

Melchizedek the Priest - Hebrews 7:1-10

Topics: Blessing, Comparisons, Greatness, Heritage, Jesus Christ, Mediator, Peace, Righteousness, Tithing

Open It

1. What does your name mean?
2. Does the meaning of your name fit your personality?
- * 3. What person from history do you most admire? Why?
4. If you could have dinner with any three Bible characters, whom would you choose? Why?

Explore It

- * 5. Who was Melchizedek? (7:1)
6. How was Melchizedek associated with Abraham? (7:1)
7. What did Abraham give to Melchizedek? (7:2)
8. What does the name Melchizedek mean? (7:2)
9. What is significant about the title, “king of Salem”? (7:2)
- * 10. What about the Genesis record of Melchizedek’s life foreshadowed or anticipated the priesthood of Christ? (7:3)
- * 11. How do we know that Melchizedek was “great”? (7:4)
12. How did the Mosaic law ensure that the Levitical priests were provided for? (7:5)
13. Why was it unusual for Melchizedek to receive a tithe from Abraham? (7:6)
14. What did the ancient practice of one person blessing another say about the two parties involved? (7:7)
15. How did the tithe collected by Melchizedek differ from the tithes collected by the Levites? (7:8)
16. How did Levi—the yet-unborn collector of tithes—pay tithes to Melchizedek? (7:9-10)

Get It

- * 17. In what ways is Jesus like Melchizedek?
18. What point is there in seeing that the historical Melchizedek was greater than Abraham and Levi?
- * 19. What does it mean to you that Christ, like Melchizedek, is both a great king and priest?
20. In what ways has Christ blessed you?
21. Why is it important to tithe or give to God?
22. What kind of behavior should the greatness of Christ elicit from us?
23. What does it mean that Christ is a high priest forever?

Apply It

- * 24. Because Jesus is great and worthy of our all, what gift of time, money, or energy will you give to Him this week?
25. What insight from this passage can you meditate upon today to keep you from drifting away from Christ?
26. In what way can you honor Christ this week?