

November 2, 2025

Digging deeper: Hebrews 7:1-10 (A Higher Priest)

Slide 1: 0 min

Psalm 76:1-2 (NASB)

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His tabernacle is in Salem; His dwelling place also is in Zion.

Slide 2: 0 min

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Slide 3 (7 min)

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- What four titles of honor did Melchizedek hold?
- Why do you think there is a distinction made between his name and his position?
- What similarities are there between Melchizedek's titles and those of Christ Jesus?

Slide 4 (8 min)

Read Genesis 14:8-9, 14-25

- Why do you think the King of Jerusalem (Salem) bestowed a blessing upon Abraham?
- How and why did Abraham recognize Melchizedek, and not the king of Sodom?

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Read Exodus 2:1-3, 28:1

- What tribe/priesthood is associated with the law?

Read Romans 7:1-6, 8:1-4

- Why do you *think* Christ Jesus must come from a *different* tribe and priesthood?
- Discuss how believers are under Grace and not law.
- How does it make you feel that Christ Jesus will be your King and Priest forever?

Cathy's Observations

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What four titles of honor did Melchizedek hold? (King of Salem, priest of God Most High, king of justice (his name), and king of peace (his position)).

Why do you think there is a distinction made between his name and his position?
(The position of king awaits a successor, but with a different person on the throne; but as a priest and child of God, he was known by way of his name as serving with justice.)

What similarities are there between Melchizedek's titles and those of Christ Jesus?
(Jesus is our eternal King & Priest, bringing true Justice and Peace.)

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Why do you think the King of Jerusalem (Salem) bestowed a blessing upon Abraham?
(God brought peace to the region through Abraham; Melchizedek recognized that his God gave Abraham victory. But it also demonstrates his superiority to bless Abraham.)

How and why did Abraham recognize Melchizedek, and not the king of Sodom?
(With a tithe because Abraham recognized his superiority and priestly role.)

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(Levi, Levitical)

Read Romans 7:1-6, 8:1-4

- Why do you *think* Christ Jesus must come from a different tribe and priesthood?
(The tribe of Levi was designated as priests under the law; Christ has done away

with the law, which could never save, and being *made right* with God is now by His sacrifice and Grace.)

- Discuss how believers are under Grace and not law.
(By believing in Christ for Salvation, trusting that He did “the work” to perfection and was without sin and could take our place of punishment.)
- How does it make you feel that Christ Jesus will be your King and Priest forever?