also 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

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

II. THE PROOFS OF MELCHIZEDEK'S/JESUS' SUPERIORITY — WHAT MAKES HIM BETTER? 7:4-10

"Now observe how great this man was ... "

INTRODUCTION - There is a highway that leads to the Cross of Jesus!

Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse (1895-1960)

- First, the highway *began* to be built with the *example* of Cain & Abel (Genesis 4) ... Here the first lamb is seen, one lamb is offered for the sin of one **MAN**.
- The highway *continued* to be *established* in the Jewish Passover (Exodus 12) ... Here there will be one lamb provided for the sin of one **FAMILY**.
- The highway was *ceremonially expressed* at the Day of Atonement (Leviticus 16) ... Here there was one lamb provided for the sin of the **NATION** (Israel).
- Finally, the highway was *completed eternally* at the Calvary (John 1:29) ... Here there was one lamb provided for the sin of the **WORLD**.

Melchizedek is a priest who points us to this highway!

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

- 1) Melchizedek is a superior priest (and so is Jesus) because Abraham gave the first **TITHE** recorded in the Bible to Melchizedek to show his gratitude to God for rescuing him from the battle. vs. 4-5

How should this aspect of the priesthood of Jesus affect my life as a Christian?

- 2) Melchizedek is a superior priest (and so is Jesus) because Melchizedek **BLESSED** Abraham showing that Melchizedek was the greater. vs. 6-7

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- 3) Melchizedek is a superior priest (and so is Jesus) because Melchizedek's priesthood, unlike the priesthood of the Levites and Arron, is **ETERNAL**. vs. 8-10

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Today's Growth Point — How does this passage apply to you today?