



KEYS OF THE KINGDOM

Keys Of The Kingdom Series

Part 10

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Hebrews 7:1-10, “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. ⁸ In the one case tithes are received by mortal men, but in the other case, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. ⁹ One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, ¹⁰ for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.” May the Lord add His Blessing to the Reading and the Hearing of His Word today in Jesus Name! Amen!

Kingdom Living / Kingdom Authority / Kingdom Revitalization

Kingdom Partnership

1. Citizens of the Kingdom Strive to Honor the King by Being Subject to the King’s Dominion!

- a. Note verses 1-2, “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.”

- b. Just as Abraham, we honor the Lord with our increase with a heart of thanksgiving and gratitude! And just as Abraham gave to Melchizedek, the King of Salem, so do we honor the Lord Jesus as the Prince of Peace with a tenth part of everything that we are given! This is not done to get anything but rather our giving is predicated upon what we have already received!
- c. Abraham honored the King with the spoils of victory that were won in His Arena of Dominion! And we should strive to do the same! We should seek to honor the King with the first fruits of our provisions that were provided for in His Arena of Dominion!
- d. In light of this truth, what is the Lord's dominion? King David gives us some insight found in Psalm 24:1-2, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, ²for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers."
- e. So if the Earth is the Lord's, the fullness thereof, the world itself, and the existence of all that dwells therein; it would seem to easily surmise that we should seek to honor the Lord with the first fruits of our provisions that were provided for in His Arena of Dominion! Everything we own and everything we are is subject to His Dominion! In Him we live, move and have our very being!

f. Remember, Citizens of the Kingdom Strive to Honor the King by Being Subject to the King's Dominion!

2. Citizens of the Kingdom Embrace the Spiritual Importance of the Inferior being Blessed by the Superior!

- a. Verse 4-7, “⁴See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils! ⁵And 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. ⁶But this man who does not have his descent from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. ⁷It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior.”
- b. Often, the context of blessing seemingly implicates a blessing coming down from Heaven to Earth; seemingly from the Superior to the Inferior.
- c. But according to this text regarding our obedience to the Word of God, which includes our giving of tithe and offerings, notates that the Blessing flows both ways. The Blessing is Reciprocal! The Blessing OF the Lord produces Blessing FROM the Lord!

- d. Genesis 14:17-20, “¹⁷ 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). ¹⁸ And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) ¹⁹ And he blessed him and said, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; ²⁰ and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!” And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.”
- e. Notice with me the grammatical structure of verse 19, Blessed be Abraham! Blessed be God Most High! Notice that the Blessing is being pronounced in both directions at the same time! The Blessing OF the Lord produces Blessing FROM the Lord!
- f. Psalm 103:1-5, “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! ² Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, ³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵ who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.”

- g. Remember, Citizens of the Kingdom Embrace the Spiritual Importance of the Inferior being Blessed by the Superior but also the Inferior Blessing the Superior!

3. Citizens of the Kingdom Invest their Temporal Means for an Eternal Reward of a Generational Blessing!

- a. Allow me to pose a question to you all as we prepare to close our time together today... Is what you are currently doing and modeling for your children and spouse establishing a precedence that would not only have an impact in the immediate and in the eternal? I pose this question because according to our primary text for today, Abraham's actions had a generational impact that was still echoing into the future, several generations later.

- b. Verses 8-10, “⁸In the one case tithes are received by mortal men, but in the other case, by one of whom it is testified that he lives.

⁹One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, ¹⁰for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.”

- c. If one has been around church and preaching for any length of time, one passage of text that seems to be a central theme of conversation is the passage of text found in Proverbs 22:6, “Train

up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

- d. In light of this text and this closing point, I reached out to a dear brother and elder in this house to get his input regarding generational blessing and the impact that our actions have on the generations that are to come.
- e. The following was his response, and I quote, *“We know that we should train up a child in the way he should go, and he will not depart from it. We also know that our example is crucial and the key to it all appears, to me, to be the words that we speak over a child in the womb. That way, we can be determining what our seed will be as God knits it together in the womb. We know that a mother who reads to a child during pregnancy will affect its desire to learn. A mother who plays music to her child during pregnancy affects its love for music. We should speak the promises of God over our child while in the womb. Remember that John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Spirit in the womb.”*
- f. This dear brother went on to share with me the following, *“Much literature contains discussion of the prospect of the need to break generational curses. More than likely, that would be centered around familiar spirits. The Spanish word is "familia". These spirits*

*know more about you than you know about yourself. Very little seems to recognize that generational BLESSINGS from the past may need to be unlocked. Surely, we all have had many ancestors that were godly, and perhaps wealthy... So, how do we break that which should be broken off our lives and release that which is part of our inheritance? We do so with our words. Isaiah 22:22, **“²² And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.”** Same thought is expressed in Revelations 3:7, **“²² And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.’”**” - Dr. James Townsend*

g. Friends, when we honor the Lord in our Christian witness, in our home, in our marriage, in our relationships, in our faith community, and in our partnership with our time, our talent and our treasures, we are creating ripples in the Spirit that will echo throughout the lives of our children, our children’s children, and as many as the Lord should call! If we have the promise of salvation to all of our generations, then we can have the promise of blessings in every way as well!