

Hebrews 7.1-3

The King of Righteousness

The title given to Melchizedek, as King of Salem (which means King of Peace) is given in the context of His name which means the King of Righteousness. It winks at us the simple but profound truth that we must submit to Christ to be our King of Righteousness before we can ever partake of the peace He offers to all who love God. The culture wants to pretend that you can love God and be loved by God while arrogantly declaring your sin. While pride might be the rallying cry of the damned, it has nothing to do with the people of God. We must embrace Christ as the King of Righteousness, surrendering our sin, our rebellion, our very hatred of the Holy God and cling to Him in love. Remember, at its core, sin is hatred to God, and that is something that God will never simply overlook.

I. HE IS KING OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FIRST

A. God never delights in evil

1 Corinthians 13:6 (NKJV)

6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;

- 1. Those who DO delight in evil are the enemies of God*

Psalm 5:4–6

2. Those who do delight in evil are the enemies of Jesus

Philippians 3:17–19

- B. This is the great need of mankind - righteousness to cleanse us and redeem us to God

1. All people have this need

Romans 3.10-18

2. No matter the age
3. No matter the comparative righteousness of one man to another

- C. Until this need is satisfied, there will never be any path to peace with God. Righteousness is the prerequisite for peace.

Psalm 15

II. ABSOLUTE RIGHTEOUSNESS

- A. He was obedient to the entire law

Matthew 5.17-20

Hebrews 4:15 (NKJV)

15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

- B. He was also inherently the embodiment OF the law –
1. He is the Word
 2. He gave the Law which is the word
 3. He is God, the second person of the Godhead

4. The law is a reflection of the very character of God
- C. He was God made flesh and loved the Father like no one else ever could

John 5.19-21

III. ALIEN RIGHTEOUSNESS

- A. The Lord Jesus Christ has made a way for us to have an alien righteousness that comes from His own blood...

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- B. The Lord Jesus is the LORD our RIGHTEOUSNESS

Jeremiah 23.5-6

C. Righteousness has been given to us through Jesus

Romans 3.21-24

D. Righteousness means something powerful - it means that we have been justified. Our sin exchanged for His righteousness. THEN - His perfection given to us, and in no wise is any other effort going to alter our basic need.

Ephesians 1.3-13

1. Accepted
Ephesians 1.6
2. Holy and Blameless
Ephesians 1.4
3. Adopted
Ephesians 1.5
4. Redemption
1.7
5. Forgiveness of sins
1.7
6. Wise

1.7

7. Objects of grace –

IV. ROYAL RIGHTEOUSNESS

A. Righteousness His Throne

Psalm 89:14 (NKJV)

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.

B. Righteous mercy

Isaiah 16:5 (NKJV)

5 In mercy the throne will be established; And One will sit on it in truth, in the tabernacle of David, Judging and seeking justice and hastening righteousness.”

C. Scepter of righteousness

Psalm 45:6 (NKJV)

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

D. Righteousness The belt of His loins –

Isaiah 11:5 (NKJV)

*5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And
faithfulness the belt of His waist.*

E. Breastplate of Righteousness

Isaiah 59.15-19

1. No one could or would set things right
2. Those who wanted righteousness were being destroyed by evil
3. No one to intercede
4. He did all according to His own might and His own righteousness
5. And amazingly, after He accomplished all victory, He shares His own armor with us!

Ephesians 6.13-18

F. His royal crown of glory, established in
righteousness

Isaiah 28.5-6

- G. All granting to us, who are His own peculiar people, the birthright we could never deserve
1. Forgiveness of sins

1 John 1:9 (NKJV)

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2. Citizenship in heaven

Philippians 3:20 (NKJV)

20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

3. An inheritance as of the firstborn

Ephesians 1.11-14

Romans 8.15-17

4. Eternal home in the presence of God

John 14.1-7

5. Made into the people of God, who ARE His dwelling place

1Peter 2.4-10

6. Unlimited access to the Father

Hebrews 4.14-16