

*Christ In The Old Testament*  
*“The Order Of Melchisedec”*  
*Genesis 14:18-20*

**Introduction:**

1. In The World Of Technology:
  - Its Always About:
    - The Next “New” Thing!
  - Even To The Point That:
    - Technology Companies Are Punished:
      - If They Don’t Come Up With Something:
        - Entirely “New!”
  - And - One Of The Reasons Why:
    - The Stocks Of Tech Companies Like Meta & Amazon:
      - Are Trading At “New” Lows Recently:
    - Is Because Many Of The Promises:
      - Of Something “New” - Are Starting:
        - To Ring Hollow!
2. Well - If The World:
  - Is Wanting Something New:
    - All They Have To Do Is:
      - Listen & Look ToFor Jesus:
        - Who Says In Revelation 21:5:
          - “Behold, I Make All Things New!”
  - And - This Is What:
    - We Will Find - As We Continue To Look For:
      - Christ In The Old Testament:
        - Through Individual Persons:
          - Who Are Given To Us:
            - As Portraits & Types:
              - Of The Lord Jesus Christ!
  - The New You & I Need:
    - Can Be Found Completely In Him!
3. Last Sunday - We Were Reminded:
  - That We Are Members Of:
    - An Old & Sinful Race:
      - The Human Race!
    - Because Of Our Relationship To:
      - The Head Of Our Race:
        - Adam!
    - And - We Needed:
      - Something Entirely New:
        - If There Was To Be Any Hope:
          - For Our Souls!
  - But - Praise God - Jesus Came:
    - To “Make All Things New!”
      - And - As The Second Adam From Above:
        - Jesus Became The Head Of:
          - A New, Saved Race:
            - Of All Who Believe In & Belong To Him!
4. Tonight - We Are Going To See:
  - That - Because Of Our Connection:
    - To Our Old Race - We Also Needed:
      - A Mediator - Someone To Go-Between:
        - Us & God!
    - Of Course - For Much Of The Old Testament:
      - God Used Aaron & His Family:
        - To Serve As Priests:

- For His People!
  - But - Years Before Aaron & Moses:
    - Ever Came On The Scene:
      - We Meet On The Pages Of Scripture:
        - Another Priest:
          - By The Name Of:
            - Melchisedec!
5. We First Meet Melchisedec:
  - In The Book Of Genesis!
    - And There - His Name Is Given:
      - Only One Time!
    - But Then - In All The Rest Of The Old Testament:
      - He Is Only Mentioned:
        - One More Time - In The Book Of Psalms!
  - Its Only When We Come To:
    - The New Testament Book Of Hebrews:
      - Where The Significance Of His Name Is Given To Us:
        - Even As He Is Referred To Ten More Times!
  - And - Through These Passages:
    - Melchisedec - Gives Us A Picture Of:
      - The New Kind Of Priest:
        - That We Needed!
      - Because - As Members Of:
        - The Old Race:
          - We Are Sinners!
    - But He Also Shows Us:
      - The New Kind Of Priest:
        - That Is Provided To Us:
          - In Jesus Christ!
      - Because - As The Head Of:
        - A New Race:
          - He Is Our Savior!
  - And So - For Tonight:
    - We Are Going To Learn About Christ:
      - Through Melchisedec - In Reverse Order!
        - From The Last Mention:
          - To The First!
    - So - Starting In:
      - Hebrews 7 - We Find:

### ***1. The Meaning Of Melchisedec!***

- One Of The Arguments In Hebrews - Is That:
  - Sinners Like Us:
    - Need A Different Kind Of Priest!
      - A Different Kind Of Mediator:
        - Than What Was Made Available:
          - Through The Family Of Aaron!
  - And So - The Priesthood Of Melchisedec:
    - Is Greater Than:
      - The Priesthood Of Aaron!
- And Since Jesus:
  - Is A Priest:
    - "After The Order Of Melchisedec!"
      - Which Is Mentioned Several Times:
        - In Chapters 5 & 6 & 7 (5:6, 10; 6:20)
    - Then - This Makes What We Find:
      - In 7:25 - Possible!
        - "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him,

seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them!”

