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Hebrews 7:1-17

¹ For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, ² and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and

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then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. ³ He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever. ⁴ See how great this man was to whom Abraham the

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patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils! ⁵
And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, though these also are descended from Abraham. ⁶ But this

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man who does not have his descent from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.

⁷ It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. ⁸ In the one case tithes are received by mortal men, but in the other case, by one of whom it

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is testified that he lives. ⁹ One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, ¹⁰ for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. ¹¹ Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for

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under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? ¹² For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a

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change in the law as well. ¹³ For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. ¹⁴ For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said

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nothing about priests.¹⁵ This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek,¹⁶ who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life.

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¹⁷ For it is witnessed of him,

“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”



The Resurrected Priest

The gospel message as it is given in God's Word is true; Christ has died for sins and has been resurrected to serve as a faithful, sympathetic, powerful, and eternal high priest for all who believe upon Him.

The Resurrected Priest

Let us examine ourselves and make sure that our response to the Gospel is right. The call of the Gospel is to repent and to believe. Belief means that our lives [our priorities, habits, and desires] reflect that we really believe this is true.

The Resurrected Priest

The Greatness of Melchizedek

- Greater than Abraham
 - Greater than the Levitical Priests
- < Jesus is Greater!

Genesis 14:17-20

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).¹⁸ And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.)

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¹⁹ And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; ²⁰ and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

His name means King of Righteousness

He is the King of Peace

He is both a King + Priest

He is a priest of the Most High God

He gives bread + wine as gifts

He has the right to bless

He receives a tithe as an act of worship

His life points to the sovereign power of God

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³ He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever.

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⁴ See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils!

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⁵ And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, though these also are descended from Abraham.

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⁶ But this man who does not have his descent from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. ⁷ It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior.

Hebrews 7:8-10

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He is Christ the Righteous

He is the One who makes Peace

He is both a King + Priest

He is the Most High God

He blesses us with His broken body and His blood as gifts [bread + wine]

He is worthy of worship

His life points to the sovereign power of God



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