

Hebrews 7:1-3

Without...

We are told here of many things that Melchizedek, was without.

Without any of the normal comforts and pleasures of this life

Without any of the support

Without any of the permissions inherent in your family status

You see, we tend to think that it is the things we have been given that determine our abilities and our possibilities...

We tend to think that we can be disqualified to serve or even belong to God by the mistakes we have made or the things we did NOT do, or possess...

But this man was without these normal things that we think of as required, and yet He is who He is, and does what He does...

I. CAST UPON GOD

A. Without Father

1. Blessings were conveyed by the father's gift and heritage

Genesis 26:3 (NKJV)

³ Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.

Genesis 26:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I am with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants for My servant Abraham's sake."

- a) Thus without a father's heritage, this man was bereft for our sake...
2. The priesthood passed through the line of the father
 - a) As someone outside of the tribe of Levi, this man was not qualified to be a priest according to the tradition given to Moses by

God. However, the priesthood he enjoyed was older...

b) And since it predated the Levitical priesthood, it transcends it.

3. The land was inherited by the son through the line of the father...

a) Again, the one without father had no inheritance among men...

Luke 9:58 (NKJV)

⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

B. Without Mother

1. The descent from Adam also was a descent from Eve, she was the mother of all living...

Genesis 3:20 (NKJV)

20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

2. Sara was the mother of promise... and in a way God's promise to her was more important than His promise to Abram... since Abram would have children by other women. But Sarai (Sarah) was the mother of Abram's true descent... But this man being the Son of God, had no mother. He existed before the incarnation and was completely true and completely whole eternally generated of the Father.

3. Mothers care for their children, seeing the need and providing for the care for the children they love.

1 Samuel 2:19 (NKJV)

19 Moreover his mother used to make him a little robe, and bring it to him year by year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

4. Mothers provide stability and nurture in the day to day life of the home. Without this shows both the need that He be Himself stable and resilient.

C. Without family - We depend upon the family that has been given to us, God cares intensely for those who have none. It is why He defines true religion according to our actions for them.

James 1:27 (NKJV)

²⁷ Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

D. This is part of the story of our adoption. God's love for them is bound into the very fabric of His nature. He desires to provide and care for them, us...

Psalms 68:5–6 (NKJV)

⁵ A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, Is God in His holy habitation. ⁶ God sets the solitary in

families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; But the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

Romans 8:14–17

II. DEPENDENT UPON GOD FOR ALL.

This is the chief characteristic of Christ. He is utterly God-dependent. God has been caring for Him for all eternity.

Psalm 27:9–10 (NKJV)

⁹ Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation. ¹⁰ When my father and my mother forsake me, Then the Lord will take care of me.

A. The identity of the children is largely determined by the father and his ways. This one is the child of God - this defines His very nature and identity.

John 5:17–18 (NKJV)

¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.” ¹⁸ Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him,

because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

- B. He will judge all things according to the will of the Father and in submission to the Father's will.

John 5:25–27 (NKJV)

²⁵ Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, ²⁷ and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.

2 Corinthians 5:9–11 (NKJV)

⁹ Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. ¹¹ Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

C. He would do nothing without God's direction

John 5:19–21 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. ²¹ For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.

D. So to must we walk - dependent upon the Christ who is our life, who has given us life because of the will of God and His own good pleasure.

John 15:5 (NKJV)

⁵ “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

1. Given to Christ according to the will of God -

John 6:43–45 (NKJV)

⁴³ Jesus therefore answered and said to them, “Do not murmur among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.

2. Drawn inexorably by the Grace that gives us life

John 6:37–38 (NKJV)

³⁷ All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

3. Kept by this One who honors God above all else

John 6:39–40 (NKJV)

³⁹ This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. ⁴⁰ And this is the will of Him who

sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

III. WITHOUT GENEALOGY

- A. The actions and history of the forbearers is a mark carried by the descendants. So much so that the curse was passed from fathers to the subsequent generations - In God lays out this principle in the second commandment.

Exodus 20:4–6 (NKJV)

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; ⁵ you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

- B. Much of this is simply generational sin, habits learned by observation. Many times in the history of the kings we see this line - "according all that his father had done". Interestingly it is also used of those kings who did right. They did right according to the example that was given them by their fathers.
- C. But this one, leans upon God and bears the stamp of God being His father. Further, He has life in Himself and IS the very essence of the truth of God.

John 14:6 (NKJV)

⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

IV. WITHOUT HISTORY

- A. No Regard to Past Actions
- B. For us the real hope comes from the promise of forgiveness when we repent of sin.

Ezekiel 18:30–32 (NKJV)

³⁰ “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways,” says the Lord God. “Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies,” says the Lord God. “Therefore turn and live!”

C. We will not be judged according the sins of the fathers, nor the sins of the mothers, nor even for our past sin. Repent of your sin, Hope in Christ and find in Him the mercy to be born again and brought into the inheritance of the saints in the light.

Luke 19:8–10 (NKJV)

⁸ Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.” ⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a

son of Abraham; ¹⁰ for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

D. Your past does not prohibit you from a future in the presence of God. For Jesus came into the world to save sinners

1Timothy 1:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.