



## Melchizedek

### Who was Melchizedek?

**Genesis 14:17-20 (NASB)** <sup>17</sup> Then after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). <sup>18</sup> And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High. <sup>19</sup> He blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; <sup>20</sup> And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." He gave him a tenth of all.

### What Melchizedek teaches us about Jesus...

1) The STORIES in the Old Testament point to Jesus.

2) Jesus was a KING and a PRIEST

**Hebrews 7:14-16 (NASB)** <sup>14</sup> For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, a tribe with reference to which Moses spoke nothing concerning priests. <sup>15</sup> And this is dearer still, if another priest arises according to the likeness of Melchizedek, <sup>16</sup> who has become such not on the basis of a law of physical requirement, but according to the power of an indestructible life.

- The king was a law giver; a judge. The priest was a friend, a counselor, someone who could sympathize with people in their weakness. The king represented God to the people. The priest represented the people to God. The king was the person of truth. The priest was the person of tears.
- Melchizedek was the exception and was both. The next was Jesus.
- God speaks to us now with the justice and truth of a king but the compassion and grace of a priest. We need both.

3) Jesus can save ANYONE, ANYWHERE.

4) Jesus deserves our FIRST and our BEST.

- After Abraham won the battle, he tithed to Melchizedek. He was thanking this future picture of Jesus, the King and High Priest, for the victory.

### Additional Notes:

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### scriptures that relate

Monday: Genesis 3  
Tuesday: Genesis 4

Wednesday: Hebrews 5  
Thursday: Hebrews 6

Friday: Hebrews 7  
Saturday: Psalm 110

### small groups—talk it over

1. Which Old Testament story do you think of that reminds you of Jesus?
2. How has Jesus been a King and Priest in your life?
3. How do you give Jesus your first and your best?
4. How has Jesus been your go between?

### pastor brian's prayer requests

**Monday:** Pray for Jamie Johnson and family as they move to CCON and take over our student ministry.

**Tuesday:** Pray for Leslie Hansher, our new children's pastor, and her husband Mark, as they head to CCON.

**Wednesday:** Pray for Vacation Bible School coming to our church June 19-23.

**Thursday:** Pray for all those in our church who are hurting or struggling with physical illness.

**Friday:** Pray for marriages to be restored and healed in our congregation.

**Saturday:** Thank God for the many men and women who gave their lives for our freedom.