- This Is Why:
  - We Need A New Kind Of Priest!
    - So That We Might Be:
      - Saved - “To The Uttermost!”
  - Because - Everlasting Salvation:
    - Can Only Come Through:
      - An Everlasting Savior:
      - And High Priest!
  - But - Back In 7:3:
    - We Are Told That:
      - This Is Why The Encounter Between:
        - Abraham & Melchisedec:
          - Was Recorded In The Pages Of Scripture!
    - It Was Because:
      - “Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually!”
        - So - There’s A Likeness & A Resemblance Between:
          - Melchisedec & Jesus!
            - He’s A Type!
  - And - This Takes Us Back To:

## 2. ***The Message Of Melchisedec!***

- That We Find In Psalm 110!
  - This Short Psalm Was Given By God:
    - To David - About Jesus!
      - We Know This Because:
        - Jesus Himself Used This Psalm:
          - To Stymie The Jews About Their Knowledge About The Messiah!
  - Let’s Now Read The First 4 Verses Of This Psalm!
    - Psalm 110:1-4 - “The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. / The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. / Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth. / The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek!”
  - So - Even As The Priesthood Of Israel:
    - Was Still Serving - During The Reign Of David!
      - Which Was The Priesthood:
        - Of Aaron!
    - David Writes About:
      - Another Priesthood!
        - “After The Order Of Melchisedec!”
    - Which Showed That:
      - There Was A Need:
        - For A New & A Greater:
          - Priest - In Christ!
  - And - According To This Psalm:
    - This New Priest Would Be:
- An Exclusive Priest!
  - As We Find In 110:1:
    - “The LORD Said Unto My Lord!”
      - Jehovah Said Unto My / Adonai!
        - Or - God The Father Said Unto God The Son - Who Was The Lord & Master Of Even The Great King David!
          - Because - He Was The Christ / Messiah!
  - And God The Father Made:
    - This Promise To:
      - God The Son:

- About His Exclusive Priesthood!
- This New Priest Was Also To Be:
  - An Exalted Priest!
    - As We Find In The Rest Of 110:1:
      - “Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool!”
    - So - This Coming Priest:
      - Would Be Given:
        - An Exalted Place:
          - With God!
        - Even At His “Right Hand!”
          - Which Was Considered To Be The Highest Place Of Honor And Power!
      - This Exaltation:
        - Was Given To Jesus:
          - Upon His Resurrection!
        - As We Are Told In:
          - Ephesians 1:20 - “When he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places!”
    - But - This Coming Priest:
      - Would Also Be Given:
        - An Exalted Position:
          - Over Men!
        - This Exaltation:
          - Is Referred To In:
            - 110:2 - “The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies!”
        - And - How Will Christ Rule?
          - What Is The “Rod Of His Strength?”
            - His Own Powerful Word!
          - Isaiah 11:4 - “He shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked!”
            - In Revelation - John Saw This Portrayed In A Spectacular Vision Of Jesus:
              - With A “Sharp Two-Edged Sword” Coming “Out Of His Mouth!”
              - (1:16)
      - And In This Way:
        - Christ Will Be Exalted Over All:
          - As The Great High Priest:
            - “After The Order Of Melchisedec!”
        - This New Priest Will Also Be:
    - An Effectual Priest!
      - The Words Of 110:3 Are Directed To The Lord:
        - “Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness!”
          - Though This Verse Can Be Punctuated Differently - It Seems Better For:
            - “The Beauties Of Holiness” To Describe The People Of Christ, Our Great High Priest!
          - “Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments!” (ESV)
        - In Other Words:
          - Believers In This New High Priest Will Be Given A New Heart & Will learn To Love & Serve Christ:
            - “With All Their Heart, And With All Their Soul, And With All Their Strength, And With All Their Mind!”
              - And Even Their “Neighbor As Themselves!” (Luke 10:27)
            - But Even More - They Will Be Able To:
              - “Worship The Lord In The Beauty Of Holiness!” (Psalm 29:2)
              - “In Holy Garments!” (ESV)
          - No Other Priest In All The World:
            - Can Transform Hearts & Lives:
              - Like This New Priest Can & Will!

- This New Priest Will Also Be:
- An Excellent Priest!
  - Also According To 110:3:
    - We Are Told - "From the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth!"
    - This Tells Us Something More:
      - About Jesus As The Great High Priest - And Just How:
        - Excellent He Is!
  - The "Womb Of The Morning" - Is More:
    - Than Just The Dawning:
      - Of A New Day:
        - At Sunrise!
    - It Is The Beginning:
      - Of Every Morning!
        - Which Means Before There Ever Was A Morning! Before Time!
        - Even From Eternity Past!
  - And Yet - As Ancient This Priest Will Be:
    - It Is Said Of Him:
      - "Thou Has The Dew Of Thy Youth!"
    - That Is - He Will Never Lack - And:
      - He Will Never Lose:
        - His Life & Vitality!
        - Even As A "Youth!"
  - This Is How Excellent:
    - This New Priest Will Be!
    - And - He Will Also Be:
- An Eternal Priest!
  - 110:4 - "The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek!"
    - And - Through His Eternal Character:
      - He "Is Able Also To Save Them To The Uttermost That Come Unto God By Him!" (Hebrews 7:25)
- What A Message:
  - That Comes Through Melchisedec:
    - Even In This Psalm!
  - And - All Of These Qualities:
    - Can Be Found In:
      - Our Lord Jesus Christ!
      - Even As The Book Of Hebrews:
        - Explains To Us!
  - But - There's Even More:
    - To Melchisedec - And:
      - His Likeness To Christ!
      - And This Takes Us All The Way Back To:

