



Hebrews 7:1-10

7 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, ²and 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. ³He 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. 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. 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.

Discussion questions:

1. Why was Abraham considered as one of the most important people in the Old Testament? What are some of your favorite stories from his life that point to his importance?
2. What details does the author of Hebrews provide for us to understand who Melchizedek was? Why is he considered greater than Abraham? How does Abraham acknowledge this?
3. Why is it significant that Melchizedek is both a priest and a king? How does that look forward to Jesus?
4. It is important that we have a big view of Jesus. How does the book of Hebrews help us to elevate our view of Jesus? What are some of the ways that this elevated view helps us to put our trust and faith in Jesus?