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Sermon Series: Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh – Hebrews 7-8

1. Gold: Jesus Born a King – Hebrews 7:1-10

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 2. Of Peace – Salem, shalom – Psa. 76:2 – in a time of war
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 - C. A Type of Christ
 1. No Written Record of Genealogy
 2. Made Like – Resembling (Dan. 3:25)
 3. A Continuing Priesthood
 - a. Universal – no boundaries
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 - c. Righteous – Psa. 72:2; Jer. 23:5; 1 Cor. 1:30
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- III. The Superiority of Melchizedek – vs. 4-10
 - A. Received Tithes – Num. 18:21, 26; 2 Cor. 8:4; 9:5-15
 1. From Abraham (vs. 4-6)
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 - B. Blessed Abraham – vs. 7
 - C. HE Received Them – vs. 8
 1. Here, mortal men
 2. There, HE, of whom it is witnessed that HE lives
 - D. King
 1. Of Righteousness – Heb. 8:1
 2. Of Peace – Luke 19:37-38; Luke 2:14
 3. Of the Jews – Matt. 2:2; 27:11, 37
 4. Of Kings – Rev. 19:15-16

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The King of the Jews – vs. 1-3

- Wise Men from the East. The Magi – magicians, skilled astrologers and astronomers from Persia (Dan. 1:20; 2:2, 10, 27-30, 46-49)
- The Star – the Shekinah Glory – it moved, stopped, and persisted for at least 2 years – see vs. 9

The King Born in Bethlehem – vs. 4-8

- Where? The House of Bread - Bethlehem of Judea, just north of Edom – Micah 5:2

The King Worshipped by Wise Men – vs. 9-12

- The Young Child, now Housed
- Exceeding Joy, Worship, and Gifts – from Gentiles first!
 1. Gold – King
 - a. Persian custom: when you appear before a King you offer a gift of gold
 - b. Signifying royalty
 - c. Perhaps funded trip to Egypt?
 2. Frankincense – Worship/Priesthood – Phil. 4:18
 - a. Mixed with oil to anoint the priests
 - b. Our Great High Priest – Heb. 4:14-16; 5:6
 3. Myrrh – Death
 - a. Embalming – John 19:39
 - b. Pain killer – Mark 15:23

Cross References

Matthew 2:1-12

2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.” 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 6 ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.’ ” 7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.” 9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. 11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

Psalms 110:4

4 The Lord has sworn And will not relent, “You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.”

Hebrews 6:19-20

19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, 20 where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Genesis 14:12-20

12 They also took Lot, Abram’s brother’s son who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed. 13 Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, for he dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner; and they were allies with Abram. 14 Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. 15 He divided his forces against them by night, and he and his servants attacked them and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus. 16 So he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people. 17 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King’s Valley), after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him. 18 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. 19 And he blessed him and said: “Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; 20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.” And he gave him a tithe of all.

Hebrews 5:5-6

5 So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him:

“You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.” 6 As He also says in another place: “You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek”;

John 6:35

35 And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

Psalm 45:6

6 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

Psalm 76:2

2 In Salem also is His tabernacle, And His dwelling place in Zion.

John 14:27

27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Romans 5:1

5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Daniel 3:25

25 “Look!” he answered, “I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.”

Zechariah 6:13

13 Yes, He shall build the temple of the Lord. He shall bear the glory, And shall sit and rule on His throne; So He shall be a priest on His throne, And the counsel of peace shall be between them both.” ’

Psalm 72:2

2 He will judge Your people with righteousness, And Your poor with justice.

Jeremiah 23:5

5 “Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

1 Corinthians 1:30

30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—

Psalm 72:7

7 In His days the righteous shall flourish, And abundance of peace, Until the moon is no more.

Isaiah 9:6

6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Numbers 18:21

21 “Behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tithes in Israel as an inheritance in return for the work which they perform, the work of the tabernacle of meeting.

Numbers 18:26

26 “Speak thus to the Levites, and say to them: ‘When you take from the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them as your inheritance, then you shall offer up a heave offering of it to the Lord, a tenth of the tithe.

2 Corinthians 8:4

4 imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

2 Corinthians 9:5-15

5 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation. 6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. 9 As it is written: “He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.” 10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, 11 while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. 12 For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, 13 while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men, 14 and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. 15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

Hebrews 8:1

8 Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

Luke 19:37-38

37 Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, 38 saying: “ ‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!’ Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

Luke 2:14

14 “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

Matthew 2:2

2 saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.”

Matthew 27:11

11 Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying, “Are You the King of the Jews?” Jesus said to him, “It is as you say.”

Matthew 27:37

37 And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Revelation 19:15-16

15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

