

# Not Fitting the Mold

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RECAP:	<p>So last week we started looking at Melchizedek and how He points to Jesus.</p> <p>—We saw that His name means king of righteousness and he is king of the city called peace.</p> <p>— —So, we looked at the fact that Jesus is the eternal King of righteousness and He is the eternal King of peace.</p> <p>— — —We saw that Melchizedek was a priest to the most high God. Jesus is the high priest forever and His priesthood aligns with Melchizedeks.</p> <p>— — — —Melchizedek was a gentile and he was the priest of the Most High God to anyone who would follow the Most High God.</p> <p>— — — — —We saw this seemingly insignificant figure, Melchizedek, pointing us to Christ in big ways.</p>
INTRODUCTION:	<p>Today we will look further into this narrative on Melchizedek and Abraham.</p> <p>—We will see that Melchizedek is pointing us to Christ and His greatness.</p> <p>—We will see how Melchizedek doesn't follow the mold that we typically see priests in and why that is important.</p> <p>—We will see that we are called to be different and not fit into the mold of the world.</p> <p>—We will see that Christ's work is eternal and He will complete it.</p>
Passage Begins	

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<p><b>Hebrews 7:1–10 (NASB95): 1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham as he was returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,</b></p> <p><b>2 to whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all the spoils, was first of all, by the translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace.</b></p> <p><b>3 Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually.</b></p> <p><b>4 Now observe how great this man was to whom Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth of the choicest spoils.</b></p> <p><b>5 And those indeed of the sons of Levi who receive the priest’s office have commandment in the Law to collect a tenth from the people, that is, from their brethren, although these are descended from Abraham.</b></p> <p><b>6 But the one whose genealogy is not traced from them collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed the one who had the promises.</b></p> <p><b>7 But without any dispute the lesser is blessed by the greater.</b></p> <p><b>8 In this case mortal men receive tithes, but in that case one receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives on.</b></p> <p><b>9 And, so to speak, through Abraham even Levi, who received tithes, paid tithes,</b></p> <p><b>10 for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.</b></p>	<p>So we looked into Melchizedek and His name last week and today we will start off looking at this interaction with Melchizedek and Abraham.</p> <p>— Abraham was coming back from defeating groups up in northern Canaan when Melchizedek met him with bread and wine.</p> <p>— — <b>READ: Genesis 14:18 (NASB95): 18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High.</b></p> <p>— — — Melchizedek met Abraham and offered him bread and wine but we are told that Melchizedek blessed Abraham and Abraham offered a tithe to Melchizedek.</p> <p>— — — — Now this is an interesting thing that has happened. Why?</p> <p>— — — — — Well, Abraham was the great Old Testament Patriarch of Israel.</p>
	<p>But Abraham accepts a blessing from Melchizedek and Abraham give a tithe to Melchizedek.</p> <p>— These are telling actions as we will look at closer in verses to come.</p> <p>— — But Abraham, accepting Melchizedek’s blessing and paying him a tithe, means that Abraham recognized Melchizedek as a representative of God.</p> <p>— — — As we will look at next week, the one who is blessed is lesser than the one being blessed.</p> <p>— — — — <b>READ: Hebrews 7:7 (NASB95): 7 But without any dispute the lesser is blessed by the greater.</b></p> <p>— — — — — This is a big statement that is made.</p>

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	<p>Abraham, father Abraham, is put in the position of being less than Melchizedek?</p> <p>—Melchizedek, the non-Israelite, priest of the Most High God, king is greater than Abraham.</p> <p>— — This is what we will learn over the next couple weeks.</p> <p>— — — Once again we see that Melchizedek is pointing us to Christ because Christ is greater than Abraham.</p> <p>— — — — What we will see as we get further in our study in Melchizedek is that Jesus is greater than Melchizedek as well. Jesus is greater than anyone or anything.</p> <p>— — — — — <b><u>READ: John 8:53–59 (NASB95): 53</u></b></p> <p><b>“Surely You are not greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets died too; whom do You make Yourself out to be?” 54 Jesus answered, “If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; it is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God’; 55 and you have not come to know Him, but I know Him; and if I say that I do not know Him, I will be a liar like you, but I do know Him and keep His word. 56 “Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.” 57 So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” 58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.” 59 Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.</b></p>

