

Christ: King, Priest, Judge

Psalms 110

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Christ The Priest

Psalms 110:4

“Jehovah hath sworn, and will not repent: Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.”

THE HISTORY OF MELCHIZEDEK Hebrews 7:1-3

- **The historical record as found in Genesis 14 ...**
 1. We first read of “The Battle OfThe Kings” – **Genesis. 14:1-11**
 2. In which Lot is captured, and then rescued by Abram (Abraham) – **Genesis 14:12-17**
 3. Upon his return, Abram is met by Melchizedek – **Genesis 14:18**
 - a. Who is “*king of Salem*”(thought to be later known as Jerusalem)
 - b. Who is also “*the priest of God Most High*”
 4. In this meeting, two things happen ...
 - a. Melchizedek blesses Abram (Abraham) – **Genesis 14:19**
 - b. Abram pays tithes to Melchizedek – **Genesis 14:20b**

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- **In referring to Melchizedek, the author of Hebrews ...**
 1. Summarizes the events in **Hebrews 7:1-2**
 - a. How Melchizedek met Abraham and blessed him
 - b. How Abraham gave “*a tenth part of all*” (i.e., tithes) to Melchizedek
 2. Explains the meaning of his name and title – **Hebrews 7:2**
 - a. The name “*Melchizedek*” means “*king of righteousness*”
 - b. The title “*king of Salem*” means “*king of peace*”
 3. Makes some intriguing statements about Melchizedek ...
 - a. “*without father, without mother, without genealogy*”
 - b. “*having neither beginning of days nor end of life*”
 - c. “*made like unto the Son of God*”
 - d. “*remains/ abideth a priest continually*”

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Appointed by God. Hebrews 5:1-6

- Not Law of Moses. Hebrews 7:12; 8:4
- Priestly service gives access to God’s mercy. Hebrews 4:14-16; 6:19-20

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Access to God. Hebrews 8:1-3

- **Like Melchizedek.** Hebrews 7:1-3
 - Divine appointment. Hebrews 7:3 (5:4, 6)
 - Unchangeable. Hebrews 7:3, 20-25
 - Perpetual service and access to mercy. Hebrews 7:25 (4:16); 8:1-2; 9:11-15

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Blessings from God

Hebrews 8:1-3

- **Our salvation and service.** Hebrews 10:19-25
- **High Priest is also King of Righteousness and Peace.** Jeremiah 23:5; Zechariah 6:12-13

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Blessings from God

Hebrews 8:1-3

There is now a better hope. Hebrews 7:19

- Now we can draw near to God.
- Not possible under the law. Hebrews 10:1-4

Christ's superior priesthood is the basis of that hope.

- Priest after the order of Melchizedek.
- Passed through the heavens. Hebrews 4:14
- Sympathize with our weaknesses. Hebrews 4:15
- Through Him we may "*come boldly to the throne of grace*" and "*obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need*" Hebrews 4:16

Christ's superior priesthood is the basis of that hope.

- Levitical priesthood does not provide what man really needs ... Access to God. Hebrews 4:16; 7:11ff, 18-19
- There has been a change in the Law ... replaced with a new covenant. Hebrews 8
- In Jesus, our hope in drawing near to God is much better than ever before.

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Psalms 110:5-7

"The Lord at thy right hand will strike through kings in the day of his wrath. He will judge among the nations, He will fill (the places) with dead bodies; He will strike through the head in many countries. He will drink of the brook in the way: therefore will he lift up the head."

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Judge the Nations

Psalms 2:8-12

- Providentially. Matthew 23:38; 24:15, 28-35; Acts 17:26; 12:23 (1 Timothy 2:2)
- Final judgment of all. Acts 17:30-31

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Judge in the Day of Wrath Psalms 110:5

- Nations. Revelation 6:15-17
- Individuals. Romans 2:5-6
- Justice and Punishment. Psalms 110:6-7; Isaiah 11:3-5
 - He knows man. John 2:24-25
 - Wrath and mercy. Revelation 19:15; Psalms 2:11-12

What does Psalms 110 teach Us?

1. Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. This refers to His exaltation and enthronement. The significance of this verse is seen in the fact that it is mentioned approximately twenty times in the New Testament.
2. His power, His authority, His scepter. He is the exalted One, the enthroned One, the Victor, and the One who has the scepter. The rod is in His hand (verse 2).
3. The victory of Christ. He has won the victory, and He is going to win many more victories. The fact that God has promised to make all His enemies His footstool is an aspect of His victory.

What does Psalms 110 teach Us?

4. Christ is still fighting, and He will fight to the end. In verse 3 we have this phrase: *"In the day of thy power."* The word "power" in this phrase has another meaning. The margin of the American Standard Version says, *"in the day of thy army,"* and the Goodspeed translation has *"on your day of war."* It is not only the day of His power, but also the day of His fighting. God's people will fight for His cause (not physical warfare with physical weapons).

5. He is today the Priest. He is the King, He is the Warrior, and He is also the Priest. He is a Priest according to the order of Melchizedek, not according to the law of a carnal commandment, but in the power of an endless life (Hebrews 7:16).

6. He will eventually return to judge all nations.

Son of
David
LORD OF
DAVID
SON OF
GOD

*"What do you think about the
Christ? Whose Son is He?"*

Matthew 22:42

Jesus' audience did not question
His application of this to the
Messiah (or Christ).

The preeminent king of Judah would not prophetically call his descendant **Lord** (*kurion*), i.e., "master," unless there was something about his nature and standing that attained a higher rank than David. But, how could one attain a higher rank than the king?