
Week 17 Sermon, January 14, 2024
Hebrews 7:1-10 – *King and Priest*

Discussion Questions

1. The author of Hebrews states Jesus is a “high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek” (6:20). What else can we learn about Christ’s priestly service? Look back to earlier chapters: 2:17, 3:1, 4:14-16, 5:5-6, 9-10 as well as forward to 10:19-25. How can we turn our affections back to Christ when we are tempted to fall away?
2. Who is Melchizedek? Read Genesis 14. What does David say about him in Psalm 110? Some believe he is an angelic being, some that he is the pre-incarnate Christ; however, he is described as a man, king of Salem and priest of the Most High God. He is also described in verse 3 as “resembling the Son of God.” Melchizedek serves as a type. Discuss the difference between *allegorical* interpretation and *typological* interpretation. As he points to Christ, what is the significance of Melchizedek being a king of righteousness and of peace, as well as a priest?
3. What is the implication of Melchizedek not having the proper priestly lineage? Why is it important that Abraham gave him a tithe? Discuss verse 7. How do we know we have a superior priesthood in Jesus Christ (Hebrews 7:25)?
4. Read verse 2 over again and consider what C.H. Spurgeon preached on this verse:
“‘First King of righteousness, and after that also King of peace.’ Note well the order of these two, and the dependence of the one upon the other; for there could be no true peace that was not grounded upon righteousness; and out of righteousness peace is sure to spring up. Righteousness is essential to peace; if it were not first, peace could not be second...He is, first, King of righteousness. He knew that he could not be King of peace to us till, first of all, he had woven a perfect righteousness in the loom of his life, and dyed it in his own heart’s blood in his death. . . .”¹
5. Take some time in prayer to the King and Priest who has saved you to the uttermost, who is your righteousness, who gives you peace. If time allows, sing “*Christ, the True and Better*” (see lyrics on next page).

Additional Reflection:

Our Christian growth comes through both grace and knowledge (2 Peter 3:18). Knowledge makes us more accountable but it is grace that helps us grow in holiness. Read Titus 2:11-12. What does grace train us to do? How could you improve putting into practice the knowledge you have attained?

¹ February 3, 1884 Scripture: Hebrews 7:2 From: *Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit*, Volume 30.

Christ, the True and Better

By Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Keith Getty

Christ, the true and better Adam
Son of God and Son of man
Who, when tempted in the garden
Never yielded, never sinned
He, who makes the many righteous
Brings us back to life again
Dying, He reversed the curse, then
Rising, crushed the serpent's head.

Christ, the true and better Isaac
Humble son of sacrifice
Who would climb the fearful mountain
There to offer up his life
Laid with faith upon the altar
Father's joy and only son
There salvation was provided
Oh, what full and boundless love

Amen! Amen!
From beginning to end
Christ the story, His the glory
Alleluia! Amen!

Christ, the true and better Moses
Called to lead a people home
Standing bold to earthly powers
God's great glory to be known
With his arms stretched wide to heaven
See the waters part in two
See the veil is torn forever
Cleansed with blood we pass now through

Amen! Amen!
From beginning to end
Christ the story, His the glory
Alleluia! Amen!

Christ, the true and better David
Lowly shepherd, mighty king
He the champion in the battle
Where, o death, is now thy sting?
In our place He bled and conquered
Crown Him Lord of majesty
His shall be the throne forever
We shall e'er His people be

Amen! Amen!
From beginning to end
Christ the story, His the glory
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