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	<p>We need to start accepting that Jesus is greater.</p> <p>— We may say that we think Jesus is greater but do our lives reflect what our words are saying?</p> <p>— — Jesus is greater than our own perception of ourselves; whether good or bad. His truth is what matters.</p> <p>— — — <b>READ: 1 John 3:19–20 (NASB95): 19 We will know by this that we are of the truth, and will assure our heart before Him. 20 in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart and knows all things.</b></p> <p>— — — — Jesus is greater than our perception of religion.</p> <p>— — — — — <b>READ: Matthew 12:6 (NASB95): 6 “But I say to you that something greater than the temple is here.</b></p> <p>— — — — — — The temple represented religion, lifestyle, identity, morality, and so much more; but Christ is greater than all of that.</p> <p>— — — — — — — Christ is greater than our enemies, than worldly wisdom, than anything the world can give, than our guilt, than death, and the list goes on and on. Do you truly believe this? Does your life reflect this? If you answered yes, what is the physical evidence of your belief?</p>
<p><b>3 Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually.</b></p>	<p>Verse 3 is an interesting verse and if it is taken out of context one would conclude that Jesus is Melchizedek.</p> <p>— That is not right. Jesus and Melchizedek are not the same person. So what is the verse saying?</p> <p>— — Does this passage say that Melchizedek just appeared and is still alive? No Mother, no father, no family, no end of his life?</p> <p>— — — But if we look at this verse closer it is not talking about Melchizedek as a person but more about his priesthood.</p> <p>— — — — Albert Mohler wrote, “Melchizedek was not a priest because his father was a priest, nor was he a priest who had successors.”</p> <p>— — — — — Priests in Israel were determined based on the law of Moses and were descendants of Aaron.</p>

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	<p>William Hendriksen wrote, “A priest presented sacrifices from the people to God and served as an intermediary between man and God. Thus a priest is one who brings men near to God, who leads them into the presence of God.”</p> <p>— In order to be a priest a person had to have the right genealogy.</p> <p>— — This genealogy was of utmost importance and had to be right for a person to be a priest.</p> <p>— — — The author of Hebrews contrast the priestly line that Israel was use to Melchizedek’s priesthood.</p> <p>— — — — He does not have the genealogy, his father’s name is not mentioned, nor his mother’s name; yet he is a priest to the Most High God and greater than Abraham.</p> <p>— — — — — His age is not even mentioned making Melchizedek unique. He does not fit in the human mold of measuring.</p>

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	<p>God has called us to be unique as well.</p> <p>— We are called not to fit into the world’s mold of what people should be like.</p> <p>— — <b>READ: 1 John 2:15–17 (NASB95):</b> 15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. 17 The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.</p> <p>— — — The world and its view of what a human should be like is continually passing away but the will of God is forever.</p> <p>— — — — <b>READ: 1 John 1:6–7 (NASB95):</b> 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;</p> <p>7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.</p> <p>— — — — <b>READ: Galatians 2:20 (NASB95):</b> 20 “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.</p>

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	<p>Melchizedek’s priesthood will continue for all eternity because Jesus is a priest in the priesthood of Melchizedek.</p> <p>— <b>READ: Psalm 110:1–4 (NASB95):</b> 1 The Lord says to my Lord: “Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.” 2 The Lord will stretch forth Your strong scepter from Zion, saying, “Rule in the midst of Your enemies.” 3 Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power; In holy array, from the womb of the dawn, Your youth are to You as the dew. 4 The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind, “You are a priest forever <b>According to the order of Melchizedek.</b>”</p> <p>— — Andrew Murray wrote, “So had God prepared in him a wondrous prophecy of His Son, whose right to the priesthood lay in no earthly birth but in His being the Son of God from eternity to eternity.”</p> <p>— — — Melchizedek’s perpetually priesthood points to the everlasting priesthood of Christ.</p> <p>— — — — A priesthood where Jesus will do His work for all eternity. Proving eternal life for those who choose Him and come to Him.</p> <p>— — — — — Murray wrote, “He (Jesus) lives forever; therefore, He can save completely.”</p> <p>— — — — — Jesus continues to work in us so that we no long have to rest on our efforts, or on our ability to change, or our hope to succeed, but we rest on the unchangeable God with the unchangeable High Priest after the order of Melchizedek.</p>
	<p>So, what is our take away? What is our practical application?</p> <p>— Just like Melchizedek God calls us to a different work than the world is doing; are you doing the world’s work or the work of God?</p> <p>— Jesus is greater than anyone and anything; as believers we need to believe that and embrace that.</p> <p>— Jesus’ priestly work will continue for all eternity; He never sets it down so we can be sure that He will continue His work completely.</p>

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