

# We Have A Great High Priest

After the Order of Melchizedek

**Genesis 14:17-24**

Psalms 110; Hebrews 5



## Pursuing Our Goals

- Treasuring God above ALL
- Meditating on God's Law

## Are We Dull of Hearing?

- Hebrews 5:10-14 with Hebrews 6:1 – Are you going on to perfection or do you believe that pressing on is not necessary?
- Importance of today's sermon
- Importance of Bible study

## A Walk through Genesis 14:17-20

- Who is Melchizedek?
- A UNIQUE person in God's plan.
- HIS NAME: *Melchizedek* - KING + RIGHTEOUSNESS
- HIS POSITION: *King of Salem* - King of PEACE.
- He was a PRIEST of the God **Most High** (*El Elyon*), **Possessor of heaven and earth**. (Psalm 24:1; 50:12; 89:11; 97:9; Job 41:11; 1 Cor 10:26; Isaiah 40:12-17; 46:9-11; 45:5-6, 14, 18, 21-22; 57:15; Hebrews 1:2)
- Priest - One **who stands between** the Holy God and God's people.
  - First time the word "priest" is used in the Bible.
  - A priest ministers (serves) God and to appease God - to make propitiation (Exodus 28:1; 29:44) and minister to the people (Hebrews 5:1).
  - One did not choose to be a priest but was appointed by God Himself. (Hebrews 3:2; 7:28)
  - Duties included offering up sacrifices and gifts unto the Lord on the behalf God's people and making intercession for God's people.
- He was a MAN but a man used by God to point His people to One who would come after him. (Psalm 110:1-4)
- Important Note: The Sabbath, Priesthood, and Tithing are all given BEFORE the Law.
- **MELCHIZEDEK: King and Priest; Righteousness and Peace**

## The High Priest and God's Chosen People

- A brief look at the duties of the High Priest of Israel.
  - Who was a priest? By God's command only the sons of Aaron could be priests.
  - How did one become a priest? By birth.
  - The high priest and the Day of Atonement. (Leviticus 16)
    - ★ Once a year the high priest entered into the Holy of Holies with blood to *propitiate* (appease) God's anger at **His** people because of their sins.
    - ★ It was the work of the high priest and him alone. No one was allowed into the Temple to help him in this work that God ordained for him to do *for His people*.

## A Walk Through Psalm 110

- Timing of this Psalm - written by David but speaks of the Christ's glorification. (Daniel 7:13-28)
  - It is a prophecy (purpose of God) of Christ's success/victory!
- (v. 1) **The LORD (Yahweh) said** to my (David's) Lord (*Adonai*). . .
  - David believed in one God (Deut 6:4) but here he "sees" two persons!!!
  - Christ is appointed by God to stand between Him and sinners.
  - Place of honor and co-equal authority. (Matthew 28:18)
- (v. 1) "**Sit down** at My right hand" - place of honor and power.
  - Your work is done. "You glorified Me, now I glorify You." (John 17:1-5)
- (v. 1) "Till (promise) I make Your enemies Your footstool" Psalm 2:10-12
- (v. 2) "Rule in the midst of Your enemies" - the Church, the Body of Christ. (Psalm 2:1-6) - He rules over all! (Colossians 1:16)
- (v. 3) "Your people shall be willing . . ." - because of His grace!!!
- (v. 4) The LORD has sworn and will not relent . . .
- (v. 4) "You **are** a priest **forever** according to the order of Melchizedek"  
== God ordaining Christ as priest. Initiates, empowers, and rewards.
- (v. 5) The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath. (Psalm 2; Revelation 6:12-17)
- (v. 6) He shall judge among the nations (Acts 17:30-31; Hebrews 4:13; John 5:22, 27)
- (v. 7) He shall drink of the brook by the wayside; therefore He shall lift up the head.

## **A Great Superior High Priest: Jesus Christ** (Hebrews 4:14)

- Similarities between Melchizedek and Christ. See Handout Chart
- Melchizedek was a PICTURE of Christ. **Christ was/is the REAL THING!**
- Jesus Christ is the ONLY High Priest!

## **The NEED for a Perfect High Priest** Hebrews 7:28

- Without a high priest no one can stand before a holy, holy, holy God (John 14:6)
- NO ONE CAN BRING THEMSELVES TO GOD! (John 6:44, 65; 1 Peter 3:18)

## **What Our GREAT High Priest Did for Us?**

- Christ was/is not only our High Priest but Christ came to be the OFFERER, OFFERING, *and* PRIEST.
  - Christ is the **OFFERING**. (Hebrews 10:10-12; John 1:36; 1 Peter 1:19)
  - Christ is the **OFFERER**. (Hebrews 9:14; Galatians 2:20; 1 Peter 3:18)
  - Christ is the **PRIEST**. (Hebrews 4:14-15; 8:1)
    - To make PROPITIATION for us. (Hebrews 2:17; 1 John 4:10)
- Christ is the **ONLY MEDIATOR** between God and man! (1 Timothy 2:5)
- Offered up **HIS OWN BLOOD** to satisfy God and provide pardon for of our sins. (Hebrews 9:12; Acts 20:28; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14; Isaiah 43:25)
- What did our High Priest accomplish for us? He made propitiation for the sins of His people. He appeased God's holy anger at us sinners! (1 John 4:10-11; Hebrews 2:17)
- What did our High Priest accomplish for us? **Eternal Redemption**. (Hebrews 9:12)

## **What Is Our High Priest Doing for Us Today?**

- Where is our High Priest today? **SEATED** at the RIGHT HAND of the Possessor of Heaven and Earth. (Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 1:3; Psalm 110:; Hebrews 1:13; 10:12; 12:2)
- What is He doing for us continually? **INTERCESSION!** (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25)
- Why is this important? **TO SAVE HIS PEOPLE TO THE UTTERMOST!** (Hebrews 7:25) **MEDITATE:** Christ's life, death, and intercession are IMPORTANT for our salvation.

- Christ makes intercession before God for His own. Christ intercedes for those whom God has given Him. (John 17:9, 20)
  - His intercession *before God* is based on His perfect life and death on the Cross in *our* place.
  - His *priesthood* never changes – as He never changes.
  - His intercession is effective because it is also based on God’s covenant. (Hebrews 8:6-12)
- God saves *all* whom Christ intercedes. (John 17:20-24; 6:37-40)
- Christ, the righteous One, is **ADVOCATING** before the Father for the ones He died for. (1 John 2:1)

### Do You Have a High Priest?

- Without a **High Priest** you have no acceptable sacrifice to appease God’s anger at you. Christ came to be the *propitiation* for His people!!! (1 John 4:10-11)
- Without a **Forerunner** to enter into the Presence (God’s Presence) for you you will never be allowed in! (Hebrews 6:19-20)
- Without an **Intercessor** your will never be saved! (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25)
- Without a Mediator you cannot stand in the presence of God. And there is **only one Mediator** *between* God and man - *the Man Christ Jesus!* (1 Timothy 2:5)
- Without an **Advocate** you will be found guilty before the throne of the Most High God. (1 John 2:1)
- This **ONE High Priest**, a High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek (Priest, King, Righteousness, Peace) is all these and much more for HIS people! Christ is our righteousness and our peace. (1 Corinthians 1:30; Ephesians 2:14; Romans 5:1; 8:1; Colossians 1:20; Acts 10:36)
- (Hebrews 8:1) Here is our MAIN POINT: “We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, not man.” His name is Jesus the Christ and Lord, and He is ministering unto God and His people as High Priest forever!

### What Is Your Response? (Hebrews 3:1)