

Jesus: Greater and better like Melchizedek

Hebrews 7:1-19 p. 971

- I. FOREVER AND FOR ALL: JESUS IS A PRIEST LIKE MELCHIZEDEK (HEBREWS 7:1-3).
 - A. Melchizedek, an ancient priest-king, blessed Abraham and received tithes from Abraham (7:1-2).
 - Abraham rescued his nephew Lot in battle and gained great spoils which he tithed to Melchizedek (Genesis 14).
 - B. Melchizedek pictures the priesthood of Jesus today (7:3).
 - Jesus is also a royal, timeless priest forever and for all.
- II. WORTHY: JESUS IS GREATER THAN ABRAHAM OR LEVI, LIKE MELCHIZEDEK (HEBREWS 7:4-10).
 - A. One who receives tithes is greater than one giving them (4-7).
 - B. Levi essentially paid tithes to Melchizedek like Abraham because he was Abraham's great grandson (8-10).
 - Jesus is worthy of our sacrificial giving and praise.
- III. SUFFICIENT: WE NEED JESUS SINCE THE MINISTRY OF THE LAW WAS INADEQUATE (HEBREWS 7:11-19).
 - A. The Levitical priesthood could not solve man's sin problem through the law (11-12).
 - B. Jesus, from the tribe of Judah, solved sin by His resurrection life that brings us a relationship with God Himself (13-19).