

Lessons From Characters In Old Testament

Melchizedek

Lesson 9

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INTRO:

- A. We read of Melchizedek in Genesis 14:18-20; Psalms 110:4; Hebrews 5:6,10; 6:20; and chapter 7.
- B. The priesthood of Christ IS “*according to the order*” of Melchizedek’s priesthood.
 - 1. “*ORDER*” is translated “similitude” in **Hebrews 7:15** “*And it is yet far more evident: for that after the **similitude** of Melchizedek there ariseth another priest,*” (KJV; translated “likeness” in NKJV).
 - 2. Therefore, Christ being our High Priest is similar or like Melchizedek.
- C. The book of Hebrews was written to Hebrews (Jews) that had become Christians but were experiencing difficulty in their relationship and responsibility to the law of Moses.

I. Similarities Of Melchizedek’s and Christ’s Priesthood:

- | A. Melchizedek’s Priesthood: | Christ’s Priesthood: |
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| 1. King (Heb. 7:1) | 1. King (Lk. 23:2) |
| 2. King Of Peace (Heb. 7:2) | 2. Prince Of Peace (Isa. 9:6) |
| 3. No One Preceded (Heb. 7:3) | 3. No One Preceded (Heb. 7:13-14) |
| 4. No One Succeeded (Heb. 7:3) | 4. No One Succeeded (Heb. 7:13-14) |
| 5. Abideth Continually (Heb. 7:3) | 5. Priest For Ever (Heb. 7:17) |

II. Primary Point Of Melchizedek’s Priesthood Is:

- A. Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek. **Heb. 7:4**
- B. Abraham was the father of the Jews. **Matt. 3:9; Jn. 8:33,39**
- C. Levi, which came from Abraham’s seed, therefore paid tithes to Melchizedek.
 - 1. This shows the Levitical priesthood was not a superior priesthood.
- D. **Hebrews 7:11** gives the unavoidable conclusion:
 - 1. Perfection was not under Levitical priesthood. **V. 11.**
 - 2. Thus, the need for another priesthood. **V. 11.**
 - 3. However, this necessitated a change of the law. **V. 12**
- E. Christ’s priesthood is superior:
 - 1. His law is superior to Moses’ law. **Heb. 7:16,18-22**
 - 2. Gives a better hope. **V. 19**
 - 3. Brought in a better testament. **V. 22; 8:6**
 - 4. Holy priesthood. **V. 26**
 - 5. Offered Himself once for sin. **V. 27**
 - 6. Sits on God’s right hand. **Heb. 8:1**

CONCLUSION:

- A. Only three books of the Bible mention Melchizedek; the New Testament says more about him than the Old Testament.
- B. Melchizedek was both a king and priest as Jesus Christ is both king and priest.
- C. Melchizedek was greater than Abraham and the priesthood of Aaron; Jesus’ priesthood is greater than the priesthood of Aaron.
- D. We need a High Priest to intercede on our behalf with God.
 - 1. Since Jesus is seated at God’s right hand and lives forever, He is the one and only High Priest to intercede in our behalf. **Heb. 7:25**