

**Title: Our Great High Priest**  
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## Introduction

Since mankind is fallen we can no longer fellowship with God directly; we need a priest, someone who can mediate between God and us.

If Melchizedek is a theophany, a pre-incarnation of Christ, then 'consider how great' Christ is.

### Hebrews 7:4a

<sup>4</sup> Now consider how great this man *was*...

## Introducing Melchizedek

### Genesis 14:18-20

<sup>18</sup> Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. <sup>19</sup> And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; <sup>20</sup> And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.

## Christ and Melchizedek

In which ways are Christ and Melchizedek alike?

### Zechariah 6:13

<sup>13</sup> Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD. He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule on His throne; so He shall be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

### Revelation 5:9-10

<sup>9</sup> You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; For You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, <sup>10</sup> and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.

### Hebrews 7:1-2

<sup>1</sup> For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, <sup>2</sup> to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace,"

### Isaiah 32:17

<sup>17</sup> And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.

### Psalms 2:6

<sup>6</sup> Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.

Zion = Jerusalem

### Psalms 110:1, 4

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

<sup>4</sup> The LORD has sworn and will not relent, "You *are a priest forever* according to the order of Melchizedek."

### Exodus 28:1

<sup>1</sup> Now take Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister to Me as priest, *Aaron and Aaron's sons*...

### **John 17:5**

<sup>5</sup> And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

### **Hebrews 7:15-16**

<sup>15</sup> And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest <sup>16</sup> who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life.

### **Hebrews 7:7**

<sup>7</sup> Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better.

### **John 8:58**

<sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

### **Romans 10:12**

<sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.

### **Hebrews 5:1 & 4**

<sup>1</sup> For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.

<sup>4</sup> And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was.

### **I Timothy 2:5**

<sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus...

### **Galatians 3:14**

<sup>14</sup> that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus...

### **Matthew 5:2-3**

<sup>2</sup> Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup> "*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven....*"

### **Luke 22:19-20**

<sup>19</sup> And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." <sup>20</sup> Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you..."

### **Hebrews 7:3, 8, 16**

<sup>3</sup> without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life,

<sup>8</sup> Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he *receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives.*

<sup>16</sup> who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life.

### **Hebrews 7:24, 3b**

<sup>24</sup> But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable (perpetual) priesthood.

<sup>3</sup> but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.

### **Hebrews 7:25-27**

<sup>25</sup> Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. <sup>26</sup> For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; <sup>27</sup> who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.