

Superior: Hebrews - Melchizedek

Icebreaker: Explain a time when you had no other recourse but appealing to God for help. What happened?

Melchizedek: a king priest found in Genesis 14 and Psalm 110...

He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek. This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him, and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, his name means “king of righteousness”; then also, “king of Salem” means “king of peace.” (Heb. 6:20b-7:2)

Ⓞ **Melchizedek: a man, an angel or a pre-incarnate appearance of Jesus?** – “Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, like the Son of God he remains a priest forever.” (Heb. 7:3) – Based on this verse, who do you think Melchizedek was? Why? If you have a study Bible or Bible study aid, what does it say?

And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears, one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life. (Heb. 7:15-16) – What feature in 15-16 distinguishes Jesus from Melchizedek?

If our High priest is also a King, then we are royalty...

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God... (1 Peter 2:9) – What image comes to mind when you think of a priest? king? Does that same image come to mind when you think about yourself being a “Royal Priesthood?” Why or why not? What area of your life looks like that of a son/daughter of a king? Which area needs improvement?

Royal family members are called to...

- **Pursue a life of nobility (holiness)** – “For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.” (1 Thes. 4:7) In what area do you need purity (holiness)?
- **Maintain a heart of loyalty (faithfulness)** – “No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” (Luke 16:13) Who or what gets the best of you in your life (your loyalty)? In other words, what competes for you loyalty towards God?
- **Practice the law of royalty (love)** – “If you keep the royal law found in Scripture, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself,’ you are doing right.” (James 2:8) What responsibilities come in the way of you loving your neighbor? What could you do otherwise?
- **Engage the role of emissary (witness)** – “Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains.” (Eph. 6:19-20a) How best do you represent the King in your workplace, home, gym, etc? Is there an area you would like to be a better witness?

Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them. (Heb. 7:25)

Which of the above bullets might God be speaking to you the most? Why?