



JESUS

Up **C**lose and **P**ersonal

A Study of Hebrews | The Pastors' Bible Study 2013-2014

Hebrews 7:1-10
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Introduction

Hebrews 7:1-10

Hebrews 7:1-3

¹ This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met

Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him, ² and Abraham

gave him a tenth of everything. First, the name Melchizedek means “king of

righteousness”; then also, “king of Salem” means “king of peace.” ³ Without father

or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, resembling

the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.

King of Righteousness

Priest

Abraham gave him tithes

Blessed Abraham

No genealogy

Priest Forever

Hebrews 7:4-10

⁴ Just think how great he was: Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth of the plunder!

⁵ Now the law requires the descendants of Levi who become priests to collect a tenth from the people—that is, from their fellow Israelites—even though they also are descended from Abraham. ⁶ This man, however, did not trace his descent from Levi, yet he collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. ⁷ And without doubt the lesser is blessed by the greater. ⁸ In the one case, the tenth is collected by people who die; but in the other case, by him who is declared to be living. ⁹ One might even say that Levi, who collects

the tenth, paid the tenth through Abraham,¹⁰ because when Melchizedek met Abraham, Levi was still in the body of his ancestor.

7:4 Just think how great HE was...therefore

7:5-10 relationship to Levi

Why is Melchizedek important to us today? What does this passage tell us about Jesus?

Reflection Questions

1. The writer to the Hebrews says that Jesus is better than...13 times in the letter. What are some of the things this writer says Jesus is better than?
2. Ask yourself the question, do I think Jesus is better than _____ (fill in the blank). There are many things in our own lives that we demonstrate by the way we live that we think are actually better than Jesus. If someone were to observe your life, who/what would they say you think is better/best?? (think of the way you spend your time/talent/money)
3. What is the significance of tithing in Hebrews 7:1-10 (from Genesis 14)? How does the passage demonstrate the importance of Abraham tithing to Melchizedek? What is the significance of tithing to you?
4. Melchizedek gave Abraham a blessing, an important practice for the Jewish people. How does God bless us? How do you count your blessings?
5. It is also important for us to pass along blessings to others. Who can you bless this Thanksgiving week?