

SERMON OUTLINE

In Hebrews 7:1-10, we are shown answers to 2 questions that establish Melchizedek's priesthood as greater than Levi's priesthood.

I. Who is Melchizedek?

- A. Melchizedek is a priest & king (v. 1a, 2b).
- B. Melchizedek blesses Abraham (v. 1b).
- C. Melchizedek receives Abraham's tithe (v. 2a).
- D. Melchizedek is "eternal" in that:
 - 1. His birth & death are not recorded in Scripture (v. 3a) . . .
 - 2. So, his priesthood continues forever as one *resembling* the Son of God (v. 3b).

II. Why is Melchizedek greater than Levi?

- A. Melchizedek was greater than Abraham (v. 4).
- B. The Levitical priests receive tithes from their people, and all are descendants of Abraham (v. 5).
- C. Melchizedek, a non-Levite, received tithes from Abraham, father of the Levites (v. 6a).
 - 1. Melchizedek, demonstrating his greatness, blessed Abraham who received the promises from God (vs. 6b-7).
 - 2. The Levites (whose death is recorded in Scripture), as Abraham's descendants, essentially pay tithes to Melchizedek (whose death is not recorded in Scripture) hence, Melchizedek is greater than Levi (vs. 8-10).

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, August 2, 2020

Passage: Hebrews 7:1-10

Memory Passage: Hebrews 7:1-3

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Gen. 14:1-24.** Summarize what happens in 1-17 & 21-24 (in other words, the story *without* the Melchizedek story).

(b) What do you learn about Melchizedek in vs. 18-20, what did he do, and how did Abram respond?

(c) Compare the king of Sodom's actions with Melchizedek's.

(d) Compare Abram's response to each king. Why does he respond differently to each, and how do his responses prepare the way for chapter 15?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Ps. 110 & Hebrews 7:1-10.** Who wrote Psalm 110, and therefore to whom do "The LORD" & "my Lord" refer?

(b) What do you learn from Ps. 110:4? How would this king be different from all other Davidic kings?

(c) Hebrews 7:1-2a summarize Genesis 14:18-20. What additional information do you learn about Melchizedek in 7:2b-3?

(d) In Hebrew, the name Melchizedek contains the roots of the words translated "king" and "righteousness," and "Salem" comes from the same root as *shalom*, meaning "peace," and probably refers to *Jerusalem*. Where did our author learn the other facts about Melchizedek found in v. 3?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Heb. 7:1-10.** Genesis includes genealogies of every important person. Why does Melchizedek lack one?

(b) Did Melchizedek live forever according to v. 3? Explain your answer.

(c) How does Melchizedek's description compare with the Messiah's description in Is. 9:6-7, Jeremiah 23:5-6, & 33:15-16?

(d) Jesus will be compared to Melchizedek in 7:11-18, but from what you've learned so far, in what ways does Melchizedek function as a type of Christ?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Heb 7:1-10.** Today's assignment is to summarize and expound upon the argument our author makes in vs. 4-10. Summarize his logic, but also explain what main point he makes, what his sub-points mean and how they function together to make his main point.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Heb. 7:1-10.** Hebrews 7:1-10 serve as the foundation to vs. 11-28 which will compare Christ with Melchizedek and show why He, as One from the order of Melchizedek, is greater than the Aaron and the Levitical priests. But we still must wrestle with applying vs. 1-10 to our own lives.

(b) Hebrews is written to people tempted to return to Judaism. In what ways does 7:1-10 accomplish this? In what ways do these verses help you to persevere in your faith (consider, for example, the righteousness and peace of Christ applied to you)?

(c) How does our author's skill in using the Scriptures to make his point help you read, understand, and apply the Scriptures in your own life?

(d) How does the fact that Abraham, who was the father of his people and received the promises (7:6), was blessed by Melchizedek motivate you toward holiness as one who has been blessed by your great High Priest from the order of Melchizedek?

(e) What other applications come to mind as you contemplate this text?

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Melchizedek: One Resembling the Son of God