

Jesus' Priesthood is Better

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Hebrews 7:1-2, *“This Melchizedek was king of the city of Salem and also a priest of God Most High. When Abraham was returning home after winning a great battle against the kings, Melchizedek met him and blessed him. ² Then Abraham took a tenth of all he had captured in battle and gave it to Melchizedek. The name Melchizedek means “king of righteousness,” and king of Salem means “king of peace.”*

Genesis 14:17-20, *“After Abram returned from his victory over Kedorlaomer and the kings with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet Abram. ¹⁸ And Melchizedek, the king of Salem and a priest of God Most High, brought Abram some bread and wine. ¹⁹ Melchizedek blessed Abram with this blessing: “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. ²⁰ And blessed be God Most High, who has defeated your enemies for you.” Then Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of all the goods he had recovered.”*

1. Melchizedek is Greater than Abraham

Hebrews 7:3-4, *There is no record of his father or mother or any of his ancestors—no beginning or end to his life. He remains a priest forever, resembling the Son of God. ⁴ Consider then how great this Melchizedek was. Even Abraham, the great patriarch of Israel, recognized this by giving him a tenth of what he had taken in battle.”*

Hebrews 7:5, *“Now the law of Moses required that the priests, who are descendants of Levi, must collect a tithe from the rest of the people of Israel, who are also descendants of Abraham.*

2. The Priesthood of Melchizedek is Greater than the Levitical Priesthood

Hebrews 7:6, *“But Melchizedek, who was not a descendant of Levi, collected a tenth from Abraham. And Melchizedek placed a blessing upon Abraham, the one who had already received the promises of God.*

Genesis 12:1-3, *“The Lord said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make your name great, and you will be a blessing to others. ³ I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”*

Hebrews 7:7, 9-10, “*And without question, the person who has the power to give a blessing is greater than the one who is blessed.* ⁹*In addition, we might even say that these Levites—the ones who collect the tithe—paid a tithe to Melchizedek when their ancestor Abraham paid a tithe to him.* ¹⁰*For although Levi wasn’t born yet, the seed from which he came was in Abraham’s body when Melchizedek collected the tithe from him.*”

3. The Levitical Priesthood was Always Meant to be Temporary

Colossians 1:16-18, “*By Jesus all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Jesus and for Jesus.* ¹⁷*He is before all things, and in Jesus all things hold together.* ¹⁸*Jesus is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that Jesus Himself will come to have first place in everything.*”

Hebrews 7:11, “*So if the priesthood of Levi, on which the law was based, could have achieved the perfection God intended, why did God need to establish a different priesthood, with a priest in the order of Melchizedek instead of the order of Levi and Aaron?*”

4. Jesus’ Priesthood is Better than All