

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: MYSTERY OF MELCHIZEDEK

Main Text: Heb 7:1-11

Sermon Description: The theological significance of Melchizedek's unique priesthood has been anticipated in the context prior to this section of Hebrews. The specific Psalm 110 reference is first mentioned in 5:6 followed by verse 10, again referring to Christ's unique priesthood. 5:11 interrupts the exposition of this text, however, because the author has deemed it necessary to secure the attention of his audience. He does so with the stiffest of warnings against apostasy.... Are we listening today? The context ought to alert us to the important and challenging nature of these themes. In our last Hebrews message we noted the narrative of redemptive history with reference to the Abrahamic covenant is the contextual framework in the background of Heb 6:13-20. Our text today demonstrates continuity with the Genesis account of God's revelation by expounding the redemptive significance of the events immediately preceding the Abrahamic covenant. Gen 14 records an encounter with a shadowy and significant Old Testament figure. The mysterious and monumental nature of this exchange remained largely unrealized until this very moment in history when the Spirit breathed its meaning through the author of Hebrews. Many seemingly disconnected messianic realities are reconciled in the Melchizedekian order of Christ's priesthood.

Heading: MELCHIZEDEK PERSONIFIES...

1. A HIGHER ORDER (Heb 7:4-11)

- a. Prophesied (7:11, Ps 110)
- b. Prefigured (7:4-10, Gen 14:18-20)
- c. Postulated

2. (the offices of) KING AND PRIEST (Heb 7:1)

- a. Prophets (Jer 33:14-26)
- b. Two in one

3. RIGHTEOUSNESS & PEACE (Heb 7:2)

- a. Prophets (Is 9:6-7)
- b. Psalms (98)
- c. Person and place (Rom 3:26)

4. SON OF MAN & SON OF GOD (Heb 7:3)

- a. Designed anomaly
- b. Forever (7:8, 1:2,6:5)
- c. Bread & wine (Gen 14:18, Mat 26:26-28)

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Prophesied	Prefigured	King/priest	Righteousness & peace	2 in1	Jesus fulfills
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Ps 110	Gen 14:18-20	Jer 33:14-26	Is 9:6-7	Ps 98	Heb 7:1-11

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Further Study' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: Psalm 55 ...*The immovable righteous...*