### 3. ***The Meeting Of Melchisedec!***

- In Genesis 14 - Where:
  - After A Great Victory:
    - By Abraham - Against A League Of Kings & Cities:
      - Who Had Taken His Nephew Lot:
        - Into Captivity!
  - We First Meet Melchisedec!
    - And Learn - Not Only:
      - The Kind Of Priest:
        - He Was! But Also:
          - More About The Kind Of Priest:
            - Christ Would Be & Is Even Today!
  - Genesis 14:18-20 - "And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. / And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of

heaven and earth: / And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all!"

- In Addition To What We Learn:
  - From Psalm 110 - Even From These Verses In Genesis:
    - We Can Learn More About:
      - Jesus Christ - As Our Great High Priest!
  - From 14:18 - Melchisedec Reveals:
- The Task Of Christ:
  - As Our Great High Priest!
    - Melchisedec Wasn't Just A Priest:
      - And - A Representative For God!
    - He Was A King:
      - And - A Ruler From God!
  - And - The Kind Of Reign:
    - He Held - Could Be Found:
      - In His Name!
    - As Hebrews 7:2 Points Out To Us:
      - His Name Means - "By Interpretation King Of Righteousness, And After That Also King Of Salem, Which Is, King Of Peace!"
  - Isn't This Who Jesus Himself:
    - Would Be & Now Is?
      - Jesus Is Both King & Priest!
        - Even - "A Priest Upon His Throne!" (Zechariah 6:13)
    - And - In Him:
      - "Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other!" (Psalm 85:10)
  - So - Melchisedec Reveals:
    - The Tasks Of Christ:
      - In His Offices As Priest & King!
    - But Also - From 14:18
      - Melchisedec Reveals:
- The Tenderness Of Christ:
  - As Our Great High Priest!
    - After All - Who Initiated The Meeting:
      - Between Abraham & Melchisedec!
        - It Was Melchisedec!
    - Because - He Is The One:
      - Who - "Brought Forth Bread And Wine" To Abraham & His Household!
  - He Brought This Food:
    - To Strengthen Them:
      - As They Were Likely Very Weary & Hungry & Thirsty From The Fight!
        - But - I Also Think:
  - He Brought This Food:
    - To Support Them & Their Cause!
      - Even To Celebrate With Abraham - And:
        - As God's Priest:
          - To Encourage Him That God Was With Him & Was On His Side!
- Isn't This A Moving Picture:
  - Of Jesus Christ - And His Grace:
    - When He Came To Us?
  - He Came In Order To Provide:
    - His Own Body & Blood:
      - To Save & Strengthen & Support Us In The Spiruiual Warfare In This World!
  - In John 6:55 - Jesus Himself Said:
    - "For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed!"
- So - Melchisedec Reveals:
  - The Tasks & The Tenderness Of Christ:
    - And His Love & Grace:
      - For The Sinners He Came To Save!
  - But Also - From 14:18-20 - Melchisedec Reveals:

- The Truth Of Christ:
  - As Our Great High Priest!
    - To Be A True "Priest Of The Most High God!"
      - That Priest Must Represent:
        - Not Only Man To God - But Also Represent:
          - God To Man! As A True & Faithful Mediator!
    - And This Is What Melchisedec Did!
  - As God's Representative:
    - In 14:19 - Melchisedec Blessed:
      - Abraham - On God's Behalf - By Saying:
        - "Blessed Be Abram Of The Most High God, Possessor Of Heaven And Earth!"
    - To "Bless" Someone:
      - In The Old Testament:
        - Was To Reveal & Confer:
          - Special Favor & Grace!
    - And So - Through Melchisedec:
      - God Was Conferring His Blessing:
        - On Abraham - In Whose "Seed Shall All The Nations Of The Earth Be Blessed!" (Genesis 22:18)
  - As Man's Representative:
    - In 14:20a - Melchisedec Blessed:
      - God - On His Own Behalf! By Saying:
        - "And Blessed Be The Most High God!"
    - So - With His Own Mouth:
      - Melchisedec Worshiped The Lord:
        - By Praising & Glorifying Him:
          - For What He Just Did For Abraham!
    - Its As If Melchisedec:
      - Was Celebrating Abraham's Victory:
        - Personally!
      - As If Abraham's Victory:
        - Was His Victory!
  - So - Melchisedec Was:
    - Faithful & True:
      - To His Role As God's Representative To Man! And - As:
        - Man's Representative To God!
    - And He Reveals:
      - The Truth Of Christ:
        - As Our Great High Priest As Well!
    - According To 1 Timothy 2:5:
      - "There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus!"
        - And Jesus Is Faithful & True:
          - As Both God & Man!
  - But Also - From 14:20 - Melchisedec Reveals:
- The Trustworthiness Of Christ:
  - As Our Great High Priest!
    - Because - Not Only Did Melchisedec:
      - Bless God - On His Own Behalf:
        - He Also Blessed God:
          - On Abraham's Behalf!
  - As Great As Abraham Was:
    - Before God - He Still Needed Someone Greater:
      - To Be His Mediator & Representative:
        - To God!
    - And - This Is What Melchisedec:
      - Was To Abraham!
        - So - Abraham Had To Trust Him & Who He Was A Picture Of!
          - Christ!
- And - Isn't This How:
  - We Are Accepted Before God:

