

Hebrews Pt 11 Melchizedek, Abraham, and Our High Priest

Central Theme:

How the mystery of Melchizedek points to Jesus' eternal priesthood and calls us to carry a holy burden for those who are far from God.

Key Scriptures:

Hebrews 7:1–10; Genesis 13–14; Psalm 110:4; Matthew 26:57–68; Isaiah 53; Hebrews 6:13; Numbers 4:3; 2 Peter 2:7

I. Opening and Focus Text (Hebrews 7:1–10)

- Melchizedek: king of Salem (peace), king of righteousness; priest of God Most High
- Abraham gives a tenth; Melchizedek blesses Abraham
- Emphasis: “made like unto the Son of God... a priest continually” (Hebrews 7:3)

II. Why Melchizedek Matters

- Rare union of king and priest, anticipating David and fulfilled perfectly in Jesus
- Jesus' priesthood is not Levitical; He is from Judah and serves under a different order
- Melchizedek appears in Genesis 14, Psalm 110, Hebrews 5 and 7

III. Jesus the Greater High Priest

- Before Caiaphas: Jesus' silence fulfills Isaiah 53; contrast with the old system (Matthew 26)
- Levitical limitations versus Christ's eternal mediation; tearing of the high priest's garment and its implications under the law
- Jesus' baptism as consecration: washed and anointed by the Spirit; age 30 motif of readiness; He is the Lion of Judah, not Levi
- The divine oath: God swears by Himself (Hebrews 6:13), grounding Christ's unchangeable priesthood

IV. Backstory in Genesis 13

- Abraham and Lot separate due to growth and strife among herds
- Lot chooses the fertile way toward Sodom; Abraham follows God's leading
- The moral setting evokes "days of Lot and Noah": ordinary life while judgment approaches

V. The Battle and the Rescue (Genesis 14)

- Valley of Siddim: slime pits; conflict among kings; Lot captured
- Abraham musters 318 trained men born in his house; night pursuit and recovery of Lot and goods
- Courageous love from a covenant man rather than a career warrior

VI. The Meeting with Melchizedek (Genesis 14)

- Melchizedek brings bread and wine; pronounces blessing; Abraham gives a tithe
- Bread and wine foreshadow Passover and the Lord's Supper
- God meets faithful obedience with grace and communion

VII. Living Under a Better Priesthood

- We bring people not to condemnation but to Jesus, who lives to intercede forever
- Carry a holy burden for the "Lot" in your life; move from waiting at the tent door to obedient action and prayer
- Trust that God is at work with both Abraham and Lot; He knows where each one is

VIII. Practical Pathways

- Pray by name for your "Lot" and ask God for timing, words, and open doors
- Go where they are; serve tangibly; share your testimony centered on Christ's broken body and shed blood

- Keep watch like the wise with lamps trimmed and oil full; live ready in days like Lot and Noah
- Practice a “communion mindset” in daily life: break bread, speak of Jesus, invite response

IX. Key Takeaways

- Jesus’ priesthood, after the order of Melchizedek, is royal, righteous, and eternal
- Costly obedience often meets bread and wine on the way back from rescue
- The gospel moves us to intercede and to act for those held captive

Questions for Reflection

- Who is your “Lot,” and what is your next faithful step to pursue and pray for them?
- Where have you been waiting at the tent instead of moving with God’s next instruction?
- How will you bring someone to Jesus this week, not to judgment but to the High Priest who welcomes them?