Melchizedek – Hebrews 7

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INTRODUCTION

- In Genesis chapter 14, is an account in the life of Abraham that, as we read it, may seem rather insignificant and unimportant.
- Consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.
- Why is Melchizedek greater? And what is the significance of the fact that Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek?

1 There Is a Change in the Law

Hebrews 7:11–12; Hebrews 7:18–19; Hebrews 10:4

- And the point is, perfection was not under the law of Moses.
- Priesthood being changed, of necessity there's also a change of the law.
- If you're under the law of Moses, the high priest had to come from the tribe of Levi. Jesus Christ was born from the lineage of Judah.
- For the law made nothing perfect. On the other hand, there is a bringing in of a better hope through which we draw near to God.
- So though the law of Moses was given by God, it was imperfect so far as saving or providing the means of salvation for mankind.
- David did a lot of things that we don't do today because, though it was right for him under the law of Moses, we don't serve under that law of Moses today.

2 Silence of the Scripture Does Not Authorize

Hebrews 7:14

- It is evident that our Lord arose from Judah of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.
- If silence of the scripture authorizes, then Jesus could have been a priest, though he came from the tribe of Judah.
- That we do what is said, we do not add to that nor subtract from that.
- But the silence of the scripture doesn't authorize sprinkling, does it?
- Today we do not look to the Old Testament to learn about the church, its identity, its organization, and how we worship today.
- We come to the gospel of Jesus Christ and find in the New Testament the authority for what we do.

3 We Are Priests

Revelation 1:5–6; 1 Peter 2:5; 1 Peter 2:9

- But you, if you're a Christian, are a priest. Jesus being our high priest.

- To him who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and has made us kings and priests to his God and Father.
- We are priests. That is, we offer sacrifices unto God.
- Hebrews 13 and 15, we offer the sacrifice of praise from our lips.
- We pray through Jesus Christ our mediator, but we believe our prayers are heard by the Father Himself and can be answered by Him.
- You also as living stones are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

4 Giving to God Is a Response to His Gift

Genesis 14:20; 2 Corinthians 8

- Fourth, that giving to God is a response to his gift to us.
- He paid tithes to Melchizedek. He gave at least a tenth of the portion of what he'd received.
- Giving is a choice on our part, but it ought to be a choice of our response of love to God.
- It ought to be an attitude of thanksgiving that God has blessed me, and I'm able to return unto him a portion of what he has made possible for me.
- Giving ought to be something that we feel as a privilege, not just as a requirement, that we give in thanksgiving unto the Father.

MY NOTES