

The King Who Priests

Genesis 14:17-24

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BIG IDEA: God Most High sustains our relationship with Himself.

I. God kindles our worship

A. The language of worship (vv. 18-20, 22)

1. "... in the Scripture when God 'blesses' men they are thereby helped and strengthened and made better off than they were before, but when men 'bless' God he is not helped or strengthened or made better off. Rather man's blessing God is an 'expression of praising thankfulness.' When the OT speaks of blessing God it does not 'designate a process that aims at the increase of God's strength.' It is an 'exclamation of gratitude and admiration.'"

- John Piper (referencing the *Theological Handbook of the NT*)

B. The heart of worship (vv. 18, 20b)

Leviticus 27:30 | "Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord."

Deuteronomy 12:6-7 | "6 and there you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, your vow offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock. 7 And there you shall eat before the Lord your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your households, in all that you undertake, in which the Lord your God has blessed you."

Numbers 18:24 | "For the tithe of the people of Israel, which they present as a contribution to the Lord, I have given to the Levites for an inheritance. Therefore I have said of them that they shall have no inheritance among the people of Israel."

II. God cultivates our faith

A. The opportunity to trust God (vv. 17-18, 21)

B. The opportunity to share about God (vv. 22-24)

C. Someone to whom we can be accountable (vv. 18-20)

III. God provides our priest-king

A. The needed priest-king

Psalm 110:1-4 | “The LORD says to my Lord: ‘Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.’ 2 The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! 3 Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours. 4 The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, ‘You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.’”

Hebrews 5:5-10 | “5 So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, ‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you’; 6 as he says also in another place, ‘You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.’ 7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. 9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, 10 being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.”

Hebrews 6:19-20 | “19 We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, 20 where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

Hebrews 7:1-7 | “1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2 and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. 3 He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever. 4 See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils! 5 And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, though these also are descended from Abraham. 6 But this man who does not have his

descent from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. 7 It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior.”

Hebrews 7:21-25 | “... ‘The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, ‘You are a priest forever.’” 22 This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. 23 The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, 24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. 25 Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.”

B. The eternal priest-king

King-Priest					
City of Peace					
Expression of Blessing					

C. The kingdom of priests

Exodus 19:6 | “6 ‘and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

1 Peter 2:9 | “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

Benediction

Revelation 1:5-6 | “To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”