- Even Today?
- Ephesians 1:6 - "He (God) Hath Made Us Accepted In The Beloved!"
  - Completely & Entirely:
    - In Christ!
- Melchisedec Also Reveals:
- The Triumph Of Christ!
  - In 14:20 - Because It Is Melchisedec:
    - Who Reveals To Abraham:
      - That It Was The Most High God:
        - "Which Hath Delivered Thine Enemies Into Thy Hand!"
  - That Is - It Was God:
    - Who Gave Abraham:
      - The Victory! It Was "Delivered" To Him:
        - As If It Was From God's Own Hands To Abraham's!
  - And - Isn't This Too:
    - What Christ Came To Do?
      - According To Isaiah 40:2:
        - "Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD'S hand double for all her sins!"
    - Jesus Came To Ultimately:
      - In Time - Utterly Defeat:
        - The Enemies That God:
          - Had Already Delivered:
            - Into His Hands!
  - So - Melchisedec Reveals:
    - Even The Triumph Of Christ:
      - That He Accomplished:
        - For Us - Through His Cross!
    - But - Also - He Reveals:
- The Treasure Of Christ:
  - To Those Who Believe In Him:
    - And The Work:
      - He Came To Do:
        - On Our Behalf!
  - Because - How Did Abraham Respond:
    - To Melchisedec?
      - 14:20 - "And He Gave Him Tithes Of All!"
    - This Was An Act Of Faith:
      - On Abraham's Part!
  - But - That Faith Was Expressed:
    - Through Abraham's Submission:
      - And Acceptance Of Melchisedec:
        - As The True "Priest Of The Most High God!"
    - Find It Telling In This Story:
      - That Even Though:
        - Abraham Would Not Accept Anything From:
          - The King Of Sodom!
    - He Accepted Everything:
      - Offered To Him:
        - By Melchisedec!
  - But - His Faith Was Also Expressed:
    - Through Abraham's Surrender:
      - Of His Property & His Family!
        - He Gave A Tenth! Tithe!
  - Melchisedec Was:
    - A Picture Of:
      - The Kind Of Treasure We Have:
        - In Christ!
    - Because In Him:



- “Are Hid All The Treasures Of Wisdom And Knowledge!”
- And - We Can Express Our Faith In Him Through:
  - Submission & Surrender As Well!
- But - There Is Just One More Thing:
  - That Melchisedec Reveals:
    - About Christ - And That Is:
- The Timelessness Of Christ:
  - As Our Great High Priest!
    - This Is What Hebrews Points Out To Us:
      - In Hebrews 7:3 - Where Melchisedec Is Described As Being:
        - “Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually!”
- Here In Genesis:
  - The Story Of Melchisedec:
    - Just Jumps Into History:
      - Without Any Explanation!
        - Its As If He Has No Earthly Past Or Future!
  - And - In This Way:
    - He Is “Made Like Unto The Son Of God!”
      - Who Had No Beginning - And:
        - Will Have No End!
- And So - In All Of These Ways:
  - Melchisedec Reveals Just How Great:
    - Christ Would Be:
      - As The High Priest We Need!
        - A New High Priest:
          - Who Is Able To “Save Us To The Uttermost” Through:
            - “The Power Of An Endless Life!”

**Conclusion:**

1. And So - Not Only Is Christ:
  - The Head Of A New Race - He Is:
    - The New Priest:
      - Of That Race!
2. And - Now:
  - Hebrews 4:14-16:
    - “Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. / For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. / Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need!”

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